Object: Lyon, France bids to host IEA congres 2020

Dear colleague,

We bid, on behalf of ADEL, the French Speaking Epidemiology Association, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, and Only Lyon, the Tourism and Conventions office, to host the World Congress of Epidemiology in Lyon (France) in 2020.

Our proposal’s theme would be “Crises, epidemiological transitions, and the role of epidemiologists”. We are convinced that the role of epidemiologists, as producers of data on the extend of changes in the burden and determinants of diseases, have also a major role to play as producers of research to help decision making in the now lasting context of economic and political crises. Thus, our program would include content topics such as cancer and infections, not only because they reflect the strength of Lyon epidemiology teams, but because they are central in epidemiologic transitions. We also want to leave a large part to the role of epidemiology in knowledge transfer, its interaction with other research sectors, in teaching, designing health promotion and prevention programs and policies.

The program would also be open to submissions on methods, including mixed methods, ethical implications, disease surveillance, life-course epidemiology on specific population groups, notably in low- and middle-income countries and disadvantaged groups. We want to devote time, during plenary sessions, to major issues in a changing world in a crisis context, such as the use of existing data, especially big data for the assessment of disease burden, the activity of health systems, and the social accountability of epidemiologists.

We hope that this program will interest the epidemiologists and public health practitioners of your country. Indeed, the proposed topics could be close to issues that you might face regularly and this congress will be an interesting opportunity to share experiences.

In this context, we have set up a local Organizing Committee of 12 members, including representatives of the following institutions. All scientists of the committee are epidemiologists affiliated to IEA and ADEL. We have also set up a worldwide scientific committee with more than 30 persons from every continent.

You may know that the decision will be made thanks to an electronic vote by all IEA members. If you do think that Lyon (France) would be an ideal destination for IEA Congress 2020 and want to help us in being successful in this competition, feel free to encourage your national members to support our candidacy.

Sincerely yours

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