

IAVCEI - Cities and Volcanoes Commission

Protocol for selecting venues for “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings

Background

To date there have been six “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to bring together volcanologists, city authorities, sociologists, psychologists, emergency managers, economists and city planners to evaluate volcanic crises preparedness and management in cities and densely populated areas.

In 1995 the “Volcanoes in Towns” meeting was held in Rome, Italy. From that developed the first “Cities on Volcanoes”, held in June-July 1998 in Rome and Naples, Italy with over 100 people attending. This was followed by the second in February 2001 in Auckland, New Zealand, the third in Hilo, USA in July 2003, the fourth in Quito, Ecuador in January 2006, Shimabara, Japan in November 2007 and the most recent in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain in May-June 2010. The seventh meeting is planned for November 2012 in Colima, Mexico.

Future Planning

- Future CoV meetings are required to have a core focus on the links between volcanoes and society – especially cities. Community and disaster/emergency management participants are to be actively encouraged to participate and supported where possible.
- “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings are aligned to fall in the years between the IAVCEI General Assembly and IUGG meetings; they are held approximately every two years.
- Venues for “Cities on Volcanoes” meetings will change for each successive meeting
- The venue for the eighth “Cities on Volcanoes” meeting to be held in 2014 will be selected by a Committee of the Cities and Volcanoes Commission.
- Brief nominations for hosting the next meeting will close on 1 June 2012.
- Formal written proposals arising from these nominations are to be submitted by 1 October 2012 and must outline briefly:
 - dates
 - venue for conference
 - locality (e.g. volcano characteristics, activity, exposed population, vulnerability, etc)
 - transport options for international attendees
 - strategy to focus on cities and on volcanic risk mitigation
 - session/programme ideas (e.g. session topics, plenary speakers, field trips)
 - arrangements for logistics and handling of these by the host country
 - potential sponsorship
 - preliminary estimates of the registration fees.
- The Commission will consider the proposals and may seek further details from the applicants.
- The Commission will announce the next venue on 23 November 2012.
- The Commission will assist the hosting country where possible but organisational and financial responsibility rests with the host.

Important Dates

1 February 2012	Formal call for nominations for hosting CoV8
1 June 2012	Deadline for nominations for hosting CoV8
1 October 2012	Deadline for written proposals for hosting CoV8
15 October 2012	Deadline for further information requests by Commission
1 November 2012	Deadline for further information submissions
21 November 2012	Meeting of the executive committee of the Cities and Volcanoes Commission to decide venue of CoV8
23 November 2012	Venue for CoV8 announced.