

## **IAHR Questionnaire Feasibility of Online Gatherings**

### **1. Online Business Meetings**

#### **What we have already tried:**

At the 2018 International Committee meeting in Bern, Switzerland, we had several delegates participating online. However, 1 pm in Bern was 6 am in Mexico and 11 pm in New Zealand.

#### **What the Constitution says and limits:**

The IAHR Constitution/Rules say

“4.a. The General Assembly meets at the location and time of the quinquennial congress.”

“4.b. The International Committee meets at the location and time of the quinquennial congress.

In addition, the session between consecutive quinquennial congresses shall be held at the location and time of an IAHR conference.”

**1.1 Despite the problem of time difference, will you be able to participate in an International Committee meeting online?** (Assume it takes place for 2-3 hours between 6am and 10pm by your time.)

- a) Yes, no problem as far as I do not have other obligations at the same time.
- b) I cannot attend a meeting held too early or too late, but my colleague may, in my place.
- c) I can bear with the time, but my internet connection is not good enough for hours-long meetings.
- d) No, impossible by any means.

**1.2 Do you think online participants of an International Committee meeting should be allowed to vote? Online voting will be made anonymous.** (At the Bern IC meeting, there was no secret voting. Participants, including those online, showed hands as a sign of approval. But if there had been a secret voting, online participants could not have voted.)

- a) Yes.
- b) No, voting rights should only be given to participants on site.
- c) Other answer/I do not know.

**1.3 If a quinquennial congress has to be cancelled in the future or if there is no IAHR conference that can accommodate an International Committee meeting, do you think the meeting can be held entirely online (that is, everyone attends online)?** (As seen in Rule 4.b, the current Constitution does not allow an online IC meeting.) **Would you like to see the issue put on the agenda of the next IC meeting in either 2022 or 23 for discussion and a vote?**

- a) Yes, the issue should be discussed and decided at the next IC meeting.
- b) No, I do not think that is necessary.
- c) Other answer/I do not know.

**1.4 Please write below if you have other opinions or ideas regarding online business meetings.**

\*We are not asking questions about the General Assembly this time because the GA discusses and decides only on matters that the IC recommends. That is, if there is no IC meeting, there is no GA.

## **2. Online Academic Programs**

So far we have never tried online symposia, seminars or workshops. We would like to know whether you think your members would be interested in such events.

### **2.1 Online symposia or seminars (recently called “webinars”)**

We are considering hosting online symposiums or seminars that can be recorded and made available on demand for your members who cannot attend in real time. If English is used and there is no charge for your members, do you think they would be interested in participating?

- a) Yes, many of our members would be interested in such events, though it will depend on who will discuss what.
- b) No, I do not think many of our members would welcome such events because: (please identify reasons if you can)
- c) I do not know.

### **2.2 Online workshop for young scholars**

We are considering developing online workshops on research design, academic writing, presentation etc. for younger scholars. If English is used and there is no charge for your members, do you think they would be interested in participating?

- a) Yes, many of our young members would participate in such workshops.
- b) No, I do not think our members would be interested in such workshops because: (please identify reasons if you can)
- c) I do not know.

### **2.3 Online options for IAHR Special/Regional Conferences**

The IAHR grants IAHR Special or Regional Conference status to the conferences of its member associations/societies and affiliates upon their request. Some potential participants may want to avoid long-distance flights for ecological/hygienic reasons. Do you think these IAHR Special/Regional Conferences should include online panels in addition to regular panels (or even make most of the conference accessible both on site and online) so that such people can attend the conferences without traveling?

- a) Yes, the IAHR should encourage conference hosts to move in that direction and perhaps make it a condition for getting an IAHR status.
- b) Yes, but the IAHR should not push conference hosts too much.
- c) No, I do not think conference hosts should implement online programs.

### **2.4 Please write below if you have other comments or ideas regarding online academic programs.**