

# IUCr 2032

**BID TO HOST  
THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AND CONGRESS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF  
CRYSTALLOGRAPHY**

August 2032  
Songdo ConvensiA,  
Incheon, Korea

# KEY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

|                                |                                           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Proposed Host City and Country | Incheon, Republic of Korea                |
| Proposed Venue                 | Songdo ConvensiA                          |
| Proposed Dates                 | August 14 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> |

| Item                | Details                                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Expected Attendance | 2,500 delegates                                                                            |
| Host Organisation   | Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) —<br>IUCr Adhering Body of the Republic of Korea |
| Slogan              | Where Structures Connect                                                                   |

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# Where Structures Connect

The Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) cordially invites the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) to hold its 29th General Assembly and Congress in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

Korea, which has never hosted an IUCr Congress, has built a strong crystallographic and structural science community and infrastructure. Building on this legacy, the KCA is proud to bid for the IUCr Congress 2032 in Korea.



## WHAT THIS BID PROMISES



### AN IUCr CONGRESS IN A COUNTRY FOR THE FIRST TIME

- Korea has never hosted an IUCr congress.
- The last IUCr Congress in East Asia was in Japan in 2008.



### A CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART INFRASTRUCTURE

- A third-generation synchrotron and a X-ray free electron laser facility are operational.
- A fourth-generation synchrotron is set to open in 2030.
- A neutron reactor and two accelerators (proton and rare isotope) are operational.
- More than 10 cryo-EM sites are operational.



### A VENUE DESIGNED FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESSES

- The venue, Songdo ConvensiA, is located in Incheon, Korea.
- Incheon International Airport (ICN) connects Korea to some 180 cities in 60 countries.
- Incheon is a hub for world-renowned biologics companies such as Samsung Biologics and Celltrion.



### AN OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL IUCr CONGRESS

- The Korean Crystallographic Association underwrites the IUCr Congress.
- A financial plan to offer extended bursaries for young scientists and early career investigators.
- Gender equity and diversity according to the IUCr code of conduct.



## WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY

|                                                          |                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Past IUCr Congresses Korea has hosted                    | 0/28                                              |
| Years since last East Asian Congress (Osaka 2008 - 2032) | 24 Years                                          |
| ACI World rank, Incheon Airport service quality          | #1 multiple consecutive years                     |
| Direct routes from ICN                                   | 178+ to 60+ countries                             |
| Visa-free countries to Korea                             | 100+                                              |
| Hotel rooms within 10-min walk of Songdo ConvensiA       | 1,792<br>Hotel rooms within 20-min drive -10,886  |
| Hard X-ray FEL facilities PAL-XFEL, Korea                | 1 of only 5 globally                              |
| Songdo Biocluster                                        | #1 World's largest single-city biologics capacity |
| Target IUCr 2032 attendance                              | 2,500 delegates                                   |

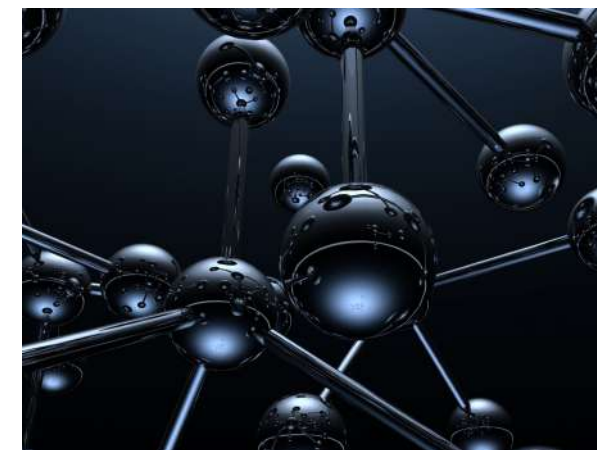
## WHY THIS BID, IN THREE SENTENCES

The geographic case is that **Korea is the missing host country** in a region with three of the world’s most active crystallographic communities, and the regional rotation is overdue.

The scientific case is that **PAL-XFEL, the Songdo Biocluster, and a forty-year crystallographic community** combine into a host-city profile that recent Congresses have not been able to offer in a single location.

The operational case is that **Incheon delivers Union-scale Congresses as routine business** — APEC SOM3, ADB Annual Meeting, and other Union Congresses all at the same venue — backed by the world’s #1-ranked airport, a walkable Convention Complex Zone, and a financial structure underwritten by KCA and supported at city, national, and institutional levels. Where Structures Connect.

*WHERE STRUCTURES CONNECT.*



# Korean Crystallographic Association

## OFFICIAL COMMITMENT LETTER FROM THE KOREAN CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION (KCA)

To the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr),

On behalf of the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA), it is my great pleasure to formally submit Korea's bid to host the IUCr Congress and General Assembly 2032 in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

As the national scientific society representing crystallography in Korea, KCA brings together a vibrant and interdisciplinary community spanning structural biology, chemical crystallography, materials science, and related fields. Over the years, this community has made significant contributions to the advancement of crystallographic science, supported by world-class research infrastructure, including state-of-the-art synchrotron radiation facilities and X-ray free-electron laser capabilities.

Should Korea be selected as the host of IUCr 2032, KCA will serve as the principal host organization and will fully commit itself to the successful planning and delivery of the Congress. In close partnership with the Local Organizing Committee and our national and institutional partners, we will devote our utmost efforts to ensuring a meeting of the highest scientific standard, outstanding organization, and broad international engagement. We firmly believe that Korea offers an exceptional setting for the IUCr Congress. Incheon, as an internationally connected and welcoming city, together with Korea's strong scientific base and proven capacity to host major international events, will provide an inspiring and memorable experience for crystallographers from around the world.

Through this bid, KCA expresses its wholehearted commitment to serving the global crystallographic community and to hosting an inclusive, forward-looking, and scientifically outstanding IUCr Congress in 2032.

We respectfully submit this proposal for your consideration and would be deeply honored to welcome the IUCr community to Korea in 2032.

Sincerely,



*Nak Cheon Jeong*

Nak Cheon Jeong *President*  
Korean Crystallographic Association



# KCA AT A GLANCE

The Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) – The Structural Science Society – is the IUCr Adhering Body of the Republic of Korea and the institutional sponsor of this bid.

| Item                | Details                                                              |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Official name       | Korean Crystallographic Association: The Structural Science Society  |
| Membership Count    | 200 full members; 250 student members; 4 institutional member        |
| IUCr Membership     | Category I – IUCr Adhering Body since 1999                           |
| Research divisions  | Macromolecular · Small-molecule · Materials · Powder · Methods       |
| Annual programme    | KCA Annual Meeting (Spring) · KCA Winter Workshop · Special symposia |
| Regional engagement | AsCA founding member; AsCA Conferences hosted Busan 2010, Jeju 2022  |

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF KCA

| Role            | Member                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President       | Prof. Nak Cheon Jeong (DGIST)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Vice-Presidents | Prof. Sangho Lee (Sungkyunkwan University)<br>Prof. Minyoung Yoon (Kyungpook National University)                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Secretaries     | Prof. Jiho Yoo (Chung-Ang University)<br>Prof. Junhyeok Seo (GIST)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Treasurers      | Prof. In-Hyeok Park (Chungnam National University)<br>Prof. Jonghoon Choi (Chonnam National University)<br>Dr. Do Youn Kim (KRICT)<br>Prof. Haeri Lee (Hannam University)<br>Prof. Hyo Jung Kim (Woosuk University)<br>Prof. Changho Yoo (UNIST)<br>Prof. Do-Hee Kim (Sookmyung Women's University) |

## SUMMARY OF KCA HISTORY

The Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) traces its origins to December 5, 1987, when twelve pioneers who laid the foundation for X-ray diffraction research in Korea convened and established the Association. The official inaugural general assembly was subsequently held on September 23, 1989, at Seoul National University, with the participation of 50 founding members. KCA further expanded its international presence by being formally admitted as a National Member of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) in 1999.

Over the past four decades, from its first president, Jung-Tae Ahn, to the current executive leadership of Nak Cheon Jeong and Sangho Lee, KCA has played a central role in advancing crystallography in Korea. The Association has successfully hosted the AsCA conferences two times (2010 and 2022), and has accompanied Korea's rise as a global leader in structural science, marked by the development of both third-generation synchrotron facilities (PLS-II) and a fourth-generation X-ray free-electron laser (PAL-XFEL).



## IUCr ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION, SOCIETY, BILATERAL

Korean researchers maintain continuous participation in IUCr Commission work across multiple Commissions: Biological Macromolecules · Synchrotron and XFEL Radiation · Powder Diffraction · Small-Molecule Crystallography · Crystallographic Computing · Neutron Scattering · Crystallographic Teaching.

Korea is a founding member of AsCA and has hosted AsCA conferences in Busan (2010) and Jeju (2022).

KCA maintains active bilateral relationships with the Crystallographic Society of Japan and the Chinese Crystallographic Society.

## KOREAN MEMBERS IN IUCr COMMISSIONS

Korean crystallographers maintain active engagement within the IUCr governance structure, currently serving on 3 IUCr Commissions and Working Groups. This includes Yongjae Lee (Yonsei University) on the Commission on High Pressure, Seongsu Lee (Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute) on the Commission on Magnetic Structures, and Kyeong Kyu Kim (Sungkyunkwan University) on the Commission for Journal and Meeting Support Committee, among others.

| Commission / Working Group        | Korean Member  | Affiliation                                 | Role                                           | Term           |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Commission on High Pressure       | Yongjae Lee    | Yonsei University                           | Consultant                                     | 2021 – present |
| Commission on Magnetic Structures | Seongsu Lee    | Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute      | Member                                         | 2023 –2026     |
| Meeting Support Committee         | Kyeong Kyu Kim | Sungkyunkwan University                     | Member                                         | 2017 – present |
| Commission on Journals            | Kyeong Kyu Kim | Sungkyunkwan University                     | Co-editor, Acta Crystallographica Section F    | 2017 – present |
| Commission on Journals            | Kon Ho Lee     | Gyeongsang National University              | Review board, Acta Crystallographica Section F | 2009 – present |
| Commission on Journals            | Seong Eon Ryu  | Hanyang University                          | Review board, Acta Crystallographica Section F | 2009 – present |
| Commission on Journals            | Changyong Song | Pohang University of Science and Technology | Co-editor, Journal of Synchrotron Radiation    | 2025– present  |



## KOREAN LEADERSHIP IN THE ASIAN CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION (AsCA)

KCA serves as the Korean Member Society of the Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA) and has played a leading role in advancing crystallographic collaboration across Asia. Korean members have served as AsCA President from 2010 to 2013, Vice-President from 2007 to 2013 and again from 2026 to 2028, and Council Members since 1987, and Korea has hosted the AsCA Conferences in 2010 (Busan) and 2022 (Jeju).

| Korean member        | Affiliation                                              | Role           | Term      |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Se Won Suh           | Seoul National University                                | President      | 2010–2013 |
|                      |                                                          | Vice-president | 2007–2010 |
| Myung Hee Kim        | Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology | Vice-president | 2026–2028 |
| Young Ja Park        | Sookmyung Women’s University                             | Councilor      | 1987–2006 |
| Eunice EunKyoung Kim | Korea Institute of Science and Technology                | Councilor      | 2013-2015 |
| Myoung Soo Lah       | Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology       | Councilor      | 2013-2016 |
| Sangho Lee           | Sungkyunkwan University                                  | Councilor      | 2018–2027 |
| Sung June Cho        | Chonnam National University                              | Councilor      | 2018–2027 |

## KOREAN CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC RESEARCH OUTPUT (LAST 5 YEARS)

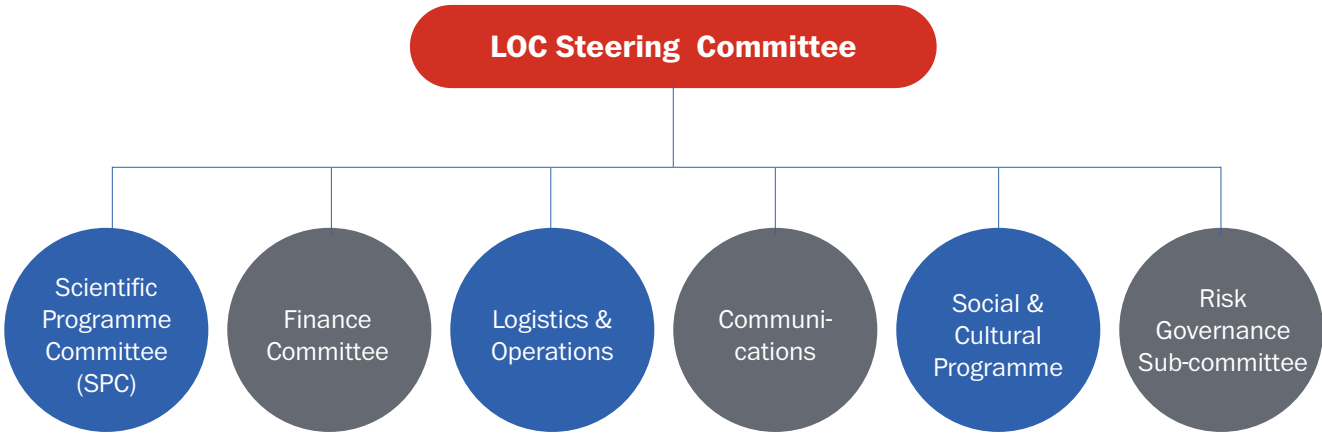
Korean researchers have demonstrated strong global impact in crystallography, publishing thousands of related articles in SCI-indexed international journals over the past five years. As of 2024, 559 publications have been generated through the Pohang Accelerator Laboratory (PAL) facilities alone. In particular, the three macromolecular crystallography (MX) beamlines at PLS-II have contributed more than 1,906 structures to the worldwide Protein Data Bank (PDB) as of the end of 2020. This output has continued to grow steadily, with hundreds of new structures deposited annually, positioning Korea among the leading contributors in Asia. More recently, the use of PAL-XFEL has driven rapid qualitative advancement, with increasing numbers of high-impact publications in top-tier journals such as Nature and Science, particularly in serial femtosecond crystallography (SFX) and ultrafast materials science.

# IUCr 2032 Organising Committee

## STRUCTURE & ROLES

The LOC operates under KCA's financial governance and reports to the IUCr Executive Committee.

| Sub-body                             | Composition · Responsibility                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LOC Steering Committee               | Bid Chair · KCA President ·<br>KCA Treasurer · ITO representative —<br>Overall delivery, decision-making, IUCr liaison            |
| Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) | IUCr Commission liaisons + KCA scientific lead —<br>Programme architecture, plenary/keynote selection,<br>microsymposium curation |
| Finance Committee                    | KCA Treasurer + LOC Finance Chair + external auditor —<br>Budget, audit, registration, sponsorship                                |
| Logistics & Operations               | PCO + Incheon MICE Bureau + Songdo ConvensiA —<br>Venue, AV, accommodation, transport                                             |
| Communications                       | KCA + IUCr 2032 microsite + media liaison —<br>Marketing, microsite, delegate communications                                      |
| Social & Cultural Programme          | KCA + Incheon MICE Bureau + cultural curators —<br>Welcome reception, gala, K-Culture Night, technical tours                      |
| Risk Governance Sub-committee        | Independent reviewer chair, quarterly review (see p.71) —<br>Risk register, escalation, audit                                     |



# RELATIONSHIP TO IUCr AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

## REPORTING LINE TO THE IUCr

The LOC Steering Committee reports to the IUCr Executive Committee throughout the planning cycle (24–36 months from award), with quarterly progress reports and an annual full review. The Scientific Programme Committee operates in continuous coordination with active IUCr Commissions for programme curation. The Finance Committee complies with the standing IUCr Congress agreement, including royalties, surplus return, and post-Congress financial reporting.

## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

KCA delivers this bid in coordination with:

### National Government



### City & Region



### Venue



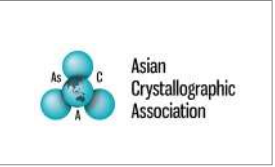
### Scientific Infrastructure



### Industry Partners



### Regional Society



### Universities



# Why Korea

Where Structures Connect — and the structures that connect Korean crystallography to the world today began with the international scientific community connecting to a small Korean cohort forty years ago.

Science Connectivity



Capacity Welcome



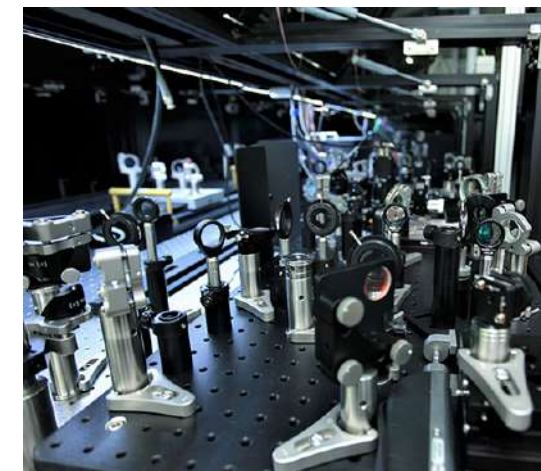
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## SCIENTIFIC & REGIONAL CONTEXT

Korea sits at the structural centre of Asian crystallography — adjacent to the IUCr's largest growth region, with the only 4th-generation X-ray free-electron laser in the region (PAL-XFEL), and the largest 3rd-generation synchrotron user community outside Japan (PLS-II). The Republic of Korea joined the IUCr in 1968 and has steadily grown its crystallographic community across structural biology, materials science, and condensed-matter physics.

Hosting IUCr 2032 in Incheon places the Congress at the geographic and infrastructural pivot point of Asian crystallography. East Asian delegates can reach the venue in under 3 hours of flight time; Indian and Southeast-Asian delegates in under 7 hours; and the host-city consequence — same-day domestic transit to PAL-XFEL — extends the Congress experience into one of the world's most advanced X-ray science facilities.

Ochang Korea-4GSR — Currently under construction in Ochang, the Korea-4GSR is a 6 GeV fourth-generation storage-ring synchrotron with an approximately 800 m circumference. Its Phase I configuration is planned to support 10 beamlines, providing next-generation ultralow-emittance X-ray capabilities for materials, life science, chemistry, and advanced manufacturing research.

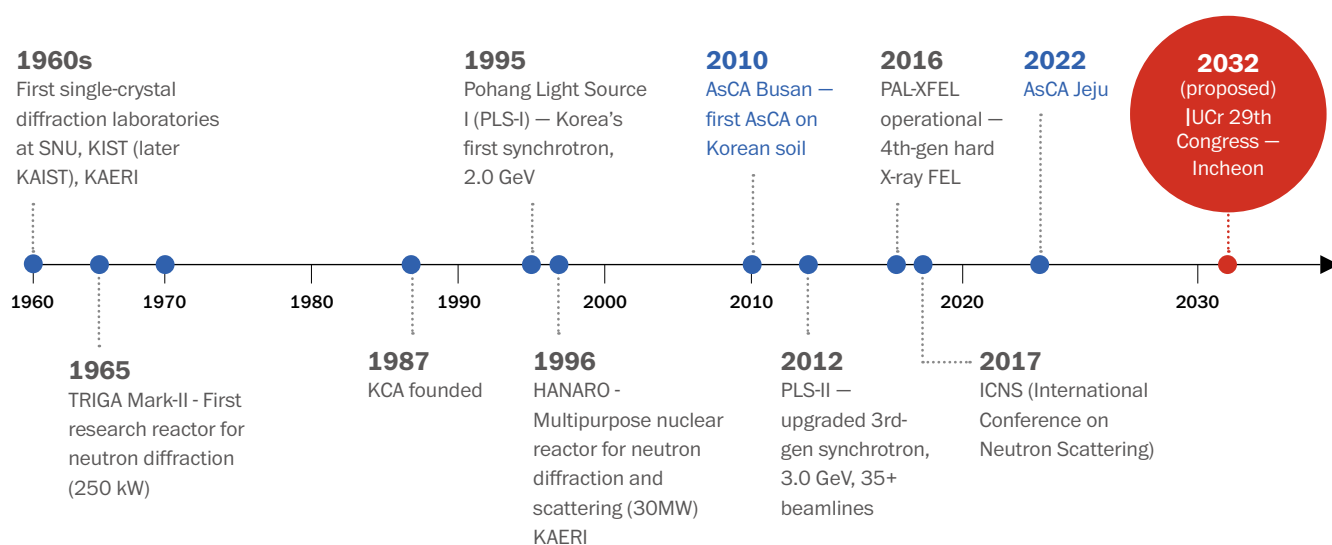




## STRENGTH OF THE LOCAL CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY

### IT'S KOREA'S TURN AND KOREA HAS BUILT THE COMMUNITY TO HOST

The Republic of Korea has never hosted an IUCr Congress, despite being a Category I Adhering Body continuously active in the Union for decades. Beyond rotation, the substantive case rests on a forty-year crystallographic community that has matured from recipient to contributor.



### FROM RECIPIENT TO CONTRIBUTOR A FORTY-YEAR KOREAN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY COMMUNITY

Rising from the Korean War, Korea's structural-science community received international assistance — training, correspondence, equipment, and the generosity of established laboratories willing to host Korean scholars. That assistance became the foundation upon which the present-day Korean crystallographic community was built. Today, Korea has evolved from a recipient of scientific aid into a contributor: top 5 in R&D intensity (OECD), operator of a fourth-generation X-ray FEL, anchor of the world's largest single-city biopharmaceutical manufacturing cluster.

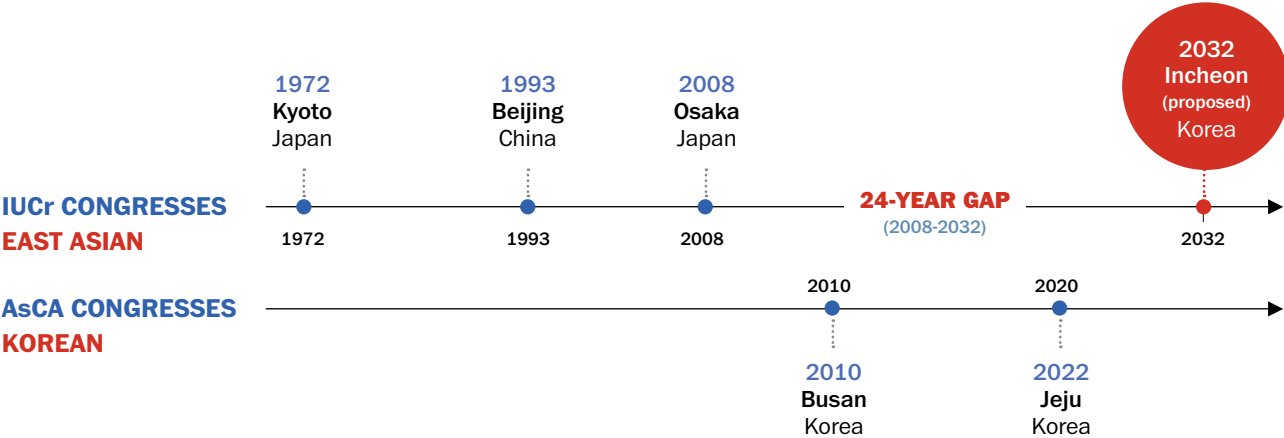
Hosting IUCr 2032 is Korea's opportunity to reciprocate the scientific generosity that shaped our community.



The last IUCr Congress in East Asia was Osaka 2008 — a 24-year interval by 2032. During this period, Korea has hosted AsCA 2010 (Busan) and AsCA 2022 (Jeju), contributed continuously to IUCr Commission work, and built scientific infrastructure that matches or exceeds what was available at several past Congress host cities.



| Region            | Past Hosts                               |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Europe            | 16 hosts                                 |
| North America     | 6 hosts                                  |
| Asia              | 4 hosts (Japan ×2 · China ×1 · India ×1) |
| Oceania           | 2 hosts (Australia ×2)                   |
| Republic of Korea | 0 hosts                                  |



### KOREA'S CRYSTALLOGRAPHY TRACK RECORD

| Metric                                                         | Value                                            | Source                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Annual publications by PAL synchrotron facilities              | 559 (SCI-indexed international journals in 2024) | Pohang Accelerator Laboratory |
| Korea-led PDB structures deposited (2020 baseline, PAL/PLS-II) | 1,906                                            | Protein Data Bank             |
| AsCA conferences hosted                                        | 2 (Busan 2010, Jeju 2022)                        | AsCA records                  |

## RELEVANT FACILITIES SYNCHROTRONS, NEUTRON SOURCES, LABORATORIES



### FOURTH-GENERATION X-RAY FREE-ELECTRON LASER

**PAL-XFEL** — operational since 2016. One of only five hard X-ray FELs worldwide. Femtosecond pulses enable serial femtosecond crystallography, time-resolved enzyme dynamics, and pump-probe experiments inaccessible at synchrotrons.



### THIRD-GENERATION SYNCHROTRON

**PLS-II** — 3rd-gen synchrotron · 3.0 GeV · 35+ beamlines. Serves Korean and international structural-sciences community.



### NEXT-GENERATION SYNCHROTRON IN DEVELOPMENT

**Ochang Accelerator** — Korea's next-generation 4th-gen synchrotron in development at Ochang. Will further expand Korea's user-community offer in the years approaching IUCr 2032.



### NEUTRON, ELECTRON, AND MATERIALS INFRASTRUCTURE

**KBSI · KAERI · IBS** — national research infrastructure providing capabilities across structural biology, chemistry, and materials science, including cryo- and advanced electron microscopy, electron diffraction, neutron diffraction (HANARO reactor), powder and single-crystal diffraction, nanoscale structural imaging, and solid-state materials characterisation.



### INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

Songdo hosts the world's largest single-city biopharmaceutical manufacturing cluster — Samsung Biologics, Celltrion, and an expanding ecosystem of biosimilar, antibody, and protein-drug developers. Structural biology and pharmaceutical crystallography are embedded as core capabilities.

# Why Incheon

## THREE DIFFERENTIATORS THAT MATTER TO AN IUCr CONGRESS

Incheon’s case as host city is built on three differentiators, each measured against criteria that directly shape how a 2,500-delegate international Congress operates in practice.

| Card              | Differentiator                                                                         | Why It Matters                                               |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Asia Gateway      | ICN — ACI World #1, 178+ direct routes, 60+ countries                                  | Every crystallographic community within one transfer or less |
| Songdo ICCZ       | One-stop integrated MICE district — venue, hotels, retail, transport walkable          | Delegates rarely need ground transport during Congress week  |
| Songdo Biocluster | World’s largest single-city biopharmaceutical manufacturing capacity at venue doorstep | Industrial structural biology as host-city context           |

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Asia Gateway



World #1  
178+ routes

2  
Songdo ICCZ



1,792 rooms  
10-min walk

3  
Songdo Biocluster



World’s Largest  
single-city biologics

# 1 ASIA GATEWAY

ICN has been ranked #1 globally by Airports Council International (ACI) for service quality across multiple consecutive years. For the world’s crystallographic community, this is the operational detail that most directly shapes whether a scientist can attend.



BOARDING PASS

WORLDWIDE

✈

INCHEON

60

Countries

180

Cities

100

Airlines

FROM

WORLDWIDE

TO

INCHEON

\*Detailed routes, ground transport, and visa framework: p.41 Visas, Safety & Accessibility and p.36 Accommodation & Transport.

|                                                               |                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ACI Airport Service Quality ranking                           | #1 multiple consecutive years |
| ICN → Central Seoul (AREX Express)                            | ~43 min                       |
| ICN → Songdo (Congress venue)                                 | 20 min                        |
| International arrivals; dedicated e-gate for foreign visitors | 24/7                          |
| Visa-free entry via simple online process                     | 100+                          |
| 165 vessels with 70+ weekly voyages                           | 68 sea routes                 |



## Visa-free Access through



Efficient Entry Process

Short-Term Visa Application Support

Low Cost and Long Validity

K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) is an efficient online travel authorization system that enables nationals from eligible visa-free countries to visit Korea with minimal travel barriers.

As of 2026, over 100 countries are eligible for visafree process via a simple online process.

With a low application fee (approximately USD 7–8) and multi-year, multiple-entry validity, K-ETA offers a highly efficient and participant-friendly entry process.

For participants from countries not covered by the K-ETA program, entry to Korea is possible through a standard short-term visa. The Organizing Committee will provide active support, including the issuance of official invitation letters and necessary documentation, to facilitate a smooth and timely visa application process.

More About <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/newapply/index.do?locale=EN>

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INCHEON SONGDO INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE COMPLEX ZONE (IC CZ)

Songdo ConvensiA sits inside the Incheon Songdo International Conference Complex Zone (IC CZ) – a 2.98 km<sup>2</sup> urban district designed from the ground up as Korea’s flagship MICE district. Unlike competitor venues that sit isolated from accommodation, IC CZ integrates venue, hotels, retail/dining, and transport into one walkable district.

Korea’s First  
Designated MICE Zone

#1st

Largest MICE  
Infrastructure Cluster

Korea’s  
Largest

| Element               | Detail                                                                         |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hotels (10-min walk)  | 1,792 rooms across 5+ hotel brands                                             |
| Hotels (20-min drive) | 10,886 rooms across 25+ properties                                             |
| Transport             | Incheon Subway Line 1; GTX-B (planned 2030), KTX(Songdo Station, planned 2026) |
| Green space           | Songdo Central Park at venue doorstep                                          |
| Walkability           | 15-minute city — 40% green space; amenities within 15-min walk                 |

Professional Meeting Facility

Integrated Facilities

Songdo ConvensiA

Convention  
Hotels



- Oakwood Premier Incheon
- Sheraton Grand Incheon Hotel
- Gyeongwonjae by Walkerhill
- The Central Park Hotel Songdo
- Orakai Songdo Park Hotel
- Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo
- Bridge Hotel Incheon Songdo

Shopping  
Centers



- Hyundai Premium Outlet, Songdo
- Triple Street, Songdo
- Lotte Mart, Songdo

Concert Hall



- Art Center Incheon



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SONGDO  
BIOCLUSTER

Songdo hosts the world’s largest single-city biopharmaceutical manufacturing capacity, anchored by Samsung Biologics and Celltrion. For a Congress hosting structural biologists, pharmaceutical crystallographers, and protein scientists, this context is structural – not incidental.

Maximum biopharmaceutical production  
capacity (including operation and  
construction) in a single city

1,160,000<sup>l</sup>



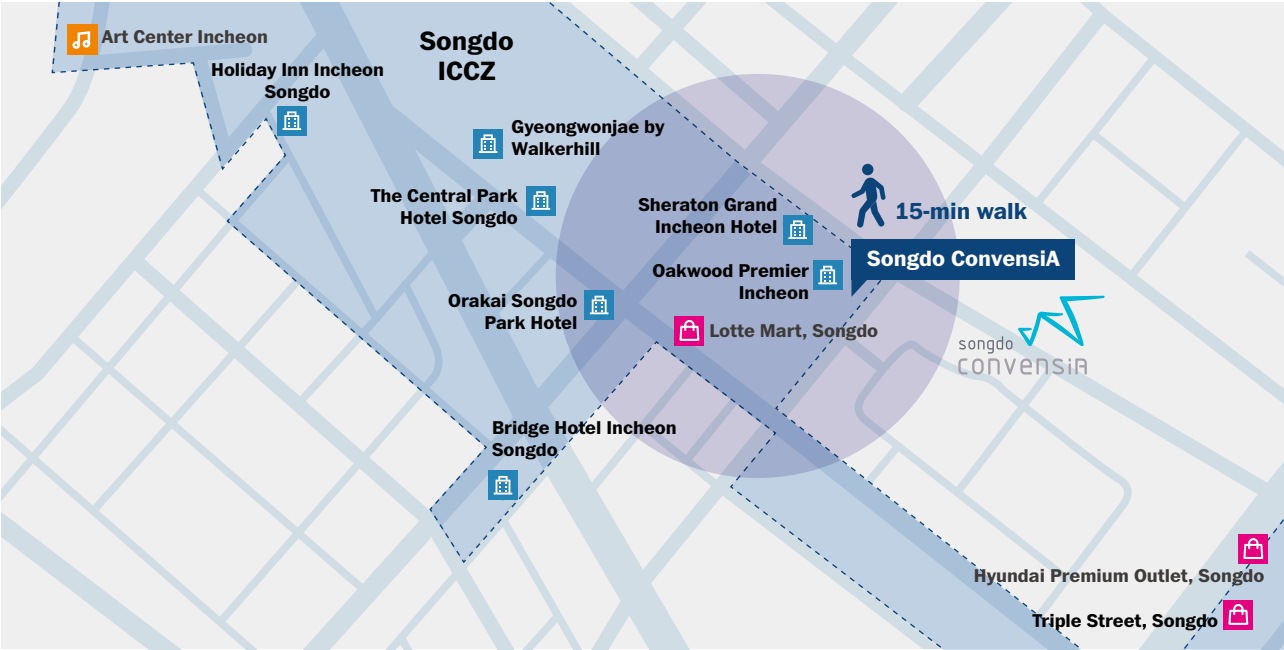
Bioindustry companies and  
institutions in Songdo International City

140 or more



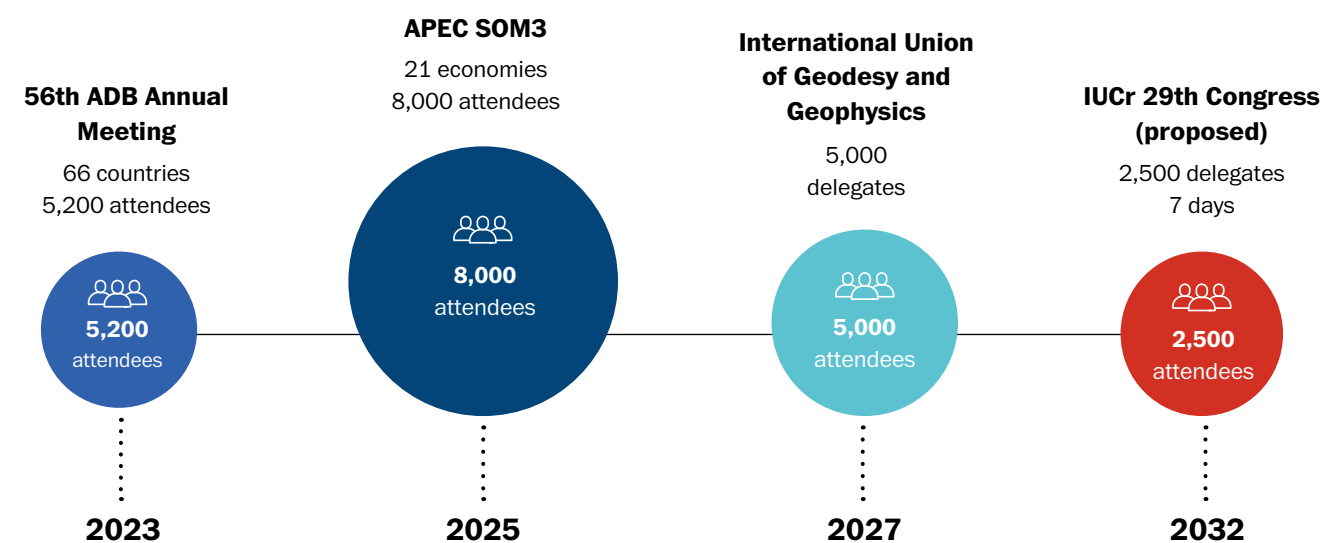
No previous IUCr Congress host has offered direct walking distance access to an industrial structural-biology ecosystem at this scale.

- **Protein drug development** — both anchor companies operate pipelines whose development depends on crystallographic and cryo-EM structural work
- **Solid-state pharmaceutical research** — co-crystal and polymorph laboratories operate in the district
- **Industrial structural biology careers** — delegates encounter the industrial path at close range



# TRACK RECORD AT UNION-CONGRESS SCALE

Incheon delivers Union-scale Congresses as routine business. Songdo ConvensiA and the Incheon MICE Bureau will enter IUCr 2032 planning with operational experience from delivering comparable Union Congresses, delivered at the same venue (recent precedents include APEC SOM3 and ADB Annual Meeting) – providing tested operational infrastructure that transfers directly to IUCr 2032.



## MECCA OF MICE, INCHEON

- **2029**  
IEEE International Symposium on Circuit and Systems
- **2026**  
RoboCup World Championship
- **2025**  
2025 World Congress on Osteoarthritis
- **2024**  
Asia-Pacific Wind Energy Summit 2024
- **2021**  
The 5th UNESCO International Conference on Learning Cities (ICLC)
- **2018**  
The 6th OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge, and Policy
- **2010**  
G-20 Finance and Central Bank Delegation Conference

# INCHEON AS INTERNATIONAL HUB

Incheon is Northeast Asia's concentrated hub for international organisations, global education, and multilateral cooperation. With 15 international organizations and 5 global university campuses, Incheon provides a neutral platform for open scientific exchange and international collaboration.



## 15 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| • GCF                          | • UNESCAP SRO-ENEA |
| • CTCN                         | • NEASPEC          |
| • UNPOG                        | • AFOB             |
| • GGGI                         | • UNDRR ONEA       |
| • WB(World Bank), Korea Office | • UNDRR GETI       |
| • A-WEB                        | • EAAFP            |
| • UNOSD                        | • UNAPCICT         |
| • UNCITRAL RCAP                |                    |



## 5 FIVE GLOBAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

- SUNY Korea
- Ghent University Global Campus
- FIT Korea
- George Mason University Korea
- University of Utah Asia Campus



● ● Why Incheon

# Venue & Facilities

● ● ● ● ●  
Oakwood  
Premier Incheon

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Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo

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Gyeongwonjae by  
Walkerhill

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The Central Park  
Hotel Songdo

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Lotte Mart, Songdo

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Orakai Songdo Park Hotel

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Art Center Incheon

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Bridge Hotel Incheon Songdo (1-Minute Walk)

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Sheraton Grand  
Incheon Hotel

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Songdo Convensia

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Hyundai Premium Outlet, Songdo /  
Triple Street, Songdo (15-Minute Walk)



**Name** Incheon Songdo International Conference Complex Zone

**Location** Songdo Convensia District, 123 Central-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

**Area** 2.98 million km<sup>2</sup>

**Official designation (by Notice)** August 14, 2018 (Incheon Metropolitan City Notice No. 2018-194)

# Conference Venue

Songdo ConvensiA is Korea's premier international convention centre, purpose-built for large-scale multilateral and scientific gatherings. It sits within the Incheon Songdo International Conference Complex Zone (ICCZ) — a 2.98 km<sup>2</sup> master-planned MICE district.

| Parameter                | Value                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gross floor area         | 117,163.60 m <sup>2</sup>                |
| Levels                   | 3 functional levels above ground         |
| Main plenary capacity    | 2,550 (Grand Ballroom, theatre style)    |
| Exhibition space         | 17,021m <sup>2</sup> gross (pillar-free) |
| Breakout / session rooms | 35 meeting rooms                         |
| Parking                  | 1,256                                    |
| Opened                   | 2008; major extension in 2018            |
| Operator                 | Incheon Tourism Organization (ITO)       |

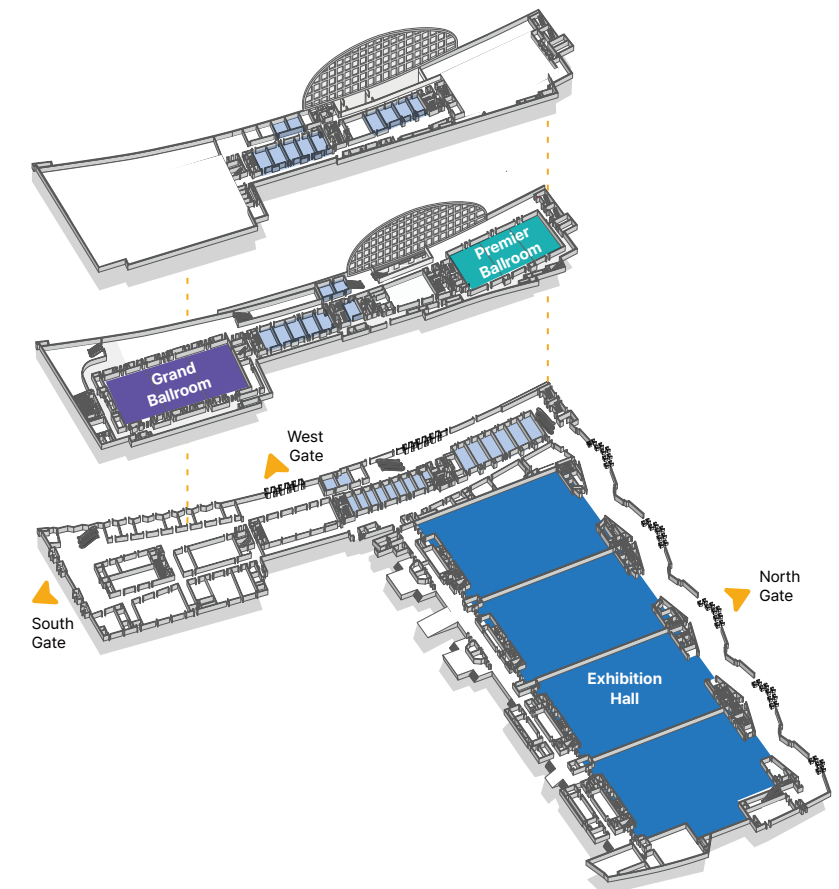


**Design philosophy.** Plenary, exhibition, and breakout spaces on distinct levels with vertical circulation — enabling simultaneous parallel sessions, poster exhibitions, and social functions without crossing delegate flows.

**3F**  
MEETING ROOM

**2F**  
PREMIER BALLROOM  
GRAND BALLROOM  
MEETING ROOM

**1F**  
EXHIBITION HALL  
MEETING ROOM



# CAPACITY — PLENARY, PARALLEL, POSTER, EXHIBITION

## PLENARY HALL

| Element                    | Detail                                                                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grand Ballroom (Level 2)   | 2,550 capacity, theatre style — primary plenary and General Assembly venue |
| Premier Ballroom (Level 2) | 990 capacity, classroom Type - parallel plenary or major microsymposium    |

## PARALLEL SESSION ROOMS

| Room                 | Capacity (Classroom Type) | Function                                |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 102/103              | 81                        | Microsymposium                          |
| 104/105/106          | 120                       | Microsymposium / Workshop               |
| 107/108/109          | 120                       | Microsymposium / Workshop               |
| 110/111              | 72                        | Microsymposium                          |
| 113-118              | 504                       | Microsymposia / Commission meetings     |
| 201-202              | 72                        | IUCr Council / overflow                 |
| 204-206              | 180                       | Sub-committee meetings                  |
| 203/208 (Boardrooms) | 18/17                     | Executive Committee / small meetings    |
| 302-306 (Level 3)    | 300                       | Commission meetings — 5 dedicated rooms |

## POSTER AREA & EXHIBITION SPACE

**Exhibition Hall (Level 1)** Max. 17,021m<sup>2</sup> gross · pillar-free · 10 m ceiling · subdivisible · direct truck-bay access

**Poster boards (Level 1)** 600+ poster boards simultaneously; integrated with exhibition flow for cross-traffic

**Exhibition booths** 50+ booths simultaneously alongside poster zones

## GLOBALLY CERTIFIED VENUE



### Eco-Friendly International LEED Certification

Convention and Exhibition Center LEED Certification (LEED: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an energy and eco-friendly building rating system implemented by the US Building Council in 2000, and we have become the first Asian convention center to be certified.



### Earth Check Gold

This eco-friendly tourism certification system, which was developed with the support of the Australian government, certifies through quantitative measurement of 10 indicators such as greenhouse gas, waste, energy, and contribution to the community.



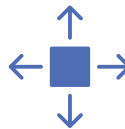
### BF Accreditation, an Environment without Obstacles (Best Rating)

BF Accreditation (BF: Barrier Free) is a grading system by Korea Disabled People's Development Institute that evaluates the extent of access and use of facilities without discrimination by the socially disadvantaged, such as those with disabilities, indicating that is convenient for anyone to use the facilities.



### EFFICIENT & SEAMLESS FLOW

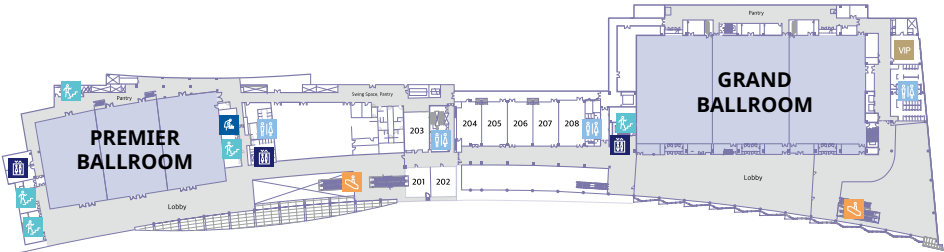
Single-level venue layout enables efficient circulation and seamless delegate movement using the West Gate to hotels



### EXPANSIVE COLUMN-FREE SPACE

Flexible column-free space supports large-scale exhibitions, poster sessions, and seamless event operations

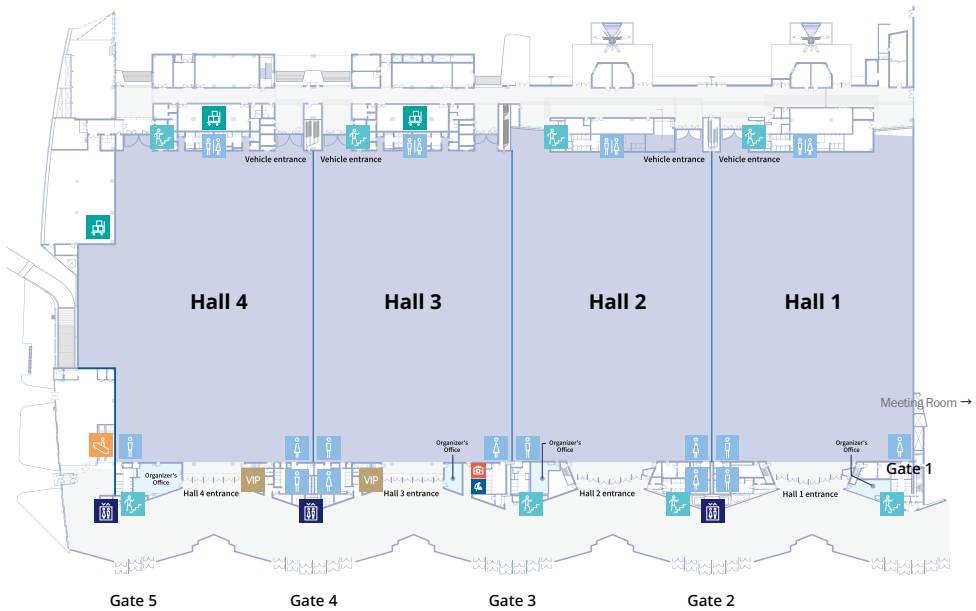
**2F**  
PREMIER BALLROOM  
GRAND BALLROOM  
MEETING ROOM



**1F**  
CONFERENCE  
BUILDING



**1F**  
EXHIBITION HALL  
MEETING ROOM



# AUDIO-VISUAL AND IT CAPABILITIES

All session rooms — plenary, parallel, microsymposium, Commission, boardroom — are broadcast-ready and equipped to support hybrid and remote participation.

## PLENARY STAGE (GRAND BALLROOM)

| Element            | Specification                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stage              | 22m x 7.3m x 0.9m (extendable)                                                 |
| LED backdrop       | Full-stage P3.9 indoor, ~21 m x 5 m                                            |
| Projection         | Dual 4K laser                                                                  |
| IMAG               | Multi-camera robotic system with director-controlled shot selection            |
| Lectern            | Touchscreen presenter console; integrated comfort monitor with cue lights      |
| Audio              | Line array L/R + delay zones; 15+ wireless mic channels; 12 floor mics for Q&A |
| Translation        | 6 ISO-compliant simultaneous interpretation booths                             |
| Hearing assistance | Induction loop + assistive listening receivers                                 |



## PARALLEL AND MICROSYMPOSIUM ROOMS

Full-HD/4K projector + HDMI/USB-C input · lectern  
+ 2 wireless mics + ceiling mics for hybrid · PTZ  
camera with auto-tracking · cloud-streaming  
via venue broadcast spine · session recording ·  
speaker-ready room with slide upload terminals (24  
hours pre-session).



## NETWORK AND IT

Wi-Fi 6E venue-wide (5,000+ concurrent device  
capacity) · gigabit cabled drop in every session room  
· 10 Gbps symmetric internet · 100% indoor 5G  
(KT, SKT, LG U+) · USB-C/AC at every plenary seat ·  
custom Congress mobile app.

## HYBRID AND REMOTE- CONVERSION CAPABILITY

All rooms equipped to support full hybrid delivery.  
The 30-day-to-full-remote conversion plan (p.72)  
leverages venue’s standing broadcast infrastructure  
— no temporary build-out required.



# ACCESSIBILITY FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES

**BF (Barrier-Free) Best Rating — accessibility design certified at the highest national standard.**

| Dimension       | Provision                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physical access | Step-free access throughout · accessible entrances on all levels · lifts to every functional area                        |
| Plenary seating | Wheelchair-accessible plenary positions with companion seating                                                           |
| Sanitary        | Accessible toilets on every level                                                                                        |
| Sensory         | Quiet room for neurodivergent delegates · sensory-reduced evening events option                                          |
| Hearing         | Live captioning for plenaries · induction loop · assistive listening receivers · sign-language interpretation on request |
| Visual          | High-contrast wayfinding · pictogram-based signage                                                                       |
| Family          | Lactation rooms on all 3 levels · child-care area · service-animal access                                                |
| Digital         | WCAG 2.1 compliance for Congress microsite and mobile app                                                                |
| Language        | 6 ISO simultaneous interpretation booths · abstract translation tooling                                                  |

\*Full Accessibility Plan in Appendix 10.

# SUSTAINABILITY CREDENTIALS

| Certification   | Scope                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| LEED            | Venue certified                                  |
| EarthCheck Gold | Ongoing annual certification                     |
| G-SEED          | Korea’s Green Standard — highest rating          |
| ISO 20121:2012  | Incheon MICE Bureau event sustainability         |
| BF Best Rating  | Accessibility design — highest national standard |

Event commitments — Paperless Congress (digital programme via mobile app) · reusable lanyards · locally-sourced catering · public-transport and walking prioritised · carbon inventory and offsets per IUCr 2032 guidelines.

\*Full Sustainability Plan (ISO 20121 framework) in Appendix 9.

# Accommodation & Transport

## RANGE AND AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION

WALKING DISTANCE  
WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF VENUE

 **1,792**  
Rooms

*Oakwood*  
**PREMIER**  
INCHEON



- Top-Class Residence Hotel
- Located in a 64-story super-tall building
- 423 guest rooms & 4 banquet facilities

 7-Minute Walk

 [homehmc.com/ko/oakwood-incheon-songdo/](http://homehmc.com/ko/oakwood-incheon-songdo/)

  
**SHERATON**  
**GRAND**  
Incheon Hotel



- Global Brand Hotel
- 321 guest rooms & 10 banquet rooms

 1-Minute Walk

 [sheratongrandincheon.com](http://sheratongrandincheon.com)

**GYEONGWONJAE**  
by WALKERHILL



- The First Five-Star Korean Traditional Hotel in Korea
- Ranked 1st in the 'Top Korean Hotel' of the 2021 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Awards
- 30 guest rooms & 2 banquet rooms

 10-Minute Walk

 [homehmc.com/ko/oakwood-incheon-songdo/](http://homehmc.com/ko/oakwood-incheon-songdo/)

 **Orakai**  
SONGDO PARK HOTEL



- Open central park view
- 275 guest rooms & 2 banquet facilities

 8-Minute Walk

 [Songdo.orakaihotels.com](http://Songdo.orakaihotels.com)

 **Holiday Inn**  
AN IHG HOTEL  
INCHEON SONGDO



- Compact banquet space and sophisticated interior
- 202 guest rooms & 3 banquet facilities

 25-Minute Walk

 [holidayinnincheonsongdo.com](http://holidayinnincheonsongdo.com)

+ The Central Park Hotel Songdo(300 rooms), Bridge Hotel Incheon Songdo(241 rooms) and more

### IUCr OFFICIAL HOUSING BUREAU SERVICE POWERED BY INCHEON TOURISM ORGANIZATION (ITO)

To ensure a seamless stay for IUCr 2032 participants, Incheon provides a professional Housing Bureau service that includes:

- **Professional Reservation Management** Tailored hotel booking services for all international attendees.
- **Enhanced Convenience** Specialized hospitality services to ensure a comfortable and efficient visit.
- **Global Standard Support** In alignment with ICCA standards, Incheon prioritizes the housing bureau as a vital pillar of our hosting infrastructure.





### SHORT DRIVE

WITHIN 20 MINUTES BY CAR

**10,886**  
Rooms

| Property                                                  | Category    | Rooms |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Inspire Entertainment Resort                              | ★★★★★resort | 1,275 |
| Paradise City                                             | ★★★★★resort | 711   |
| The Week & Resort                                         | resort      | 191   |
| Grand Hyatt Incheon & Hyatt Regency Incheon Paradise City | ★★★★★       | 1,024 |
| Nest Hotel Incheon                                        | ★★★★★       | 370   |
| Golden Tulip Incheon Airport Hotel & Suite                | ★★★★☆       | 550   |
| Howard Johnson by Wyndham Incheon Airport                 | ★★★★☆       | 402   |
| Best Western Premier Incheon Airport Hotel                | ★★★★☆       | 305   |
| Ibis Styles Ambassador Incheon Airport                    | ★★★★☆       | 360   |

+ and more



## INDICATIVE PRICE RANGES

| Category                                      | Indicative rate (USD, single occupancy) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5★ (Sheraton Grand, Oakwood, Paradise)        | USD 220-280 / night                     |
| 4★ (Holiday Inn, Orakai, Best Western Songdo) | USD 150-200 / night                     |
| 3★ / budget business hotels                   | USD 90-130 / night                      |
| Dormitory / hostel (student-rate blocks)      | USD 35-55 / night / bed                 |

**Rates guaranteed** through KTO and ITO partnership agreements. Breakfast included for 4★/5★. All rates include 10% VAT and municipal taxes. Student/ECR rate auto-applied with verified registration status.

### BUDGET OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS AND EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHERS

University Dormitory Blocks — LOC-reserved blocks at Incheon National University (INU) and Yonsei University Songdo Campus. Rate USD 35-55/night/bed; ~400 beds; LOC-operated complimentary shuttle to venue.



## PROXIMITY TO VENUE

The ICCZ master plan integrates hotels, retail, dining, and transport into one walkable district.

Detailed district map: p.24

| Element                                   | Walk time from venue |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Hotels (5-10 min walk)                    | 1,792 rooms          |
| Songdo Central Park                       | At venue doorstep    |
| Lotte Mall, Triple Street (retail/dining) | 5-10 min             |
| Incheon Subway Line 1 station             | 8 min                |

## INTERNATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY — AIR

Incheon International Airport (ICN) is Korea's primary international gateway and the single piece of infrastructure most consequential to delegate participation.

| Metric                      | Value                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Passenger throughput (2024) | ~65 million / year                       |
| Direct international routes | 178+ to 60+ countries                    |
| Airlines                    | 90+ international carriers               |
| Cargo throughput            | World top-5 cargo airport                |
| ACI Service Quality         | #1 globally — multiple consecutive years |
| Terminals                   | T1 · T2 (Star Alliance / KE main hub)    |
| Minimum connection time     | 45 minutes                               |



# REACH TO MAJOR CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC COMMUNITIES

| Region        | Direct Access                                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Europe        | London, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Zurich, Vienna, Istanbul         |
| North America | New York, LA, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver              |
| Oceania       | Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, Brisbane                                 |
| East/SE Asia  | All major capitals (BKK, SIN, KUL, MNL, HKG, PVG, PEK, NRT, HND, TPE) |
| Middle East   | Dubai, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Tel Aviv                                      |
| South Asia    | Delhi, Mumbai                                                         |
| Africa        | Nairobi, Addis Ababa                                                  |
| Latin America | Via US hubs (one stop)                                                |

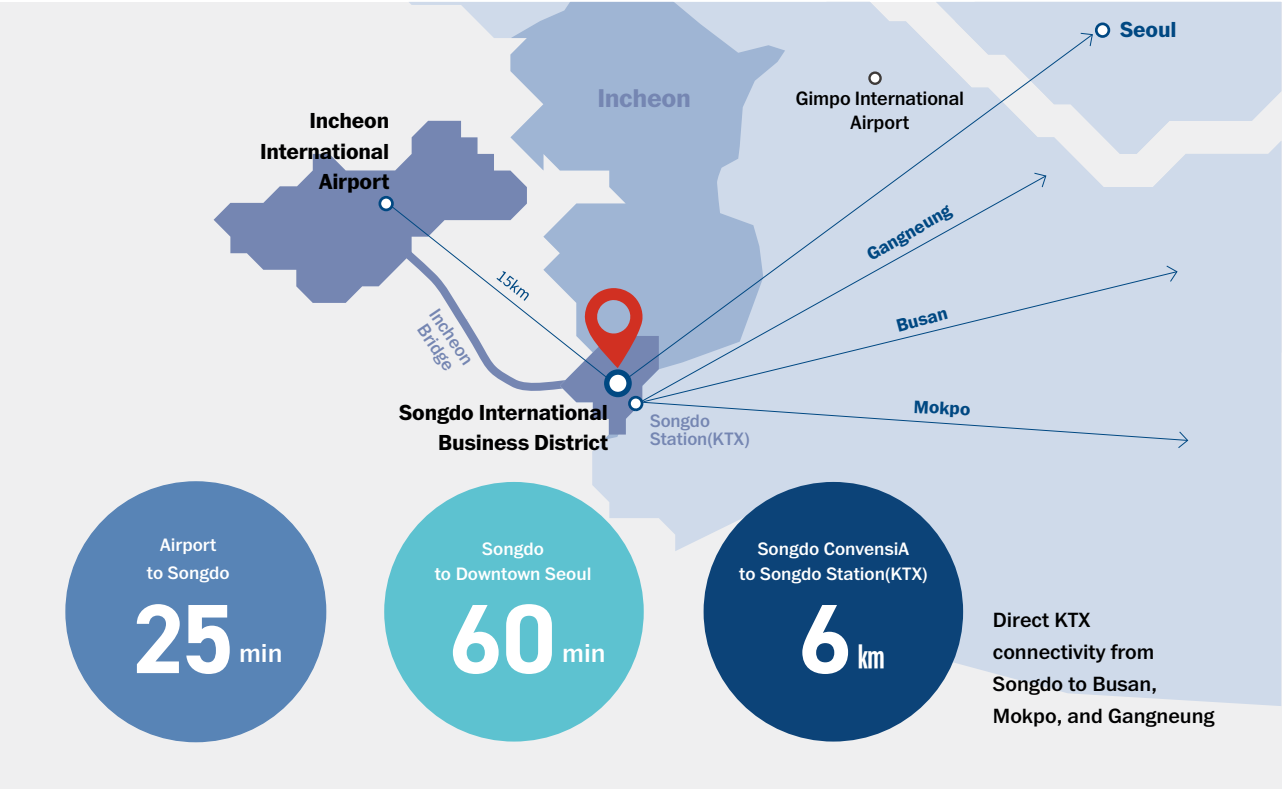
## LOCAL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

ICN →  
SONGDO  
(CONGRESS VENUE)

| Mode                      | Travel time                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Private car / taxi        | ~20 min via Incheon Bridge — direct, 24/7, metered |
| Airport limousine bus     | ~30 min — every 15 minutes                         |
| Subway (Incheon Line 1)   | ~55 min — economical                               |
| LOC complimentary shuttle | Congress week, multiple daily runs                 |

ICN →  
CENTRAL SEOUL  
CURRENT AND FUTURE  
(GTX-B 2030)

| Mode                                 | Travel time                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| AREX Express                         | ~43 min to Seoul Station            |
| AREX All-stop                        | ~58 min                             |
| Limousine bus / taxi                 | ~60–80 min                          |
| GTX-B (Songdo → Seoul Station, 2030) | ~20 min · max design speed 180 km/h |
| GTX-B (Songdo → Gangnam, 2030)       | ~30 min                             |



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# Visa, Entry & Delegate Support

## VISA REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTED EASE OF ACCESS

Korea maintains one of the world's most extensive visa-free access programmes.

| Category                | Details                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Visa-free short-stay    | 112 countries — 90 days (30 days for some). Includes EU, UK, US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, most of Southeast Asia, significant Latin American and GCC countries. |
| Visa-required countries | Korean embassies issue Congress-attendance visas on expedited schedule with IUCr 2032 invitation letter                                                                       |
| Standard processing     | 5–10 working days at most embassies                                                                                                                                           |



## FAST-TRACK PROGRAM FOR KEY PARTICIPANTS' ENTRY

To ensure a seamless and prestigious experience for the distinguished guests of the 2032 IUCr Congress, South Korea offers an exclusive Fast-Track Entry Service facilitated by the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO). This system underscores Korea's commitment to global academic exchange and its robust administrative infrastructure for international conferences. This is designed to provide preferential immigration processing for high-level participants of significant international conventions.

## SUPPORT FOR VISA LETTERS

| Service                    | Detail                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Invitation letter issuance | LOC issues within 5 working days of registration confirmation           |
| Languages                  | English, Korean (and other languages on request for embassy submission) |
| Consular liaison           | Dedicated LOC consular liaison support for visa-required delegates      |
| Group visa coordination    | Available for institutional delegations from Category I countries       |
| Visa & K-ETA matrices      | Maintained on the Congress microsite with country-specific guidance     |

## ACCESSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

Beyond visa processes, Incheon's accessibility for international delegates rests on three operational facts:

**Airport efficiency**

ICN ranked #1 globally by ACI for service quality (multiple consecutive years)

**Direct connectivity**

178+ direct routes from ICN to 60+ countries (full network in p.22)

**English-language support**

Standard at airport, hotels, venue, public transport, and emergency services

Venue-level accessibility (BF Best Rating, hearing assistance, captioning, sensory and family inclusion): p.32

# Safety

## SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

### Smart City Integrated Operation Center

The IFEZ Smart City Integrated Operations Center is an organization that proactively responds to issues by monitoring traffic, crime prevention, disaster prevention, and the environment 24 hours a day in the IFEZ region, which includes Songdo, Yeongjong, and Cheongna. By applying various ubiquitous technologies from the urban planning and development stages, the entire city has been networked and control systems integrated.

### Health System

Universal health insurance; English-speaking international clinics at major Incheon area hospitals: Inha University Hospital · Gachon University Gil Medical Center · Yonsei Songdo Severance

### Emergency Services

119 (fire/medical) · 112 (police) — English-language support standard



## POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY

The Republic of Korea is a stable parliamentary democracy with peaceful transitions of power continuously since 1987. Korea is a member of the OECD, G20, and a Top-15 global economy. The Republic of Korea maintains diplomatic relations with virtually every country represented in IUCr membership, with predictable visa frameworks and consular support infrastructure for international scientific events.

\* Detailed risk framework (operational, financial, geopolitical, force-majeure) and 30-day hybrid-conversion plan: p.72 Risk & Contingency Planning.

# Programme

## 7-day Congress

Plenary lectures · Keynote sessions · Microsymposia  
Poster programmes · Early-career activities  
Networking · Post-conference excursions

## Pre-congress workshops

Two days of workshops and satellite activities prior to the main Congress programme

**Where Structures Connect** — through a congress architecture that brings together researchers, facilities, technologies, and emerging scientific communities from across the world



# DATES & SCHEDULING

## PROPOSED DATES AND PROGRAMME DURATION

| Item                                  | Detail                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Proposed Date                         | August 14 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2032                                                                                                       |
| Programme duration                    | 2 pre-congress workshop days + 7 Congress Days                                                                                                         |
| Alignment with recent IUCr Congresses | August scheduling consistent with: Madrid 2011 · Hyderabad 2017 · Prague 2021 · Melbourne 2023 · Calgary 2026                                          |
| Conflicts avoided                     | AsCA Conference cycle (Nov–Dec) · ACA Annual Meeting (July)                                                                                            |
| Academic calendars                    | Korean universities are in summer recess during August, supporting volunteer participation and affordable dormitory accommodation in the Incheon area. |



## CONFIRMATION OF VENUE AVAILABILITY

| Item                     | Status                                                                                             |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Preliminary availability | Confirmed for August 2032 (full-week range)                                                        |
| Hold mechanism           | Preliminary venue hold secured with Songdo ConvensiA Corporation                                   |
| Formal booking trigger   | Upon IUCr selection of Incheon as 2032 host                                                        |
| Contract issuance        | Within 60 days of award                                                                            |
| Conflict policy          | No competing event of comparable scale to be confirmed for the proposed week pending IUCr decision |

The institutional commitment of Songdo ConvensiA, operated by the Incheon Tourism Organization, is documented in Letter No. 3.

(p.70): availability for August 2032, rate structure underpinning p.70, AV/IT and accessibility commitments per p.34-35

## CLIMATE READINESS AND SEASONAL OPERATIONS

| Indicator                 | August Conditions            | Operational Readiness                                                                           |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Temperature               | 29 °C                        | Comfort range for indoor congress activity                                                      |
| Average humidity          | Seasonal coastal conditions  | Fully air-conditioned venue and indoor circulation throughout; outdoor evening events scheduled |
| Severe weather occurrence | Limited seasonal probability | Congress contingency and monitoring framework in p.42                                           |
| Rainfall                  | Seasonal afternoon showers   | Indoor programme continuity ensured                                                             |

### Weather preparedness

- Indoor programme continuity ensured
- Indoor-only programme contingency
- Hotel inventory absorbs flight-disruption overnight extensions
- Communications protocol in 5 languages.



# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME PHILOSOPHY

IUCr 2032 Incheon's scientific programme rests on three principles:

- 1

**Structural Continuity with IUCr Tradition**

Classical IUCr Congress architecture: plenary openings, parallel microsymposia, Commission meetings, poster sessions, social events. No structural departure from formats that have served the Union for decades.
- 2

**Contextual Integration with the Host City**

PAL-XFEL (Technical Tour), Songdo Biocluster (Technical Tour), and partnerships with Korean universities are integrated directly into the programme.
- 3

**Accessibility and Capacity-Building**

ECR programming embedded across plenary, microsymposium, poster, and satellite dimensions — not a side-track.

# ENGAGEMENT WITH EARLY-CAREER SCIENTISTS

KCA's confirmed early-career programmes are anchored in two structural offerings: **the KCA Winter Workshop** — annual hands-on training for PhD students and postdocs — and **PAL-XFEL and PLS-II user training programmes**, open to early-career Korean and international researchers.

The full IUCr 2032 Early-Career programme is detailed in p.46 (Programme) and p.75 (Legacy & Impact).  
Headline commitments at bid stage:

| Indicator                                                   | IUCr 2032 target                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| ECR registration share                                      | ≥ 20%                                                |
| Bursaries for Young Scientist and Early Career Investigator | Additional local bursary support beyond IUCr schemes |
| ECR-led microsymposium chair slots                          | ≥ 20%                                                |

# GENDER AND DIVERSITY

- Women in Crystallography Breakfast
- Gender balance incorporated into plenary and keynote speaker selection
- Gender balance in speakers & chairs (≥ 40%)
- Safeguarding framework with anonymous reporting channel
- Gender and demographic data published in the post-Congress report as a baseline for IUCr 2035 organisers.



# ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMMING

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physical accessibility          | Barrier-Free (BF) Best Rating · step-free · wheelchair-accessible plenary positions with companion seating · accessible toilets every level · quiet room · lactation rooms on all 3 levels. Detail: p.35 |
| Language accessibility          | Live captioning for plenaries · on-demand for parallels · sign-language on request · clear English-first congress communications                                                                         |
| Cognitive and sensory inclusion | Quiet room · sensory-friendly evening events · clear pictogram-based wayfinding · prayer rooms.                                                                                                          |
| Family and carer inclusion      | Accompanying Persons Programme · child-care area · lactation rooms throughout the venue                                                                                                                  |
| Gender and diversity            | <b>Women in crystallography networking event · gender balance incorporated into plenary and keynote speaker selection · safeguarding framework</b>                                                       |

# SEVEN-DAY PROGRAMME GRID (PRELIMINARY)

The grid below is indicative — final agreed with IUCr Executive Committee and Commissions post-award.  
Day 0 (Saturday) hosts arrival, registration, satellite workshops, and Welcome Reception

## IUCr 2032 CONGRESS WEEK — INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

|       | Workshop Day<br>FRI | Workshop Day<br>SAT | Sessions-1<br>SUN                       | Sessions-2<br>MON | Sessions-3<br>TUE | Sessions-4<br>WED        | Sessions-5<br>THU | Sessions-6<br>FRI | Sessions-7<br>SAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|       | 14-AUG              | 15-AUG              | 16-AUG                                  | 17-AUG            | 18-AUG            | 19-AUG                   | 20-AUG            | 21-AUG            | 22-AUG            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09:00 | Workshops           | Workshops           | KN 1-3                                  | KN 4-6            | KN 10-12          | KN 13-15                 | KN 19-21          | KN 22-24          | KN 28-30          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 09:30 |                     |                     | Coffee Break                            |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:00 |                     |                     | MS 1-10                                 | MS 21-30          | MS 41-50          | MS 61-70                 | MS 81-90          | MS 101-110        | MS 121-130        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11:30 |                     |                     | Lunch & Posters                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12:00 |                     |                     | MS 11-20                                | MS 31-40          | MS 51-60          | MS 71-80                 | MS 91-100         | MS 111-120        | MS 131-140        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13:30 |                     |                     | Official Poster Sessions & Refreshments |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14:00 |                     |                     | Opening Ceremony & Ewald Prize Lecture  | KN 7-9            | PL2               | KN 16-18                 | PL3               | KN 25-27          | Closing Ceremony  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16:30 |                     | Welcome Reception   | GA1                                     | GA2               | YSG Mixer         | Career Exploration Panel | GA3               | Congress Gala     |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21:00 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21:30 |                     |                     |                                         |                   |                   |                          |                   |                   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Element               | Volume                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Congress days         | 9 days including 2 pre-congress workshop days                                                |
| and keynote programme | 3 plenary lectures + 30+ keynote sessions                                                    |
| Microsymposia         | ~140 across 10 concurrent streams                                                            |
| Poster sessions       | ~1,000 poster presentations with extended multi-day display periods across the Congress week |

| Element                  | Volume                                                    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| IUCr Commission meetings | All Commissions accommodated (Level 3, 5 dedicated rooms) |
| Exhibition               | 50+ booths · open Days 1-6                                |
| Technical tours          | Optional PAL-XFEL technical visits                        |
| Workshops                | ~20 pre-Congress                                          |

# PLENARIES AND KEYNOTES

Daily keynote sessions integrated throughout Congress Days 1-7



**Workshop Day**

Workshops,  
Opening Ceremony,  
Welcome Reception



**Day 1**

Keynote & Plenary,  
Micro Symposium,  
General Assembly



**Day 2**

Keynote,  
Micro Symposium,  
General Assembly



**Day 3**

Keynote & Plenary,  
Micro Symposium,  
Young Scientist Mixer



**Day 4**

Keynote,  
Micro Symposium,  
Career Exploration Panel



**Day 5**

Keynote & Plenary,  
Micro Symposium,  
General Assembly



**Day 6**

Keynote,  
Micro Symposium,  
Congress Gala



**Day 7**

Keynote,  
Micro Symposium,  
Closing Ceremony

# MICROSYMPOSIA

~140 microsymposia across 10 concurrent scientific streams developed in coordination with IUCr Commissions, with 90-minute formats incorporating 4-5 presentations and discussion.

## DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- **Commission ownership** — every active IUCr Commission proposes and curates a proportional share
- **Cross-Commission microsymposia** — explicitly encouraged, co-curated by 2+ Commissions
- **Early-Career chair slots** — minimum 20% reserved for ECR delegates
- **Industry-academic microsymposia** — 2–3 sessions bridging industrial structural science with academic research
- **Regional-priority microsymposia** — dedicated sessions on crystallography in developing regions



## INDICATIVE WORKING MIX

Indicative working assumption for capacity planning at bid stage. Final distribution determined entirely through IUCr Commission proposals and SPC curation post-award.

| Thematic area                             | IUCr 2032 target |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Biological Macromolecular Crystallography | ~25%             |
| Small-Molecule & Chemical Crystallography | ~20%             |
| Materials Crystallography & Mineralogy    | ~20%             |
| Methods, Software, Computational          | ~15%             |
| Synchrotron & XFEL Methods                | ~10%             |
| Teaching, Outreach, History               | ~5%              |
| Cross-cutting / Emerging / Industry       | ~5%              |

# IUCr COMMISSION ALIGNMENT AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

| Support area                     | Commitment                                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Commission meeting rooms         | Level 3 — 5 dedicated rooms                             |
| Commission-chaired microsymposia | Proportional allocation by Commission size and proposal |
| Pre-Congress virtual support     | LOC-provided secretariat for virtual pre-meetings       |
| Young Scientist Travel Awards    | Joint administration with IUCr; LOC handles logistics   |
| IUCr Outreach programming        | Dedicated session during Days 2–3                       |
| Commission promotional space     | Dedicated exhibition space                              |

**GA business:** GA I (Day 1), GA II (Day 6); Executive Committee meetings (Boardrooms, Level 2); IUCr Finance Committee with LOC finance liaison.

# WORKSHOPS (PRE-CONGRESS)



## STRUCTURE SOLUTION, REFINEMENT, AND CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC SOFTWARE

structure solution, refinement, data processing, disorder modeling, software training



## STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, PDB, AND HYBRID METHODS

macromolecular crystallography, crystallization, PDB deposition, validation, hybrid/integrative methods, BioSAS



## ADVANCED X-RAY, ELECTRON, AND SCATTERING TECHNIQUES

XAFS, electron diffraction, coherent imaging, SAXS/SAS, non-ambient diffraction



## MAGNETIC, QUANTUM, AND DIFFUSE SCATTERING CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

quantum crystallography, magnetic structures, diffuse scattering, magnetic PDF



## OPEN SCIENCE, DATA INTEGRITY, AND CROSS-DISCIPLINARY APPLICATIONS

open data, reproducibility, CSD, materials applications,

Economics — Standard registration USD 150–250

# TECHNICAL TOURS



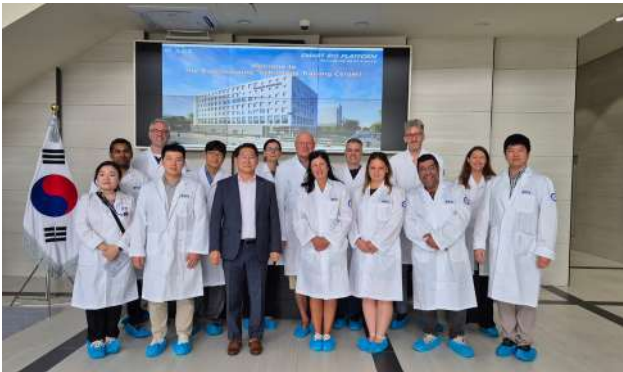
## TECHNICAL TOUR

### SYNCHROTRON FACILITIES

|                       |                                                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location</b>       | Pohang, ~2.5 hours from Incheon by KTX + local transfer |
| <b>Format</b>         | One-day guided tour, max 80 participants per cohort     |
| <b>Cohorts</b>        | Two cohorts (Day 4 and Day 6)                           |
| <b>Cost</b>           | Subsidised USD 80 (KTX, lunch, facility fees)           |
| <b>Facility guide</b> | PAL senior scientists — IUCr 2032 dedicated briefing    |

### SONGDO BIOCLUSTER

|                     |                                                                        |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location</b>     | Walking distance / short shuttle from Songdo ConvensiA                 |
| <b>Format</b>       | Half-day guided tour, max 60 per cohort                                |
| <b>Cohorts</b>      | Four cohorts across Congress week                                      |
| <b>Cost</b>         | Subsidised USD 40 (lunch, facility badges)                             |
| <b>Companies</b>    | Samsung Biologics · Celltrion · partner academic-industry laboratories |
| <b>ECR priority</b> | 40% capacity reserved for ECR delegates                                |



# YOUNG SCIENTISTS TRACK – EMBEDDED ACROSS CONGRESS



## Registration economics

Discounted ECR fee · ≥ 100 Travel Awards · Cat. I priority · University dormitory blocks



## Programme integration

Young Scientists' Night · Career Development Workshop · Commission-paired mentorship · ≥ 20% MS chair slots reserved for ECR



## Industrial exposure

Songdo Biocluster industry-academia bridges



## Capacity-building

Satellite Workshops with ECR-priority pricing and seats



# SOCIAL PROGRAMME

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Songdo ConvensiA lobby and Exhibition Hall.  
Korean traditional and contemporary music, regional food stations,  
Songdo Central Park evening walk. Standing reception, ~2.5 hours,  
2,500 capacity.



## CONGRESS DINNER

Seated banquet at Grand Ballroom.  
Traditional hanjeongsik and international menu options.  
1,600 seated, ~3 hours.



## K-CULTURE NIGHT AT GYEONGWONJAE BY WALKERHILL INCHEON

Optional subscription event at a traditional Korean hanok compound  
adjacent to Songdo Central Park. Programme: traditional Korean  
court music or samul nori · K-Pop showcase · Korean food stations  
emphasising UNESCO-listed Kimjang and locally produced jang ·  
hanbok photo experience. Indicative price USD 150 / delegate,  
subsidised for student/ECR.



## OTHERS

Young Scientists' Night · Women in Crystallography Breakfast ·  
Regional Societies Dinner · Accompanying Persons Programme



#K-POP Dancing Class



#Wellness



#Teakwondo Class

# EXPERIENCE SONGDO WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

## EXPERIENCE SONGDO — KOREA'S LEADING SMART CITY

Songdo International City represents Korea's vision of a sustainable smart city where advanced ICT technologies, eco-friendly urban planning, and waterfront culture are integrated into everyday life



### FORMAT

Half-day guided tour  
(approximately 4 hours)



### TRANSPORTATION

Chartered coach and  
walking tour



### TARGET AUDIENCE

Delegates and accompanying persons  
interested in smart-city innovation,  
sustainability, and urban culture



### IFEZ PR CENTER

Located in G-Tower, the IFEZ PR Center introduces the vision and development of Songdo International Business District through interactive exhibits and panoramic city views.



### SMART CITY INTEGRATED OPERATION CENTER

The integrated control center manages transportation, safety, disaster prevention, and environmental systems across Songdo in real time using advanced smart technologies.



### WATER TAXI AT SONGDO CENTRAL PARK

The water taxi offers a relaxing cruise through Korea's first seawater canal park, showcasing Songdo's futuristic skyline and eco-friendly urban landscape.



### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WORLD WRITING SYSTEM

The museum presents the evolution and diversity of world writing systems, highlighting humanity's shared cultural heritage through language and communication.



### TRI-BOWL

Tri-Bowl is an iconic cultural landmark featuring a futuristic architectural design inspired by flowing water, now used as a venue for exhibitions, performances, and media art events.



### STARTUP PARK

Korea's first startup innovation cluster, Startup Park serves as a collaborative hub where global entrepreneurs, investors, and technology-driven companies shape the future of innovation.

# DAY TRIPS INCHEON AND SEOUL

## GANGHWA K-CULTURE EXPERIENCE FULL-DAY TOUR — HANDS-ON KOREAN HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

Ganghwa Island offers delegates an immersive experience of Korean history, spirituality, traditional crafts, and local culture in a peaceful island setting rich with historical significance.



### JEONDEUNGSA TEMPLE

One of Korea's oldest Buddhist temples, Jeondeungsa provides a peaceful atmosphere where visitors can experience traditional Korean Buddhism and temple culture.



### GEUMPUNG BREWERY

This traditional brewery introduces delegates to Korean makgeolli brewing culture through hands-on tasting and local fermentation experiences.



### GANGHWA HWAMUNSEOK CRAFT

The center preserves the traditional weaving techniques of Ganghwa floral mats, a nationally recognized Korean handicraft heritage.



### GANGHWA LUGE

The luge ride offers a dynamic outdoor activity with panoramic views of Ganghwa's coastal scenery and natural landscapes.

The Incheon Day Trip programme is proudly supported by Incheon Metropolitan City and the Incheon Tourism Organization, highlighting Incheon's commitment to providing memorable cultural experiences for IUCr 2032 delegates and accompanying people.



#### FORMAT

Full-day guided tour  
(approximately 8 hours)



#### TRANSPORTATION

Chartered coach



#### TARGET AUDIENCE

Delegates and accompanying persons seeking immersive Korean cultural experiences and traditional heritage activities

### ? WHY THIS MATTERS FOR AN IUCr CONGRESS

As one of Incheon's representative islands connected to the mainland by bridge, Ganghwa Island offers IUCr delegates a unique opportunity to experience the diverse cultural and natural identity of Incheon beyond the modern skyline of Songdo. Combining traditional spirituality, craftsmanship, local cuisine, and coastal scenery, the programme introduces participants to the historical and cultural foundations of Korean civilization in an easily accessible island setting. The tour provides international delegates and accompanying persons with an immersive cultural experience that complements the scientific programme while showcasing the authenticity and diversity of Incheon and Korea.

# OPEN PORT HISTORY & CULTURE HALF-DAY TOUR

## DISCOVER HISTORIC INCHEON OPEN PORT

This tour introduces delegates to Incheon's open-port heritage, where Korea first encountered modern international culture, trade, and architecture following the opening of the port in 1883.



### OPEN PORT DISTRICT (JUNG-GU)

Korea's first international concession quarter — 1880s European, Japanese, and Chinese-style architecture preserved as walking heritage district



### CHINATOWN AND JAYU PARK

Korea's oldest and largest Chinatown · Jayu Park overlooks Incheon Port and houses the Incheon Landing memorial



### INCHEON SANGSANG PLATFORM & ART PLATFORM

A former grain warehouse and Industrial heritage converted to a cultural and contemporary art and residency complex



### WOLMIDO ISLAND

Coastal promenade, traditional fishing village atmosphere, sunset viewpoint



### SONGWOL-DONG FAIRYTALE VILLAGE

Mural village in the Open Port District — popular with families



### INCHEON CITY MUSEUM / COMPACT SMART CITY CENTRE

Optional museum stops contextualising Incheon's urban story



FORMAT

#### 4 HOURS

Half-day Open Port heritage walk

#### 8 HOURS

ull-day Incheon Heritage + Wolmido + dinner

#### 5 HOURS

Family-friendly Songwol-dong + Chinatown dim-sum lunch

### ? WHY THIS MATTERS FOR AN IUCr CONGRESS

Incheon's history as a port of openness — the city through which Korean students first traveled abroad to study, and through which international scholars first arrived to teach — resonates directly with the IUCr's foundational value of international scientific cooperation.



## SEOUL DAY TRIPS HALF OR FULL DAY

For delegates interested in exploring Korea's capital city and its blend of tradition and innovation, the LOC will offer curated optional day trips to Seoul, located approximately 20 minutes from Songdo via GTX-B. These LOC-operated programmes will feature selected cultural landmarks, museums, shopping districts, and contemporary attractions suitable for both half-day and full-day experiences.



### GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE WITH HANBOK RENTAL (HALF-DAY)

Explore Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest and most iconic royal palace of the Joseon Dynasty, originally built in 1395.



### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF KOREA

Premier cultural institution with ancient treasures including mineralogically significant artefacts



### DONGDAEMUN DESIGN PLAZA (DDP)

A multi-cultural complex located at Dongdaemun. It has staged diverse cultural events including fashion shows and various cultural events. It is where new design trends begin and cultures are exchanged.



### MYEONGDONG / HONGDAE / GANGNAM

Seoul's vibrant hubs feature fashion boutiques, K-beauty shops, and iconic street food stalls. These hotspots are renowned for showcasing the latest K-trends, attracting both domestic visitors and international travelers alike.

OPTIONAL

## DMZ TOUR THIRD-PARTY OPERATOR

For delegates specifically interested in Cold War history and the Korean Peninsula's geopolitical context, the LOC will publish a curated list of accredited DMZ tour operators based in Paju (Gyeonggi Province, ~90 min from Songdo). DMZ tours are not LOC-operated due to security clearance requirements but are widely available through approved operators.

## FOCUSED EXTENSION PROGRAMMES (PRE/POST-CONGRESS)

For delegates extending their stay, the LOC will publish three Focused Extension tracks:

| Track   | Theme              | Highlights                                            |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Track A | Academic Extension | Satellite workshops + university tours                |
| Track B | Cultural Extension | Gyeongju historic capital + Andong Hahoe Folk Village |
| Track C | Nature Extension   | Jeju Island UNESCO Geopark                            |



# Financial Framework

Where Structures Connect — and the financial structure connecting KCA underwriting, government grants, host-city support, and registration revenue is built for surplus return.

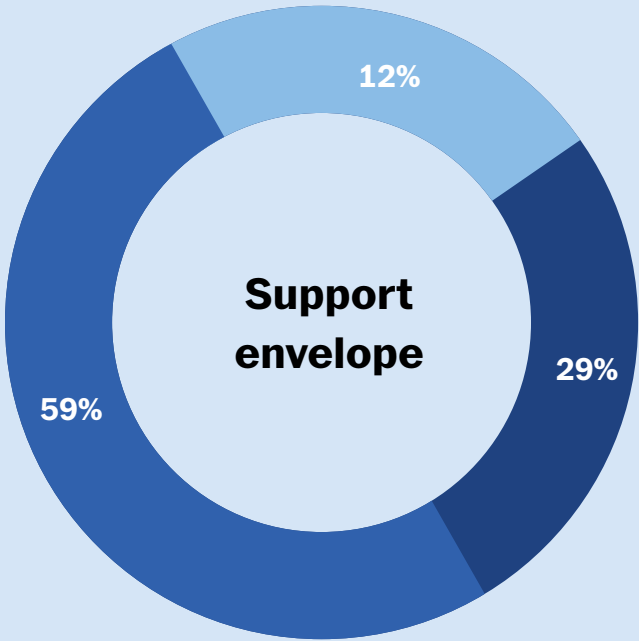


## AGGREGATE SUPPORT SUMMARY

The host-side support envelope — approximately 26% of total Congress budget — is the structural backbone of the Financial Offer.

**USD 607 K ~KRW 850 M**

~26% of Congress budget

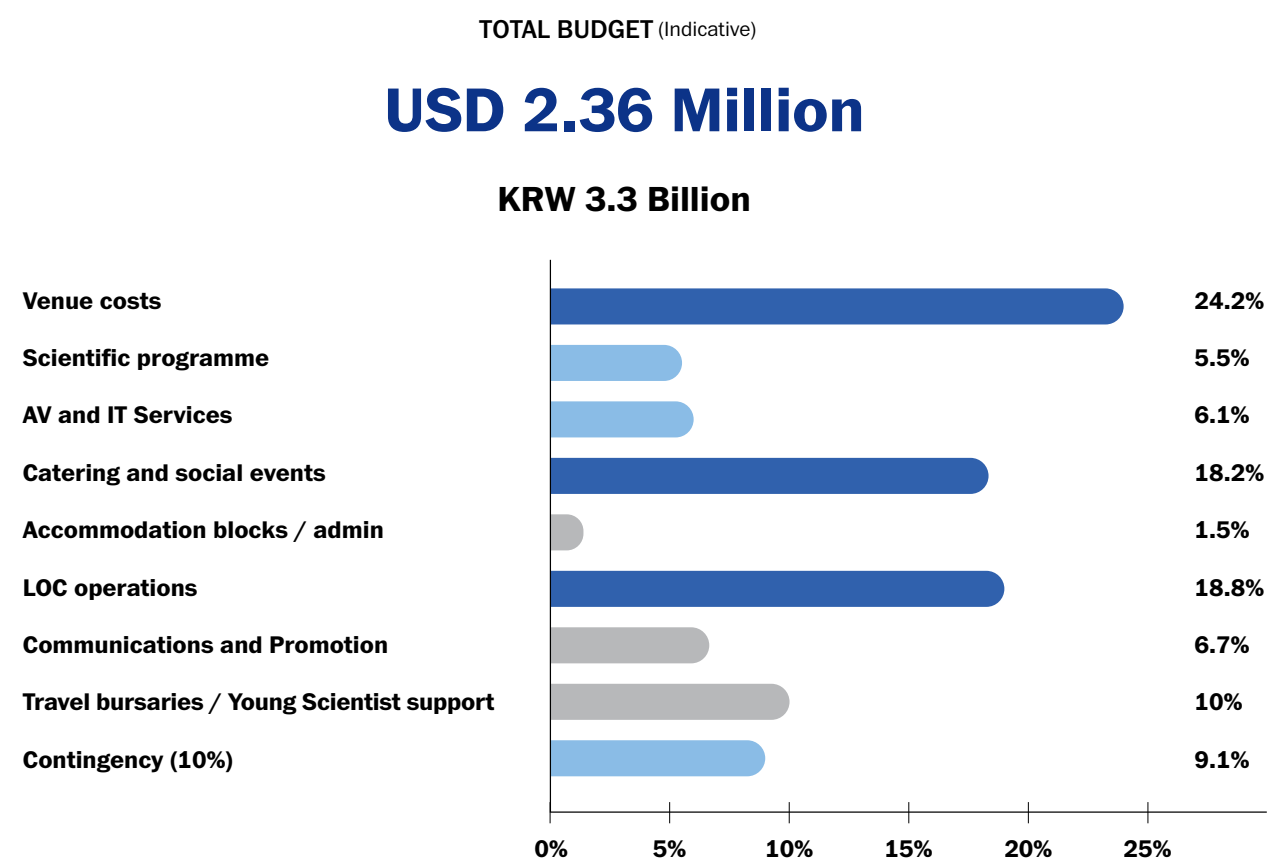


- In-kind value**  
(venue, ISO, PR, transport, tours) **USD 357 K+**  
(~KRW 500 M+)
- Korea Tourism Organization MICE event grant** (post-award) **USD 179 K**  
(~KRW 250 M)
- Incheon Tourism Organization** **USD 71 K**  
(~KRW 100 M)

| Support Category                                                                    | Indicative Aggregate Value                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Incheon Tourism Organization                                                        | USD 71 K (~KRW 100 M)                           |
| Korea Tourism Organization MICE event grant (post-award)                            | USD 179 K (~KRW 250 M) anticipated              |
| In-kind value (venue rate consideration, ISO 20121, PR, transport, technical tours) | USD 357 K+ (~KRW 500 M+) estimated              |
| Total estimated host-side support envelope                                          | USD 607 K+ (~KRW 850 M+) (~26% of total budget) |

# HIGH-LEVEL BUDGET OVERVIEW

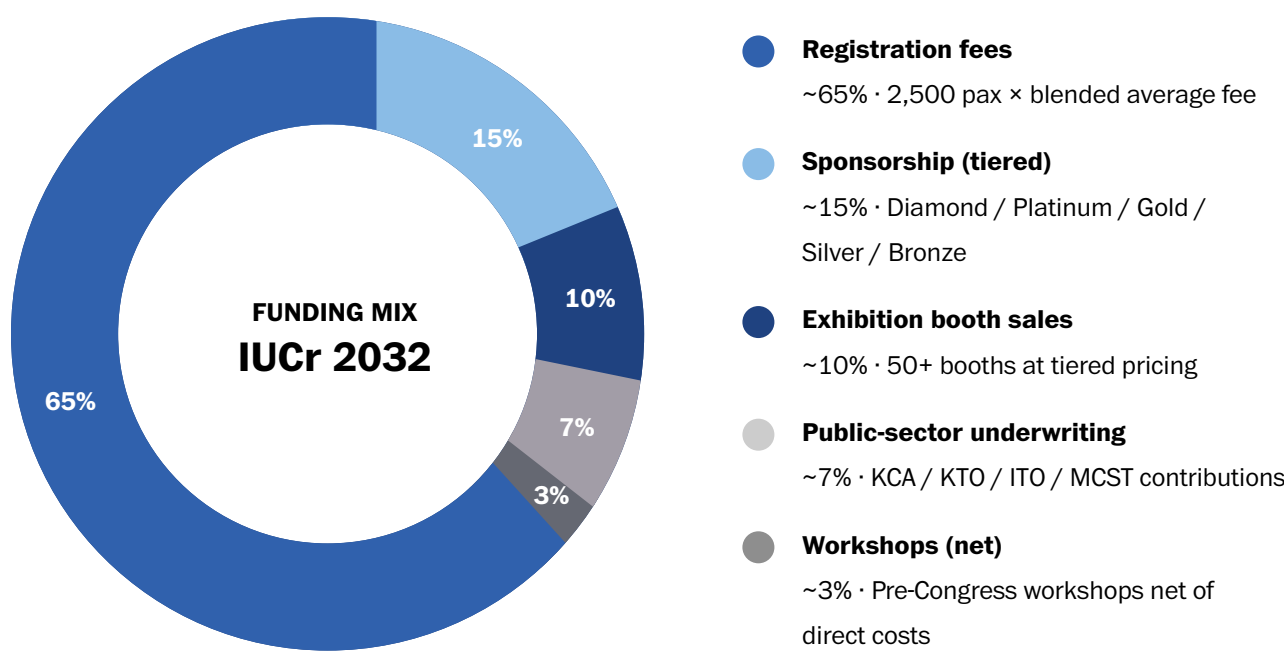
IUCr 2032 Incheon is planned around 2,500 delegates and a seven-day Congress programme. The indicative budget below reflects a structured funding mix with ring-fenced contingency and balanced surplus plan.



| Line item                                  | USD (est.)         | KRW                    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Total Budget</b>                        | <b>~USD 2.36 M</b> | <b>KRW 3.3 billion</b> |
| Venue costs (Songdo ConvensiA)             | ~USD 571 K         | KRW 800 M              |
| Scientific programme                       | ~USD 129 K         | KRW 180 M              |
| AV and IT Services                         | ~USD 143 K         | KRW 200 M              |
| Catering and social events                 | ~USD 429 K         | KRW 600 M              |
| Accommodation blocks / admin               | ~USD 36 K          | KRW 50 M               |
| LOC operations                             | ~USD 443 K         | KRW 620 M              |
| Communications and Promotion               | ~USD 157 K         | KRW 220 M              |
| Travel bursaries / Young Scientist support | ~USD 236 K         | KRW 330 M              |
| Contingency (10%)                          | ~USD 214 K         | KRW 300 M              |

Currency conversion at indicative USD 1 / KRW 1,400. Final budget refined at LOC formation post-bid award.

# FINANCIAL GUARANTEES AND UNDERWRITING



## UNDERWRITING AND BACKSTOP

- **KCA financial underwrite** — USD 214 K (~KRW 300 M) backstop to operational shortfall.
- **Incheon Metropolitan City + ITO** — USD 214 K (~KRW 300 M) operational support. [Formal funding commitment letter pending]
- **Contingency reserve** — 10% ring-fenced (~USD 214 K / KRW 300 M)
- **Registration insurance** — participant no-show and event cancellation cover

# REGISTRATION FEE STRATEGY

The IUCr 2032 fee schedule is calibrated approximately 15% above the IUCr 2026 Calgary published levels, consistent with delegate-cost trends and Congress operating environment in 2032.

| Category           | Fee (2032 est. USD) |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Regular (Early)    | \$1,000             |
| Regular (Standard) | \$1,200             |
| Student (Early)    | \$750               |
| Student (Standard) | \$850               |
| Retired (Early)    | \$750               |
| Retired (Standard) | \$850               |
| Guest (Early)      | \$450               |
| Guest (Standard)   | \$450               |

## SPONSORSHIP TIERS

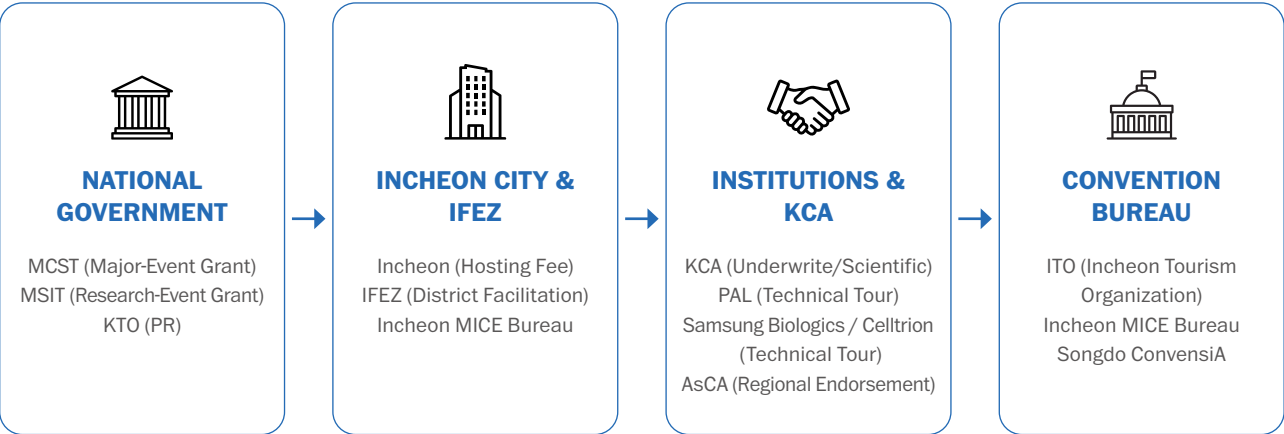
| Tier     | Investment |
|----------|------------|
| Diamond  | USD 80 K+  |
| Platinum | USD 50 K   |
| Gold     | USD 30 K   |
| Silver   | USD 15 K   |
| Bronze   | USD 8 K    |

Detailed sponsorship prospectus post-bid approval (Appendix 7).

# SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONS, AND CONVENTION BUREAU

**Aggregate Support Summary – ~30% of total Congress budget secured**

Confirmed commitments include USD 214 K (~KRW 300 M) KCA underwriting, USD 214 K (~KRW 300 M) Incheon Metropolitan City support, and additional in-kind from IFEZ, ITO, IMB, and Songdo ConvensiA.



## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT – NATIONAL LEVEL

| Body                                           | Support type                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MCST (Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism) | National MICE endorsement; in-kind PR; major-event grant eligibility                     |
| MSIT (Ministry of Science and ICT)             | National scientific endorsement; supplementary research-event grant eligibility          |
| KTO (Korea Tourism Organization)               | National MICE financial support + global PR through KTO overseas branches (32 countries) |

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT – CITY LEVEL

| Body                              | Support type                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Incheon Metropolitan City         | City-level financial, mayoral endorsement, host-city formal commitment, operational + welcome reception in-kind |
| IFEZ (Incheon Free Economic Zone) | Songdo district facilitation, signage, ICCZ coordination, In-kind district facilitation                         |

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT — SCIENTIFIC PARTNERS

| Body                                   | Support type                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| KCA                                    | Bid sponsor; financial underwrite backstop; scientific programme leadership; volunteer mobilisation                   |
| PAL<br>(Pohang Accelerator Laboratory) | Technical Tour partner; PAL-XFEL and PLS-II access; senior-scientist guides, In-kind facility access + scientist time |

CONVENTION BUREAU SUPPORT

| Body                                  | Support type                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ITO<br>(Incheon Tourism Organization) | Host-city implementation: hotel rate negotiation, city marketing, transport, MICE incentive, Hotel rates locked through ITO partner network, Free shuttle bus and Incheon tour |
| Incheon MICE Bureau                   | ISO 20121:2012 sustainable event certification, operational support, Free certification + sustainability report, Free shuttle bus and Incheon tour                             |
| Songdo ConvensiA                      | Venue partner: rate consideration, technical/AV bundle, on-site coordination                                                                                                   |

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT APPROACH

| Risk dimension         | Mitigation                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Operational shortfall  | KCA USD 214 K (~KRW 300 M) underwrite + 10% contingency reserve (~USD 214 K / KRW 300 M)                                           |
| Registration shortfall | Registration insurance · early-bird incentive structure · sponsorship target diversification                                       |
| Sponsorship shortfall  | Tier-based recruitment · scientific exhibition complementarity · multi-year sponsor cultivation post-award                         |
| Currency volatility    | KRW-denominated core contracts · USD pricing for international payments · forward-cover where appropriate                          |
| Audit and reporting    | External auditor on Finance Committee · annual audit · IUCr Congress agreement compliance · post-Congress audited financial report |

Comprehensive risk framework (operational, geopolitical, force-majeure, hybrid contingency): p.71.

Risk & Contingency Planning

Built into the Congress from day one – with clear responsibilities, early warning triggers, and practical backup options.

IDENTIFICATION OF KEY RISKS

The Risk Matrix below is indicative at bid stage.  
Full Risk Register (Appendix 6) maintained by LOC Risk Sub-committee through to Congress close.

| Risk category                    | Likelihood         | Impact | Mitigation                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Public health event              | Medium             | Medium | Hybrid-conversion · partner hospitals · cancellation insurance                   |
| Financial shortfall              | Low                | Medium | 10% contingency · KCA USD 214 K (~KRW 300 M) underwrite · registration insurance |
| Regional geopolitical event      | Low                | High   | Embassy coordination · travel advisory monitoring · flexible rebooking           |
| Natural disaster (typhoon)       | Low (season-aware) | Medium | Weather monitoring · venue contingency · 5-language comms                        |
| IT / cybersecurity               | Low                | Medium | Penetration-tested platforms · on-site IT · backup systems                       |
| Speaker / delegate cancellations | Medium             | Low    | Deep speaker bench · video-conference options                                    |
| Venue operational disruption     | Low                | High   | Convensia contractual guarantees · alternative Incheon venues on standby         |
| Visa / entry disruption          | Low                | Medium | LOC consular liaison · expedited invitation letters · K-ETA online               |

# MITIGATION STRATEGIES — GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

IUCr 2032 Incheon operates a formal risk governance framework integrating operational, financial, health/safety, political, reputational, technological, and force-majeure dimensions.

- **LOC Risk Governance Sub-committee** — chaired by independent reviewer (not LOC operational staff)
- **Risk Register** — maintained continuously; reviewed quarterly by LOC Steering Committee, annually by Risk Sub-committee
- **Escalation protocol** — material risk changes reported to KCA Board and IUCr Executive within 5 working days
- **Insurance portfolio** — event cancellation, public liability, participant medical, cyber, contract default
- **Financial reserves** — 10% ring-fenced contingency (p.67)

## INSURANCE PORTFOLIO

Event cancellation · Public liability · Participant medical · Cyber · Contract default.  
Full schedules in Appendix 6.

# CONTINGENCY PLANNING — 30-DAY HYBRID CONVERSION

IUCr 2032 Incheon maintains a 30-day-to-full-remote conversion plan enabling shift from in-person to full-remote (or hybrid) delivery within 30 days of trigger.

## CONVERSION COMPONENTS

- **Remote delivery stack** — pre-contracted virtual-event platform with Korean data residency
- **Hybrid streaming** — Songdo ConvensiA broadcast-ready (p.34); all rooms equipped at venue standing cost
- **Refund/rebooking matrix** — pre-documented registration-fee treatment for in-person, hybrid, or remote scenarios
- **Speaker readiness** — all plenary and keynote speakers contracted with hybrid delivery clause
- **Exhibitor conversion** — virtual booth infrastructure pre-built, available on demand
- **Communications plan** — multi-language delegate communication ready within 72 hours of trigger

## TRIGGER FRAMEWORK

| Trigger                                  | Response tier                                               |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Public health emergency affecting travel | Full or partial hybrid conversion                           |
| Regional geopolitical travel advisory    | Origin-specific hybrid enablement                           |
| Venue operational disruption             | Alternative venue relocation + hybrid continuity            |
| Natural disaster                         | Short-term schedule shift + remote participation safety net |

# HYBRID AND DIGITAL DELIVERY (STANDING CAPABILITY)

Primarily in-person Congress with full hybrid participation capability. Remote participation engineered into every session room (p.34). 30-day-to-full-remote conversion plan in p.72.

# COMPLIANCE, CERTIFICATIONS & DELIVERABLES SCHEDULE

| Domain                | Standards & Timeline                                                                            |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sustainability        | ISO 20121:2012 · EarthCheck Gold · LEED · G-SEED                                                |
| Accessibility         | BF Best Rating · WCAG 2.1 · live captioning                                                     |
| Data, Health & Safety | Korean PIPA · GDPR-equivalent · partner hospitals (Inha · Gachon Gil · Yonsei Songdo Severance) |
| Governance & Conduct  | KCA-audited oversight · IUCr Code of Conduct · anonymous reporting · safeguarding framework     |
| Deliverables          | M3 Risk Register · M6 ISO 20121 · M12 Insurance · M18 Hybrid · M30 audit                        |

# Legacy & Impact

Where Structures Connect — and the structures connecting Korean crystallography, regional capacity-building, and IUCr science endure beyond Congress week.

## LONG-TERM BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

IUCr 2032 Incheon is conceived as a two-way contribution. Korea was a recipient of international scientific support during the post-war decades. Hosting IUCr 2032 is structured to reciprocate.

| Direction        | Long-term contribution                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Toward the Union | Scientifically rigorous Congress · full IUCr architecture · IUCr Commission partnership · ~140 microsymposia · hybrid capability · Asia-Pacific visibility |
| Toward Korea     | Generational moment for Korean crystallography · ECR mentorship pipelines · industry-academia bridges · public science outreach                            |

## KOREA'S LONG-TERM BENEFITS

- Generational visibility — first IUCr Congress in Korea elevates public and institutional profile for a generation
- Research collaboration formation — direct access to 2,500 international crystallographers catalyses bilateral and multilateral collaborations
- PAL-XFEL and PLS-II user-community internationalisation — Congress exposure brings new international users
- Publication pipeline — Post-Congress IUCr-journal special issues anchor sustained Korean contribution

## INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA BRIDGES IN KOREA

- Samsung Biologics · Celltrion · Songdo Biocluster — direct international visibility
- Industry-academia microsymposia — sustained collaboration formats Post-Congress
- Patent and IP exchange — Korean industry-academic technology transfer gains international exposure

## OUTREACH TO DEVELOPING REGIONS

| Commitment                                                | Detail                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bursaries for Young Scientist & Early Career Investigator | Additional bursary support beyond existing IUCr schemes will be provided to enhance accessibility and global participation.                          |
| Workshops with reserved Cat. I seats                      | Reserved places for early-career participants from developing regions in selected pre-congress workshops and IUCr Schools                            |
| Outreach on student support opportunities in Korea        | Relevant scholarship, travel-support, and training opportunities available in Korea will be shared through student programmes and academic networks. |

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

| Initiative                        | Detail                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Asia-Pacific ECR network          | Catalysed through Young Scientists Track at IUCr 2032                    |
| Regional Cat. I capacity-building | Bursaries, satellite workshop seats                                      |
| Korea-led PDB pipeline expansion  | Building on 1,906 (2020 baseline) toward sustained regional contribution |

## MEASURABLE LEGACY KPIS

Impact tracked through measurable KPI framework. LOC commits to Post-Congress Impact Report.

| Dimension           | Indicator                          | Target                             |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Scientific delivery | Microsymposia delivered            | ≥ 95 of planned ~100               |
| Scientific delivery | IUCr Commission participation      | All active Commissions represented |
| Global reach        | Countries represented              | ≥ 70                               |
| Global reach        | Total delegates                    | ≥ 2,200 (88% of target)            |
| ECR development     | ECR registration share             | ≥ 20%                              |
| Gender balance      | Speakers & Chairs                  | ≥ 40%                              |
| Sustainability      | ISO 20121 certification            | Yes (Incheon MICE Bureau)          |
| Accessibility       | BF Best Rating compliance          | Full (venue + programming)         |
| Inclusion           | Female delegate share              | ≥ 40%                              |
| Inclusion           | Gender balance in plenary speakers | Balanced                           |

# Letters of Support

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## LETTERS OF SUPPORT

### INCHEON METROPOLITAN CITY



#### Incheon Metropolitan City

City Hall, Jeonggak-ro 29, Namdong-gu, Incheon 21554, Republic of Korea

Dear President of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr),

Warmest greetings.

My name is Yoo Jeong-bok, Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea.

I am pleased to express our enthusiastic support for hosting the IUCr Congress 2032 in Incheon.

Incheon is the second-largest economic city in Korea and a global MICE hub located at the heart of Northeast Asia. With Incheon International Airport, a world-class aviation hub, as well as the state-of-the-art convention infrastructure, the city possesses the full capacity to host the world's most prestigious scientific congress in the field of crystallography.

Furthermore, the Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) is an innovation cluster where bio, advanced materials, and R&D institutions are concentrated, offering an ideal environment that connects crystallography research with industry.

I am confident that hosting IUCr 2032 in Incheon will serve as a pivotal turning point, advancing basic and applied sciences related to crystallography while elevating international academic exchange and cooperation to a new level.

Building on its successful experience in hosting major international events, including the World Education Forum (2015), the OECD World Forum (2018), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Meeting (2023), and key APEC Summit meetings in 2025, Incheon will provide its fullest support for the preparation and operation of the Congress.

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I sincerely hope that Incheon will be selected as the first city for the IUCr Congress in the Republic of Korea.

I look forward to your favorable decision and the honor of welcoming you all to Incheon in 2032. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yoo Jeong-bok'.

Yoo Jeong-bok

Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City

Republic of Korea

# LETTERS OF SUPPORT

## KOREA TOURISM ORGANIZATION



May 8, 2026

Professor Santiago Garcia-Granda  
International Union of Crystallography (IUCr)

Re: Letter of Support for Incheon, Korea to Host the 29th Congress and the General Assembly  
of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032)

Dear Professor Garcia-Granda,

On behalf of the Korea Tourism Organization, I am writing to express our strongest support  
for the bid to host the IUCr 2032 in Incheon, Korea.

We understand that the IUCr 2032 aims to bring together scientists, researchers, and experts  
from around the globe to share the latest innovations in crystallography and structural science.  
We believe Incheon, Korea is the ideal destination for this prestigious gathering.

The city of Incheon, home to a world-leading international airport, offers outstanding  
convention facilities such as Songdo Convensia, along with many high-end hotels capable of  
accommodating more than 20,000 visitors. Also, Incheon has successfully hosted various  
mega-events such as the 2025 APEC 3rd Senior Officials Meeting, which welcomed more than  
5,800 participants from 21 countries. Additionally, Incheon is expected to further strengthen  
its experience and capacity through hosting the International Union of Geodesy and  
Geophysics General Assembly in 2027 which is expected to be attended by 7,000 international  
participants.

Moreover, Korea's comprehensive transportation infrastructure, exemplary public safety, and  
high-quality meeting services further enhance its attractiveness as a host destination. In  
addition, Korea's strong governmental support positions the nation as an ideal and competitive  
location for international conferences.

We are fully committed to provide a full range of support services to make the IUCr 2032 an  
unforgettable and successful experience for all participants. We truly hope that IUCr  
participants have the opportunity to experience the true charm and beauty of Korea.

We look forward to a positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Sunghyeuck Park (Mr.)  
President  
Korea Tourism Organization



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## INCHEON TOURISM ORGANIZATION



April 30th, 2026

Dear Prof. Santiago Garcia-Granda  
President, International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
C/Julian Claveria, 8, 33006-Oviedo, Asturias, Spain

On behalf of the Incheon Tourism Organization, I am pleased to express our strong support for  
hosting the IUCr Congress 2032 in Incheon.

Incheon is one of the largest cities in Korea and a leading global MICE hub located at the heart  
of Northeast Asia. With Incheon International Airport, one of the world's premier aviation hubs,  
and state-of-the-art convention infrastructure, the city is fully equipped to host large-scale  
international congresses of the highest standard.

In particular, Songdo International Conference Complex Zone, the first officially designated  
international conference complex in Korea and the one with the largest concentration of MICE  
facilities nationwide, offers an unparalleled environment for hosting global events. The district  
integrates convention centers, hotels, shopping, and leisure facilities within walking distance, ensuring  
both convenience and efficiency for all participants.

Furthermore, Songdo Bio Cluster, one of the world's leading bio-pharmaceutical hubs, is home to  
globally renowned companies, cutting-edge research institutes, and advanced manufacturing facilities.  
Incheon also hosts a strong network of universities and research centers specializing in structural  
science, materials science, and crystallography-related fields. This unique ecosystem provides an  
exceptional platform for advancing crystallographic research and fostering meaningful collaboration  
between academia and industry, making Incheon an ideal host city for the IUCr Congress.

Building on its proven track record of successfully hosting major international events—including the  
World Education Forum (2015), the OECD World Forum (2018), the ADB Annual Meeting (2023),  
and key APEC meetings in 2025—Incheon Tourism Organization will provide its full support to  
ensure the successful preparation and delivery of the Congress.

I am confident that hosting IUCr 2032 in Incheon will serve as a meaningful milestone, advancing  
scientific exchange while further strengthening Incheon's position as a premier global MICE  
destination.

Sincerely,

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President of Incheon Tourism Organization  
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### INCHEON TECHNO PARK



April 30th, 2026

Dear Prof. Santiago Garcia-Granda  
President, International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
C/Julian Claveria, 8, 33006-Oviedo, Asturias, Spain

On behalf of the Incheon Techno Park (ITP), I am pleased to express our strong support for hosting the IUCr Congress 2032 in Incheon.

As a leading agency dedicated to fostering high-tech industries and technological innovation in Incheon, ITP is confident that the IUCr Congress is a premier scientific forum that perfectly aligns with our city's strategic vision. Incheon has evolved beyond its role as a logistical gateway to Northeast Asia, emerging as a dynamic hub for future-oriented industries, including Biotechnology, Semiconductor materials, and Aerospace.

In particular, the Songdo Bio Cluster, which ITP actively supports, has grown into a global powerhouse for structural biology and drug discovery. The high density of state-of-the-art research facilities and world-leading biopharmaceutical corporations provides an ideal environment for crystallographers to exchange groundbreaking ideas and foster industry-academic collaborations.

ITP is committed to bridging the gap between advanced scientific research and practical industrial application. Should the 2032 IUCr Congress be held in Incheon, we are prepared to offer our extensive network of research institutes and technology-based enterprises to enrich the Congress program. We will actively facilitate site visits to cutting-edge production facilities and provide comprehensive technical support to ensure a productive and innovative environment for all participants.

I am certain that the combination of Incheon's world-class infrastructure and its robust industrial ecosystem will make the 2032 IUCr Congress a truly unforgettable and impactful milestone for the global scientific community.

We look forward to the honor of welcoming the IUCr community to Incheon.

Sincerely,

**Ju-ho Lee**  
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### KOREAN SOCIETY OF STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

29 April 29, 2026

**Prof. Santiago Garcia-Granda**  
President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
C/Julian Claveria, 8  
33006-Oviedo, Asturias  
Spain

**Dear President García-Granda,**

On behalf of the Korean Society of Structural Biology (KSSB), I am honored to express our collective support for the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

As the President of KSSB, I represent a vibrant community of more than 1,500 experts across academia, national research institutes, and the biopharmaceutical industry, all dedicated to the advancement of structural sciences and their applications. This diverse domestic enthusiasm is further complemented by my role as Vice President and President-elect of the Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA). In this capacity, I am profoundly mindful of the importance of representing the diverse interests and voices of the entire Asia-Pacific community. From this dual perspective, I view South Korea's bid as a significant opportunity to advance our shared regional goals. I believe that hosting the Congress in Incheon will provide a highly effective and inclusive platform to highlight the scientific excellence of our region to the global community, while fostering greater collaboration and harmony across all member nations.

The KSSB has long been at the heart of Korea's vibrant research ecosystem, bridging fundamental crystallography with cutting-edge innovations in Cryo-EM and AI-driven structural biology. As we navigate a transformative era in science, we are confident that the IUCr Congress in Korea will act as a pivotal bridge, connecting diverse scientific disciplines and fostering a spirit of unity within the global IUCr family.

Should the bid be successful, the Korean Society of Structural Biology, in harmony with my upcoming leadership at AsCA, is prepared to cooperate on the following initiatives to support IUCr 2032:

- **Regional Cooperation:** Utilizing our networks to foster an inclusive environment for the Asia-Pacific community and strengthen global scientific ties;

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- Scientific Collaboration: Contributing to a visionary program that highlights emerging frontiers such as AI-integrated structural modeling, *in situ* cellular tomography, and the structural dynamics of holobiont systems;
- Support for Future Generations: Assisting in the organization of training programs and initiatives to encourage participation from young scientists worldwide;
- Academic Contribution: Supporting the establishment of collaborative frameworks that benefit the international crystallographic community.

Incheon's Songdo International Conference Complex Zone offers a world-class, accessible environment that reflects Korea's dedication to international cooperation. We are confident that Korea's proven infrastructure, combined with our community's passion and my personal commitment to regional harmony, will deliver a Congress that reinforces the IUCr's noble traditions.

I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your most favorable consideration as a testament to the strength and unity of the Asian crystallographic community.

Yours sincerely,



Myung Hee Kim, Ph.D.

President, Korean Society of Structural Biology (KSSB)

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### KOREAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



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May 6, 2026

Professor Santiago García-Granda  
President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
C/Julian Claveria, 8  
33006-Oviedo, Asturias, Spain

Dear Professor García-Granda

It is my distinct honour, as President of the Korean Chemical Society (KCS), to write to you in support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

KCS warmly endorses this bid and stands fully behind the Korean crystallographic community in its commitment to deliver a Congress of the highest scientific, organisational, and cultural standard. Our Society shares with the IUCr a deep belief that structural science is foundational to chemistry, and we welcome the opportunity to host the global community of structural scientists in Korea.

Founded in 1946, KCS represents over 15,000 researchers, educators, and industry professionals in chemistry across Korea. Crystallography and structural science have long been integral to our discipline: a substantial portion of our members rely on diffraction methods, structural databases, and the collaborative infrastructure that the IUCr sustains globally. Many of our leading researchers are active members of the Korean Crystallographic Association and have contributed to IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the broader international crystallographic community.

Should the IUCr Executive Committee and General Assembly accept Korea's bid, our Society pledges the following concrete forms of support for IUCr 2032:

- Active promotion of IUCr 2032 to our membership through our newsletters, annual meetings, and social media channels;
- Encouragement of our members to attend, present, and chair sessions at IUCr 2032, and to participate in satellite meetings and workshops held in conjunction with the Congress;
- Cooperation with the Local Organising Committee on scientific programme development in areas of mutual interest;
- Support for early-career researchers and student participation through our existing outreach and education programmes.

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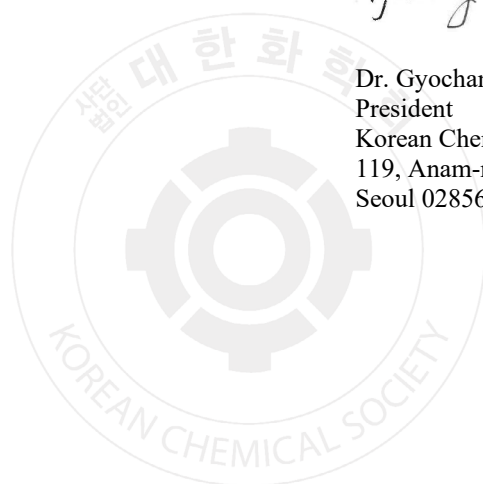
Incheon offers the global crystallographic community an exceptional combination of accessibility, world-class convention infrastructure, and cultural depth. We are confident that the Korean Crystallographic Association, supported by the broader Korean scientific community, will deliver a Congress that meaningfully advances structural science and strengthens the international ties that the IUCr has sustained for nearly eight decades.

On behalf of our membership, I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We very much look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Sincerely yours,

*Gyochang Keum*

Dr. Gyochang Keum  
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### THE KOREAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY



8 May 2026

**Prof. Santiago García-Granda**

President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
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33006-Oviedo, Asturias  
Spain

**Dear President García-Granda,**

It is my distinct honour, as **President** of the **Korean Physical Society (KPS)**, to write to you in support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

**KPS** is pleased to endorse this bid and to support the Korean crystallographic community in its commitment to deliver a Congress of the highest scientific, organisational, and cultural standard. Our Society shares with the IUCr a deep belief that structural science is foundational to **physics**, and we welcome the opportunity to host the global community of structural scientists in Korea.

Founded in **1952**, **KPS** represents over **18,000** researchers, educators, and industry professionals in **physics** across Korea. Crystallography and structural science have long been integral to our discipline: a substantial portion of our members rely on diffraction methods, structural databases, and the collaborative infrastructure that the IUCr sustains globally. Many of our leading researchers are active members of the Korean Crystallographic Association and have contributed to IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the broader international crystallographic community.

Should the IUCr Executive Committee and General Assembly accept Korea's bid, our Society pledges its support for IUCr 2032 through the following activities:

- Active promotion of IUCr 2032 to our membership, where appropriate, through our newsletters, annual meetings, and social media channels;
- Encouragement of our members to attend, present, and chair sessions at IUCr 2032, and to participate in satellite meetings and workshops held in conjunction with the Congress;
- Potential cooperation with the Local Organising Committee on scientific programme development in areas of mutual interest;
- Support for early-career researchers and student participation through relevant outreach and education programmes.

Incheon offers the global crystallographic community an exceptional combination of accessibility, world-class convention infrastructure, and cultural depth. We are confident that the Korean

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## THE KOREAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

Crystallographic Association, supported by the broader Korean scientific community, will deliver a Congress that meaningfully advances structural science and strengthens the international ties that the IUCr has sustained for nearly eight decades.

On behalf of our membership, I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We very much look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Sincerely yours,



**Prof. Jin-Hee Yoon**  
**President, The Korean Physical Society**  
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## KOREAN SOCIETY FOR PROTEIN SCIENCE

6 May 2026

Prof. Santiago García-Granda

President

International Union of Crystallography

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C/Julian Claveria, 8

33006-Oviedo, Asturias

Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

On behalf of Korean Society for Protein Science (KSPS), I am pleased to convey our strongest support for the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

Established in 2011, KSPS (Korea Society for Protein Science) is dedicated to advancing the field of protein science in Korea. Our society serves as a dynamic forum for communication across diverse research disciplines, a premier showcase for rapidly evolving research methodologies, and an educational foundation for nurturing the next generation of scientists. Furthermore, we act as a strategic platform for collaboration with the bio-health industry, reflecting its ever-growing significance in the global landscape.

As a major international research infrastructure, we recognise the central role of the IUCr Congress in setting the scientific agenda for crystallography and structural science. Hosting IUCr 2032 in Korea will meaningfully strengthen the connections between our facility and the global structural-science community, expand our international user base, and create durable scientific exchanges that will benefit the field for decades to come.

Should the bid be successful, our facility commits to the following concrete forms of support for IUCr 2032:

- Cooperation with the Local Organising Committee on the design and delivery of a Technical Tour for IUCr 2032 delegates, including guided beamline visits and a dedicated user-access seminar;
- Active promotion of IUCr 2032 to our domestic and international user community;
- Cooperation on satellite workshops or training schools held in conjunction with the Congress, in areas of strategic importance to the international crystallographic community;
- Continued discussion with the Local Organising Committee and the IUCr regarding longer-term

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legacy initiatives that benefit the global crystallographic user community.

Incheon and the Songdo International Conference Complex Zone offer the IUCr community an exceptionally well-connected and capable host environment. We are confident that the Korean Crystallographic Association, in partnership with our facility and the broader Korean structural-science community, will deliver a Congress that advances the discipline and reinforces the IUCr's tradition of bringing together every corner of the global community.

I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,



Hyung-Sik Won, Ph.D.

President Korea Society for Protein Science

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### KOREAN SOCIETY FOR BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY



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April 27, 2026

To the Members of the Executive Committee

International Union of Crystallography (IUCr)

Subject: Support for Songdo's Bid to Host the 2032 IUCr Congress

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

The Korean Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (KSMBMB), the largest organization in the biomedical sciences in Korea, is pleased to express its strong support for the Korean Crystallographic Association: the Structural Science Society (KCA) in its bid to host the 2032 IUCr Congress in Songdo, Republic of Korea.

Crystallography plays a central role in revealing the molecular mechanisms of life, which Biochemistry and Molecular Biology ultimately seek to understand, and provides critical insights that bridge basic science and translational research. Hosting the IUCr Congress in Songdo will offer an outstanding platform to showcase Korea's scientific achievements, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and strengthen international scientific networks.

The Korean Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology fully supports this bid and stands ready to contribute to the successful organization and promotion of the Congress.

Sincerely,



Woong-Yang Park

President

Korean Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

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### KOREAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS



6 May 2026

**Prof. Santiago García-Granda**

President

International Union of Crystallography

Faculty of Chemistry

C/Julian Claveria, 8

33006-Oviedo, Asturias

Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

It is my distinct honor, as a President of the Korean Institute of Chemical Engineers (KICHE), to write to you in support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

The Korean Institute of Chemical Engineers (KICHE) warmly endorses this bid and stands fully behind the Korean crystallographic community in its commitment to deliver a Congress of the highest scientific, organizational, and cultural standard. Our Society shares with the IUCr a deep belief that structural science is foundational to chemical engineering, and we welcome the opportunity to host the global community of structural scientists in Korea.

Founded in 1962, the KICHE represents over 11,000 researchers, educators, and industry professionals in chemical engineering across Korea. Crystallography and structural science have long been integral to our discipline: a substantial portion of our members rely on diffraction methods, structural databases, and the collaborative infrastructure that the IUCr sustains globally. Many of our leading researchers are active members of the Korean Crystallographic Association and have contributed to IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the broader international crystallographic community.

Should the IUCr Executive Committee and General Assembly accept Korea's bid, our Society pledges the following concrete forms of support for IUCr 2032:

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- Support for early-career researchers and student participation through our existing outreach and education programmes.

Incheon offers the global crystallographic community an exceptional combination of accessibility, world-class convention infrastructure, and cultural depth. We are confident that the Korean Crystallographic Association, supported by the broader Korean scientific community, will deliver a Congress that meaningfully advances structural science and strengthens the international ties that the IUCr has sustained for nearly eight decades.

On behalf of our membership, I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We very much look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,

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KOREAN ZEOLITE ASSOCIATION



Date —4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Prof. Santiago García-Granda**  
President  
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Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

It is my distinct honour, as a *President* of the *Korean Zeolite Association (KZA)*, to write to you in support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

*Korean Zeolite Association* warmly endorses this bid and stands fully behind the Korean crystallographic community in its commitment to deliver a Congress of the highest scientific, organisational, and cultural standard. Our Society shares with the IUCr a deep belief that structural science is foundational to *crystalline porous materials including Zeolites and MOFs*, and we welcome the opportunity to host the global community of structural scientists in Korea.

*Korean Zeolite Association* represents over 200 researchers, educators, and industry professionals in *crystalline porous* across Korea. Crystallography and structural science have long been integral to our discipline: a substantial portion of our members rely on diffraction methods, structural databases, and the collaborative infrastructure that the IUCr sustains globally. Many of our leading researchers are active members of the Korean Crystallographic Association and have contributed to IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the broader international crystallographic community.

Should the IUCr Executive Committee and General Assembly accept Korea’s bid, our Society pledges the following concrete forms of support for IUCr 2032:

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- Active promotion of IUCr 2032 to our membership through our newsletters, annual meetings, and social media channels;
- Encouragement of our members to attend, present, and chair sessions at IUCr 2032, and to participate in satellite meetings and workshops held in conjunction with the Congress;
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On behalf of our membership, I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We very much look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,

Young Kyu Hwang  
President of Korean Zeolite Association  
Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technolgy  
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## INCHEON METROPOLITAN CITY



Prof. Santiago García-Granda  
President  
International Union of Crystallography  
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Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

It is my distinct honour, as Vice President of the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI), to write to you in support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

KAERI warmly endorses this bid and stands fully behind the Korean crystallographic community in its commitment to deliver a Congress of the highest scientific, organisational, and cultural standard. Our Society shares with the IUCr a deep belief that structural science is foundational to chemistry, physics, molecular life sciences and materials science, and we welcome the opportunity to host the global community of structural scientists in Korea.

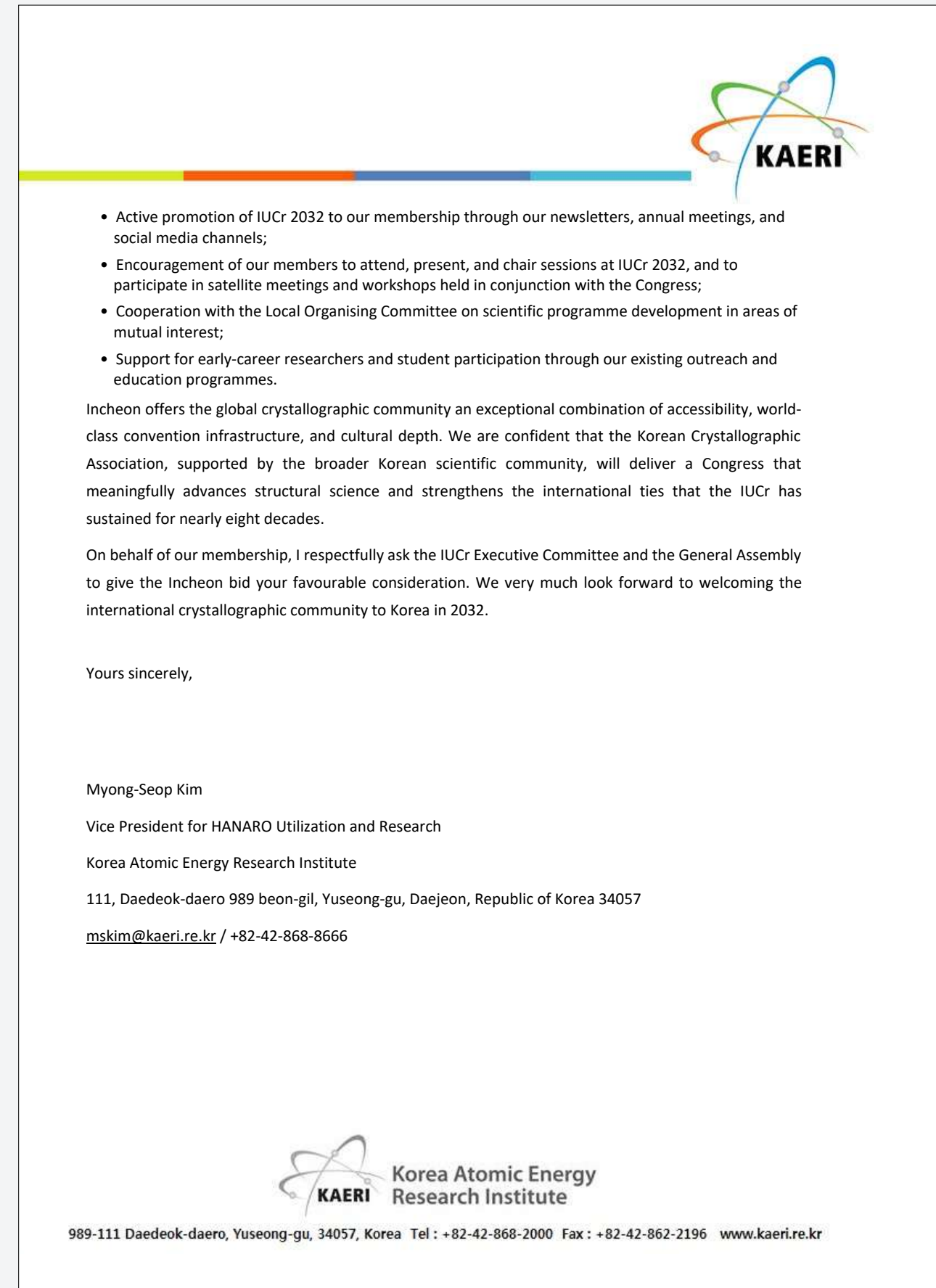
Founded in 1959, KAERI represents over 1,500 researchers, educators, and industry professionals in Crystallography using neutrons from the research reactor across Korea. Crystallography and structural science have long been integral to our discipline: a substantial portion of our members rely on diffraction methods, structural databases, and the collaborative infrastructure that the IUCr sustains globally. Many of our leading researchers are active members of the Korean Crystallographic Association and have contributed to IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the broader international crystallographic community.

Should the IUCr Executive Committee and General Assembly accept Korea's bid, our Society pledges the following concrete forms of support for IUCr 2032:



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On behalf of our membership, I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We very much look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,

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## KOREAN SYNCHROTRON RADIATION USERS' ASSOCIATION

[3 May 2026]

Prof. Santiago García-Granda  
President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
C/Julian Claveria, 8  
33006 Oviedo, Asturias  
Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

On behalf of the Korean Synchrotron Radiation Users' Association (KOSUA), I am pleased to express our strongest support for the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

KOSUA represents Korea's broad community of synchrotron radiation users, comprising approximately 2,300 researchers across structural biology, materials science, chemistry, physics, engineering, and related disciplines. A substantial proportion of our members rely directly on crystallographic methods and structural analysis, and many are active contributors to IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the wider international crystallographic community.

The IUCr Congress is the premier international forum at which crystallographers, structural scientists, and users of large-scale research facilities come together to exchange ideas and define future scientific directions. Korea is particularly well positioned to host IUCr 2032: it already operates a fourth-generation X-ray free-electron laser, a mature synchrotron user programme, and a research-reactor neutron facility, while a new fourth-generation synchrotron radiation source, Korea-4GSR, is planned to be completed by 2030. By the time of IUCr 2032, this new facility is expected to be entering full user operation, making the Congress an exceptionally timely opportunity to connect the global crystallographic community with Korea's next-generation photon-science infrastructure.

For KOSUA, hosting IUCr 2032 in Korea would therefore carry special significance. It would not only celebrate Korea's growing contributions to crystallography and structural science, but also mark the beginning of a new era for synchrotron-based research in the country. The Congress would provide an ideal platform for international users, facility scientists, and instrument developers to engage with Korea's emerging 4GSR capabilities and to build new collaborations across the Asia-Oceania region and beyond.

Our Association is committed to supporting IUCr 2032 in the following ways:

- Promoting IUCr 2032 to our membership and through our annual user meetings;
- Mobilising our members to attend, contribute presentations, and chair sessions at IUCr 2032;
- Encouraging participation in pre- and post-Congress satellite meetings and facility-related workshops;
- Cooperating with the Local Organising Committee on satellite programmes that bridge crystallography, synchrotron radiation, XFEL science, and neutron-based structural studies;
- Engaging with regional sister associations to encourage strong international participation from the large-facility user community.

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Incheon offers an exceptional combination of international air connectivity, modern convention infrastructure, and proximity to Korea's major research facilities and biopharmaceutical cluster. We are confident that the Korean Crystallographic Association will deliver a scientifically excellent, inclusive, and forward-looking Congress that will strengthen the global crystallographic community and reinforce the IUCr's long-standing tradition of outstanding triennial meetings.

I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid their favourable consideration. KOSUA looks forward to working with the Korean Crystallographic Association and to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,



Changyoung Kim  
President, Korean Synchrotron Radiation Users' Association  
Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Seoul National University  
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KOREAN NEUTRON BEAM USERS ASSOCIATION

[6 May 2026]

**Prof. Santiago García-Granda**  
President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
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Dear President García-Granda,

On behalf of the Korean Neutron Beam User Association (KNBUA), I am writing to express our strong support for the bid of the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

KNBUA represents the community of *large-facility-based neutron-scattering* users in *Korea*, with approximately 200 researchers across structural biology, materials science, chemistry, physics, and engineering. A substantial proportion of our members work in fields where crystallography and structural science are central, and many actively participate in IUCr Commissions, AsCA congresses, and the wider international crystallographic community.

The IUCr Congress provides one of the most important international forums where the user communities of major research facilities meet and define the scientific agenda for structural science. Hosting IUCr 2032 in Korea would significantly strengthen engagement and collaboration between the global crystallographic community and user communities associated with large-scale research infrastructures across the Asia-Oceania region.

Our Association commits to the following forms of support for IUCr 2032:

- Promotion of IUCr 2032 to our membership and through our annual user meetings;
- Mobilization of our members to attend, contribute, and chair sessions at IUCr 2032, and to participate in pre- and post-Congress satellite meetings;
- Cooperation with the Local Organizing Committee on satellite workshops bridging crystallography and large-facility user science;

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- Active engagement with our regional sister associations to encourage strong international user-community participation at the Congress.

Incheon offers an exceptional combination of international air-connectivity, modern convention infrastructure, and proximity to Korea’s major research facilities and biopharmaceutical cluster. We are confident that the Korean Crystallographic Association will deliver a Congress that strengthens the global crystallographic community and reinforces the IUCr’s long-standing tradition of inclusive, scientifically excellent triennial meetings.

I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favorable consideration. We look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,

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MULTIPURPOSE SYNCHROTRON RADIATION CONSTRUCTION, KBSI



KOREA BASIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE

6 May 2026

Prof. Santiago García-Granda

President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
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33006-Oviedo, Asturias  
Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

On behalf of the Multipurpose Synchrotron Radiation Construction Project, I am pleased to convey our strongest support for the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

The Multipurpose Synchrotron Radiation Construction Project is a national large-scale research infrastructure project currently under construction to provide advanced synchrotron radiation capabilities for a broad range of scientific and industrial applications. Once completed, the facility will support cutting-edge research in crystallography, structural biology, materials science, chemistry, physics, semiconductor science, and other strategic fields, serving both domestic and international user communities. The project is expected to support a large and active community of crystallographers and structural scientists across academia, national research institutes, and industry, while fostering scientific cooperation with comparable facilities worldwide.

As a major international research infrastructure, we recognise the central role of the IUCr Congress in shaping the scientific agenda for crystallography and structural science. Hosting IUCr 2032 in Korea will meaningfully strengthen connections between our facility and the global structural-science community, expand international collaboration opportunities, and create lasting scientific exchanges that will benefit the field for decades to come.

Should the bid be successful, our facility commits to providing the following forms of support for IUCr 2032:

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- Cooperation with the Local Organising Committee on the design and delivery of a Technical Tour for IUCr 2032 delegates, including guided beamline visits and a dedicated user-access seminar;
- Active promotion of IUCr 2032 to our domestic and international user community;
- Cooperation on satellite workshops or training schools held in conjunction with the Congress, in areas of strategic importance to the international crystallographic community;
- Continued discussion with the Local Organising Committee and the IUCr regarding longer-term legacy initiatives that benefit the global crystallographic user community.

Incheon and the Songdo International Conference Complex Zone offer the IUCr community an exceptionally well-connected and capable host environment. We are confident that the Korean Crystallographic Association, in partnership with our facility and the broader Korean structural-science community, will deliver a Congress that advances the discipline and reinforces the IUCr’s tradition of bringing together every corner of the global community.

I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid your favourable consideration. We look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,

Seunghwan Shin

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### KOREA R&D INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, BIONEER

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April 29, 2026

**Prof. Santiago Garcia-Granda**

President

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Faculty of Chemistry

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Spain

**Dear President García-Granda,**

It is my distinct honor, as CEO of Bioneer, an innovative biotech company and President of the Korea R&D Industry Association (RNDIA), to write to you in support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association: the Structural Science Society (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon/Songdo, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

Founded in 1992, Bioneer has grown into one of Korea's leading biotechnology companies. The Korea R&D Industry Association (RNDIA) is a key organization dedicated to promoting the efficient allocation of R&D resources and advancing national economic development. RNDIA warmly endorses this bid and stands firmly behind the Korean crystallographic community in its commitment to delivering a Congress of the highest scientific, organizational, and cultural standards.

We share with the IUCr a deep conviction that structural science is fundamental to protein science and the broader molecular life sciences, and we welcome the opportunity to host the global community of structural scientists in Korea. Should the IUCr Executive Committee and General Assembly accept Korea's bid, RNDIA pledges to provide the following forms of support for IUCr 2032: Cooperation with the Local Organizing Committee on scientific program development in areas of mutual interest.

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We respectfully request that the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly give the Incheon/Songdo bid your favorable consideration. We very much look forward to welcoming the international crystallographic community to Korea in 2032.

Yours sincerely,



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President, Korea R&D Industry Association

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BIONEER CORPORATION

## LETTERS OF SUPPORT

### ASIAN FEDERATION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Dear President of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr),

The Asian Federation of Biotechnology (AFOB) Secretariat is pleased to express its full support for Incheon's bid to host the IUCr Congress 2032.

AFOB is an international federation dedicated to promoting biotechnology and scientific cooperation across Asia. We recognize that crystallography plays a vital role in a broad range of biotechnology-related fields, including structural biology, biopharmaceutical research, protein engineering, and advanced materials science.

Incheon is well established as a leading global MICE destination in Northeast Asia, equipped with outstanding international accessibility, state-of-the-art convention infrastructure, and strong institutional support. In particular, the Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) and the Songdo Bio Cluster provide an ideal environment for scientific innovation and international collaboration.

We believe that hosting the IUCr Congress 2032 in Incheon will offer a valuable opportunity to strengthen global academic exchange and further promote interdisciplinary collaboration between crystallography and biotechnology.

Incheon has also demonstrated remarkable experience and capability in successfully hosting major international conferences and events. We are confident that the city will provide exceptional support and a highly rewarding experience for participants from around the world.

The AFOB Secretariat sincerely supports Incheon's bid for the IUCr Congress 2032 and hopes for the successful hosting of the Congress in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

Sincerely,

**AFOB Secretariat**

**Asian Federation of Biotechnology (AFOB)**



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### SE WON SUH (SNU), FORMER PRESIDENT OF AsCA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF KCA

May 7, 2026

Prof. Santiago García-Granda  
President  
International Union of Crystallography  
Faculty of Chemistry  
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33006-Oviedo, Asturias  
Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

**Re: Support for Songdo's Bid to Host the General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography 2032**

It is my great pleasure to express my strong and unequivocal support for Songdo's bid to host the 2032 IUCr Congress.

Having served the crystallographic community over several decades, as the President of the Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA), the President of the Korean Crystallographic Association, and the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the AsCA Conference held in Busan in 2010, I have witnessed firsthand the rapid evolution and global expansion of crystallography, particularly within the Asian region. I have also been closely involved in international crystallographic activities and conference organization, which allows me to appreciate the level of coordination and scientific leadership required for an IUCr Congress. The IUCr Congress has played a central role in fostering this development by providing a unique platform for scientific exchange and international collaboration.

In recent years, crystallography has expanded beyond its traditional boundaries through integration with cryo-electron microscopy, computational structural biology, and artificial intelligence. In this context, the importance of IUCr as a unifying scientific forum has become even more pronounced. Asia has emerged as a major contributor to this transformation and Korea, in particular, has demonstrated rapid and sustained growth in crystallography and structural science, with increasing global visibility and leadership in the field.

As the proposed venue, Songdo offers an excellent environment for hosting a world-class international congress, with strong infrastructure, convenient accessibility, and a growing concentration of research institutions. Its close proximity to Seoul, combined with efficient transportation, well-equipped convention facilities, and a wide

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range of high-quality accommodations, makes it an ideal venue for a large-scale international meeting. Korea's proven track record in organizing major scientific meetings further supports its suitability.

Based on my experience in organizing international crystallographic meetings and contributing to global crystallographic activities, I am confident that hosting the 2032 IUCr Congress and General Assembly in Songdo will not only ensure a highly successful meeting but also provide a strategic platform for strengthening global crystallographic collaboration, particularly reflecting the growing role of Asia in the field.

I strongly and wholeheartedly support this proposal and I will deeply appreciate your kind assistance.

Sincerely,



**Se Won Suh**

Emeritus Professor, Seoul National University

Former President, Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA)

Former President, Korean Crystallographic Association

Former Chair, Organizing Committee, AsCA Conference, 2010 (Busan)

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**MYOUNG SOO LAH (UNIST), FORMER PRESIDENT OF KCA, FORMER COUNCILOR OF AsCA**



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Prof. Santiago García-Granda  
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Spain

Dear President García-Granda,

It is my distinct honor to write in strong support of the bid by the Korean Crystallographic Association (KCA) to host the 29th General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr 2032) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in August 2032.

I offer this support as an emeritus professor of chemistry at Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), a former President of KCA, and Chair of the Program Committee for AsCA 2022. Through these roles, I have had the privilege of witnessing the remarkable growth of crystallography and structural science in Korea, as well as the strong commitment of Korean researchers to active and constructive participation in the international crystallographic community.

Korea has built a broad and vibrant crystallographic community spanning chemistry, materials science, physics, structural biology, pharmaceutical science, and related disciplines. In chemical crystallography in particular, Korean researchers have made sustained contributions to molecular and materials structure determination, porous materials, supramolecular chemistry, and advanced diffraction-based analysis. These activities are supported by a mature academic network, modern large-scale research infrastructure, and a generation of younger scientists who are increasingly visible in IUCr, AsCA, and related international meetings.

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I am confident that KCA is exceptionally well positioned to deliver a scientifically excellent and well-organized IUCr Congress. The successful organization of major regional crystallographic activities, including AsCA 2022, demonstrated Korea's capacity to bring together diverse scientific communities, manage complex international programmes, and provide a welcoming environment for participants from across the world. The experience gained through these activities will be a strong foundation for IUCr 2032.

Incheon is also an excellent host city for the Congress. Its international airport connectivity, modern convention facilities, accommodation capacity, and proximity to the Songdo bio-cluster and major Korean research institutions will provide an accessible and productive setting for the global crystallographic community. I believe IUCr 2032 in Incheon would create a valuable legacy by strengthening scientific exchange between Korea, the Asia-Oceania region, and the wider international community served by the IUCr.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the IUCr Executive Committee and the General Assembly to give the Incheon bid their favorable consideration. I would be delighted to see Korea welcome crystallographers and structural scientists from around the world in 2032, and I am confident that the Korean community will uphold the highest scientific, organizational, and cultural standards of the IUCr Congress.

Yours sincerely,



**Loh, Myoung Soo**

Emeritus Professor, Department of Chemistry

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)

Former President, Korean Crystallographic Association

Chair, AsCA 2022 Program Committee

# It all comes down to this.

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The Korean Crystallographic Association

Incheon Metropolitan City

The Republic of Korea

**Where  
Structures  
Connect**

**KCA** Korean  
Crystallographic  
Association  
The Structural Science Society

Incheon Attraction & Hotel Map

# MAP OF SONGDO



 Accommodations

- Oakwood Premier Incheon
- Sheraton Grand Incheon
- Bridge Incheon Songdo
- Orakai Songdo Park
- Songdo Central Park
- Gyeongwonjae by Walkerhill
- Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo
- Songdo Halla Western Park
- Ramada by Wyndham Songo

 Leisure & Culture

- Songdo Central Park
- Long Beach Park
- Songdo Hanok Village
- National Museum of World Writing Systems
- Tribowl
- G-Tower Observatory
- Sauna

 Shopping & Retail

- Lotte Mart
- Costco
- Olive Young
- Hyundai Premium Outlet
- Triple Street

 Restaurants

| Korean             |                       | Western        |                        | Asian/World  |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Traditional Korean | Hanyang               | Italian        | The Malt House         | Fusion Asian | Bareumi Shabu-shabu   |
|                    | Sura                  |                | Inb's Kitchen          | Lamb Ribs    | Ramuzin               |
|                    | Sumgozip              |                | Ssong&dough            | Chinese      | Dalong Hot Pot        |
| Korean BBQ         | Hanam Pig House       |                | Ruvido                 |              | Chai Hong             |
|                    | Yakihwalo             |                | Cilantro               |              | JS Garden             |
|                    | Hanue Ppajida         |                | Diner                  |              | Chung King Ke Zhan    |
|                    | Gogyu                 | Burger         | Antives Brunch & Pasta | Vietnamese   | Qua                   |
|                    | Hanwoo Myeongga       |                |                        |              | Pho An                |
|                    |                       |                |                        |              | Good Morning Hanoi    |
| Korean Seafood     | Old Town              | Latin American | Burgerroom 181         | Japanese     | Sushi Saku            |
|                    | Songdo Seafood Market |                | Dope Burger            |              | Syo Shushi            |
| Korean             | Sobaae                |                | Tio De Santa Barbara   | Fusion       | Lobster Public Lounge |
|                    | Jangga Dakgalbi       |                | Godeat                 | Indian       | Manokamana Songdo     |
|                    | Andon Omakase         |                |                        |              |                       |

 Café & Bakery

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Paul Bassett | Plein Patisserie    |
| Illy CAFFE   | Teddy's Bagel       |
| Ugly Mood    | Bakery Yulgyo P3120 |
| Lounge25     | The Private Life    |
| An's Bakery  | Brunch Bean         |
| Cinq Valeur  |                     |

 Bar & Pub

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Playground Brewery Taproom Songdo | Songsul Pocha                |
| The Cinder Bar                    | Songdo Sulsang               |
| The King's                        | Songdo City Bar & Restaurant |
| Alice Beer&Pizza                  |                              |

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