

**Answers to the queries of the Pre bid meeting dated 21.03.2025 at 10.00 hours at
BSIP, Lucknow, Hybrid mode**

Few email queries came and a pointwise answer is given below.

A K Jha, Shubham Designs

Query 1- Page 13 (v) What is destination promotion

What kind of promotion and documentation should be provided?

Answer: By Destination promotion, we mean to promote Lucknow (the venue of the congress) scientifically and culturally to the global community while promoting the conference.

Query 2- Certificate (iX) of infrastructure

Answer: Any proof of infrastructure other than self-certification shall be accepted

Query 3- Page 20 Order Value?

Answer: Mention the order value and the list of conferences (of the same magnitude and of International scale) organised in the last five years.

Query 4-Page 19 Point 3 (in Enclose)

Answer: Read as Undertaking in respect of all the above

Ajmal Hussian, Pavilions and Interiors India Pvt ltd

Query 1-Format 6.1 -Can we include the detailed execution plan?

Answer: Kindly refer to Page No 12. All documents pertaining to the Eligibility Criteria mentioned should be submitted

Vinod Mattapilly Dilip, Pavilions and Interiors India Pvt ltd,

Query 1- Do we have any guidelines from INQUA?

Answer-No specific guidelines from INQUA

Query 2- Clarification on Runup activities

Answer-Run-up activities will include Curtain raisers, field trainings/workshops. Any other run-up activity will be informed later

Bhanu Yadav, I A Meetings

Query 1- Page 6 Pont 2 and page 10/11

Exhibitions and sponsorship- Explain the scope

Answer: The PCO shall liaison with all the possible sponsors to attract maximum sponsors in support of INQUA Congress

Query 2- Participation – 2000 or 3000 can we have the past participation details

INQUA 2023 (Rome) ~3000 participants from 80 countries

INQUA 2019 (Dublin) ~2305 participants from 75 countries

INQUA 2015 (Japan) ~1800 participants from 69 countries

Himanshu Pandey, Gobananas India

Query 1- Are we looking at outside venue other than IGP

Answer: No

Query 1- Are stalls expected?

Answer: Yes, depending on the Sponsors and the scientific content. The PCO's are recommended to submit multiple conference designs with ones including the stalls.

Shubam Varshney, Media4Masscomm private limited

Query 1- Is accommodation arrangement within the scope of the PCO?

Answer: The PCO's are expected to coordinate with the local hospitality industry to ensure smooth accommodation arrangements for the participants

Queries by Email

Shaloo Sharma, Meetings and More

Query 1-We have done more than 100 conferences from 2020. Do we have to send the MOU's of all the conferences?.

Answer: A certified work order will be needed for conferences of the same magnitude and of an international scale organised in the last five years.

**Sunil Phalke, MICE and Exhibition
Thomas Cook (I) Ltd.**

Based upon our pre-bid meeting, several questions are being asked by the other participants, besides we are forwarding our below questionaries'

1. Quaternary site visits are supposed to be site visits? besides local sightseeing program?

Answer 1: PCO will be responsible for arranging the (~10-12) mid-conference one day field trips in the vicinity of Lucknow

2. Pre Post congress visits are supposed to be Quaternary site visits which are away from Lucknow? Based upon response packages can be curated.

Answer 2: As they are scientific field trips to showcase the scientific aspects they will be conducted by the Principal investigators who have proposed them.

3. Regarding the Themes, what (Organising Committee) OC is looking for, do we need to promote, India or specifically any other agenda through this theme?

Answer 3: No

4. “Quaternary sciences as Societal Service”- Can (Organising Committee) OC elaborate a little on it?

Answer 4: The theme “**Quaternary Sciences as Societal Service**” underscores the critical role of Quaternary research in addressing contemporary societal challenges. The Quaternary period, spanning the last 2.6 million years, has been pivotal in shaping Earth's climate, landscapes, ecosystems, and human civilizations. Understanding past changes is essential for building sustainable solutions for the future.

This theme highlights the **applied and interdisciplinary nature of Quaternary sciences** in benefiting society. The Organizing Committee (OC) envisions the conference as a platform to explore the following key aspects:

1. Natural Processes and Geohazards

- (a) Earthquakes, palaeo-earthquakes and seismic hazard
- (b) Paleo- and historical Tsunami and marine geohazard
- (c) Floods, landslides, desertification, tectonics: Past and present
- (d) Records of Weathering and erosion
- (e) Natural Hazards and Society: Policies and Risk Reduction
- (f) Geohydrology in Irrigated Regions
- (g) Aquifer Mapping and Ground Water Management
- (h) Soils of the Earth and their Management for Sustainability

2. Landforms, Sedimentary architecture as response to Climate variability

- (a) Quaternary evolution of Fold and Thrust Belts
- (b) Rivers: evolution and demise
- (c) Glacial and periglacial records
- (d) Lakes, Wetlands and Permafrost environments
- (e) Records of Sea level changes
- (f) Coast, Mangroves, Estuaries and Deltas
- (g) Karst process, deposits and landforms
- (h) Evolutionary trends of Deserts
- (i) Records of Neotectonics in various settings
- (j) Tectonic Geomorphology, Earth Surface Processes and Infrastructure

3. Quaternary environments: Societies and biotic evolution

- (a) Geological and climate forcing on ancient societies and feedbacks
- (b) Geoarchaeology, Geoscience education and feedbacks to society
- (c) Preserving and disseminating the cultural and geoheritage
- (d) Palaeoanthropology

- (e) Ancient- sedimentary and environmental DNA applications: biome-climate-society interactions
- (f) Quaternary fossil records, molecular biology and phylogeny
- (g) Forensic sciences in Quaternary
- (h) Interfacing Biotechnology with Geosciences: building a scenario for 2050
- (i) Geoparks and Geo-Tourism
- (j) Human Transformation of Earth Systems and Sustainability
- (k) Geomicrobiology and Biogeochemistry in Life under Extremes
- (l) Environmental DNA of stressed landscape

4. Markers, Ecosystems and biogeography of “Anthropocene”

- (a) Response of biota to palaeoenvironmental changes
- (b) Islands, continental bridges and drowned landscapes
- (c) Palaeoecology as a tool for ecosystem management
- (d) Records of Anthropogenic impact on landscape and Sustainability
- (e) Critical Zone

5. Climate record, processes and models

- (a) Non-conventional proxies of Climate variability
- (b) Palaeogeographic and climatic changes in marine and terrestrial systems
- (c) Past global climate records in polar and mountain ice
- (d) Forcing and Records of Abrupt and extreme climate changes
- (e) Climate changes on sub-millennial to Milankovitch time scale
- (f) Climate modelling and data assimilation: simulate past changes and future scenarios
- (g) Global, regional and local sea-level changes: drivers and vulnerabilities

6. The Quaternary Chronology

- (a) Marine and terrestrial stratigraphy. Advances in correlation
- (b) GSSPs and Stratotypes
- (c) Geochronology: Advances in dating techniques
- (d) Quaternary Mapping and modelling

7. Applications of AI/ML in Quaternary Science for Societal Good

- (a) Large data and climate models
- (b) Glacial melting, hydrology, climate and future
- (c) Applying Geological data to Predictive models of Humanscape
- (d) Numerical Simulations: Challenges and Opportunities
- (e) Data Archival and Knowledge Systems

8. Professional issues; inclusivity, equity and diversity

- (a) Gender based issues
- (b) Participation of physically challenged colleagues of determination
- (c) Early Career Researchers
- (d) Ethics in Research, Publication, governance and outreach
- (e) Ethics and Social responsibility of Geoscientists
- (f) Geo-Heritage
- (g) Serving the needs of Global South

Call for Collaborative Action

The OC encourages **scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders** to engage in discussions that bridge scientific research with real-world applications. By aligning Quaternary sciences with

societal needs, **INQUA India 2027** aims to contribute towards sustainable development, disaster resilience, and environmental stewardship.

5. Will the logo of the congress be designed based upon the theme?

Answer 5: No, LOGO is designed (please refer First page of the EoI Document)

Congress Management Software & Website Integration

VI. Congress Management Software integrated with the Congress website

1. Do you need just a streaming integration (e.g., embed YouTube, Zoom, or custom RTMP)?

Answer 1: We require one-way streaming across multiple halls at the venue. The plenary lecture will take place in the main hall, which has a seating capacity of 1,500, while other participants should be able to view the session in different halls via live streaming. Additionally, all talks will be recorded for future reference.

2. Do you want the live webcast streaming on both the website and the app simultaneously?

Answer 2: Yes, only for registered participants

3. Should the mobile app be a native app (iOS/Android) or a Progressive Web App (PWA)?

Answer 3: Vendors are encouraged to submit both the designs

4. Should the mobile app support offline access?

Answer 4: Yes, for conference schedule, layout, sessions and abstract content

5. Will users log in with their registration credentials?

Answer 5: Yes

6. Will the file-sharing facilities be for internal purposes or public access?

Answer 6: Internal purposes

VII. Congress On-site Management and Secretariat Services

8. Do you require conditional attendance tracking, or should it be silent tracking (e.g., RFID-based)?

Answer 8: It may be silent tracking

Bhavya Shah, Expositions & Conventions, Ahmedabad

Pre BID queries for EOI of Hiring of Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) For organizing the XXII INQUA CONGRESS, 2027 IN LUCKNOW, INDIA		
Sr	AS PER RFP	QUERY
1	Should have experience of having organized destination promotion at the International Conferences during last 5 years (excluding 2020-21) and have the experience of organizing at least 10 National/ International events, and a destination promotion event at an International conference (documentary proofs to be provided).	The term "destination promotion at International Conference" is quite broad and may not be clearly mentioned in past work orders, as different clients use varied terminologies such as "event marketing," "event promotion," or "event management." Given this variation, we seek clarification on whether experience in event marketing, branding, and promotion, Marketing communication—even if not specifically labeled as "destination promotion"—would be considered valid for eligibility.
2	Not mentioned in the tender document	There is no mention of exemption of Tender fee for MSME registered companies. Request you to provide exemption of tender fee for MEME registered companies
3	Not mentioned in the tender document	In the submission of EOI, there is no mention of Technical presentation. So whether its required or not or it is to be intimated later to the qualified agencies only.
4	Not mentioned in the tender document	We request an extension of the submission deadline to allow adequate time for preparing the necessary documents for such a comprehensive and competitive bid.
5	Should be working on a globally used software platform to manage online registrations, abstract submissions and financial transactions; to specify the conference management software to be used with justification	we understand that the requirement to use a globally recognized conference management software for registration is part of the event management . Specifying the software at the bidding stage may limit participation, as different agencies use various effective platforms. Instead of making it eligibility point, allowing the selected agency to propose and implement a suitable software solution as part of the execution phase would ensure flexibility while meeting the event's needs.

Answer 1: By Destination promotion, we mean to promote Lucknow (the venue of the congress) scientifically and culturally to the global community while promoting the conference.

Answer 2: At this EOI stage, BSIP has not requested any fee. Exemption for Annual Turnover and experience requirements for the MSME and start-up firms may be considered/decided by the competent authority at a later stage.

Answer 3: For the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage, both technical and financial submissions will be requested from all bidders who qualify in the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage. Based on the RFP submissions, the technical and financial bids will be evaluated, and shortlisted bidders will be invited for a presentation.

Answer 4: No extension of the deadline is considered at present

Answer 5: Vendors are encouraged to provide details of the software used for the conference