

35th International Geographical Congress to be held in Dublin, Ireland in August 2024



As part of the 33rd International Geographical Congress (IGC) held in Beijing, China a bidding committee travelled to present Ireland as a potential destination for the 35th IGC to be held in 2024. The Dublin bid was put together by the Geographical Society of Ireland, endorsed by the Royal Irish Academy, and had the support of all Geography Departments on the island, as well as international partners: the Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers and the Regional Studies Association. Following a series of presentations and lobbying activity, the team secured the international congress for Ireland in 2024. The Dublin bid had significant competition from three other competing destinations: Melbourne; Copenhagen/Malmo and Prague.



The Executive Committee and voting delegates at the General Assembly meetings were impressed with the thematic focus of the Dublin bid, *Bridging a World of Difference*, the amenities and facilities available in the city and more broadly around the country, and the scientific stature of the local organising and international scientific committees. The 2024 Dublin meeting will follow the next International Geographical Congress to be held in Istanbul in 2020.

The Conference team expect 2,500-3,000 geographers from across the discipline and globe to attend the event in The Helix, DCU in 2024. Academic paper sessions, training workshops for early career researchers, networking events for special interest groups such as teachers and women geographers, and the high-profile Geography Olympiad for secondary school students will all be hosted.

The Geographical Society of Ireland (www.geographicalsocietyireland.ie) will host the Congress, having secured very strong support, both financial and motivational, from government agencies including Fáilte Ireland for the international bid.

"The Geographical Society of Ireland is honoured and delighted to be the host designate for IGC2024. The award of this Congress to Ireland is a measure of the stature of Irish Geography on the global stage. We very much look forward to working with our colleagues in the international geographical community over the next 8 years to plan the event and welcome the world to Dublin".

Assoc. Prof. Niamh Moore-Cherry, IGC 2024 Chair
School of Geography, University College Dublin
President: Geographical Society of Ireland

"Fáilte Ireland is delighted that Dublin will play host to the International Geographical Congress in 2024. Such a win for Ireland reinforces our position as a major conference destination on a global scale and demonstrates the strength of the industry here as a whole. It further recognises the importance of the Fáilte Ireland Conference Ambassador Programme where locals from all walks of life work with us to spearhead these bids in their own areas of specialty. International business tourism is currently worth €669-million per year to the Irish economy."

Miriam Kennedy
Head of Business and Event Sales, Fáilte Ireland

"Keynote PCO, having a long working relationship with the Geographical Society of Ireland, was delighted to support the committee in securing this international event for Ireland. The International Geographical Union (IGU) has recognised the benefit and unique opportunity that Ireland will provide in hosting this global Congress. We look forward to a great meeting"

Dr. Noel Mitchell, Managing Director of Keynote PCO.

