

Endorsement policy for Conferences by the WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice



Principle

The WONCA Working Party on Rural Practice (WWPRP) will consider endorsement and promotion of rural health conferences around the world provided that the purpose and objectives of any such conference falls within the scope, principles and aims of the WWPRP.

The WWPRP sets the following conditions

1. Any organisation requiring WWPRP endorsement, outside the WONCA Family must have an established relationship with the WWPRP
2. The WWPRP must be given adequate notice of an event (at least 12 months)
3. The conference will not clash with other rural conferences, regional conferences (in the region in which the conference is hosted) and world conferences established under the auspices of WONCA
4. The proposed conference should not impose any financial risk to WWPRP/WONCA or impact adversely on the reputation or credibility of the organisations
5. *The governance procedures of the host organisation should be robust, accessible and transparent*
6. The conference must either be a non-profit enterprise or any profits should be reinvested into the organisation to pursue the aims and goals of the organisation.
7. The request must be in writing and should detail and outline
 - a. The proposed program
 - b. Names of the main organisers and organisations
 - c. A statement outlining any conflict of interest
 - d. Plans to ensure a quality assured, fair and equitable conference
 - e. Peer review and acceptance processes
 - f. WWPRP's role in the preparation and subsequent running of the conference
 - g. Plans to keep the WWPRP informed of the progress of preparations for the conference
 - h. Plans on how the logo and the name of the WWPRP will be used
 - i. Assurance that no inappropriate use of the logo and name of the WWPRP will take place
8. A representative of the WWPRP should be on the scientific committee and at least one other member should be on the international advisory or equivalent committee
9. The WWPRP must have a visible presence at the conference including the ability to have a stand at any exhibition
10. The WWPRP should contribute and endorse any declaration/communiqué before its release. When final statements are released at the end of a conference a WWPRP member should be involved in its development.
11. The conference can be advertised on the WWPRP website and any appropriate postings/social media etc
12. The WWPRP has the right to remove its endorsement if it feels that the above conditions are not being followed
13. A signed declaration should be drawn up between WWPRP and the organising committee.
14. Under WONCA Rules and Regulations the final decision lies with the CEO and Executive of WONCA. Following negotiations requests for endorsement must be sent to the CEO and the Executive for final approval.
15. Under WONCA Rules regional or major conferences should not be held within four months of a WONCA World Conference