

## LETTER OF INTENT

As the local organizing committee, the Saudi Arabian Pediatric Hematology / Oncology Society (SAPHOS), we are ready, willing, and able to organize the SIOF Asia 2024 Congress in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

We take full responsibility and have the complete understanding, knowledge, and experience to host and organize the SIOF 2024 Congress in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

We assure the compliance of all main criteria necessary for the organization of the event, i.e.:

### 1. Infrastructure to host 1500-2500 delegates

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia is ideal for organizing corporate events, conferences, congresses, and team building. First-class hotels of the leading international chains: Hilton, Novotel, Meridian, and four seasons among others. The hotels neighbor each other, which provides an opportunity to host more than 2500 people simultaneously. Furthermore, the availability of different hotel categories allows for a wide range of accommodation prices for all participants.

A wide selection of conference halls and comfortable venues with modern equipment and high-speed internet connection allows for effective presentations and meetings. In addition, the wide choice of restaurants and event halls offer fabulous gala dinners or banquet opportunities.

Each neighboring region offers a distinct Saudi experience. Whether you choose to climb to the top of the highest mountain, 3000 meters above sea level, dive into the magical wonders of the corals and marine life of the Red Sea, or cross the largest palm oasis in the world growing more than 2.5 million palm trees, all of these exciting experiences, and more, await you in a country ranked third in the world in terms of safety.

Not only do Saudi Arabian conference centers and hotels meet business tourism requirements, but the country itself also manages to be the treasure of it all. The most significant benefit is visiting Saudi Arabia itself. Both groups and individual business travelers have the chance to discover the unique charm of Saudi generosity and heartfelt hospitality. Feast on the distinctively delicious traditional food. Witness the most mesmerizing iconic architectural masterpieces. And, discover the enchanting world of oriental scents

### 2. Infrastructure for a conference of 1500-2500 delegates

Riyadh International Convention & Exhibition Centers serves as the main venue for the organization of large-scale international or governmental conferences. It can host up to 2500 people in its big grand halls. The Complex has a concert hall also for 2500 seats, as well as multiple grand halls for big banquets and receptions. Riyadh Exhibition Center is a modern international complex consisting of 10,000 sqm, of air-conditioned space and 10,000 sqm. outside exhibition space. Facilities at Riyadh Exhibition Center include a VIP suite, press suite, restaurant, conference suite, exhibitor service center, shipping offices, on-site stand contractor, and ample parking.

**Accessibility of Conference Center** - the conference venue has a huge private parking zone and is comfortable for bus transfer of delegates from different hotels.

Taxis and Uber cars are readily available, prices are predetermined and affordable, drivers are fluent in English and professionally trained in tourism and hospitality

There is a wide variety of different category hotels within short distances in the city and available buses, and cars that take tourists to nearby attractions

**3. A core Local Organizing Committee (LOC)**- SAPHOS is the main leading national Pediatric Oncology network. It has many activities that it supervises including fellowship monthly teaching, Grand Round, National Tumor Boards, Journal Clubs, and yearly National and International conferences including the annual SAPHOS conference. Members of this Organization represent all the centers in Saudi that treat patients with blood and cancer and also include countries from the Gulf and Mediterranean region.

#### **4. Backing organization**

The backing organization has not been determined yet collaborates with SAPHOS which will be fully involved in the organization process of SIOP 2024, the backing organization will be determined afterward. SAPHOS is the largest national Saudi Association for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology with a large portfolio of the most important events and meetings held in Saudi Arabia. SAPHOS incorporates more than 180 pediatric oncologists from all over the Middle East. The last conference held by the group was in May 2022, Saudi Arabian Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Society conference (SAPHOS) as the group's first international scientific conference meeting, with 250 participants. During the last conference, a great effort was made to ensure that we get international experts from all over the world, and was organized by one of the collaborators of SAPHOS.

#### **Date of the meeting**

- January 2024 (4 days). Dates are open to discussion.

#### **Housing of delegates**

#### **Accessibility of Riyadh as the city of the Conference**

Riyadh is the capital of Saudi Arabia, and one of the oldest but meanwhile most of the modern cities of the world. Riyadh's blend of medieval and millennial makes for a beguiling cultural union — one where Arabia's first roots can be traced, and where its bold future can be envisioned. The city's fascinating, centuries-old history can be found within its atmospheric *souqs* (shops), compelling museums, and ancient architecture, but it's also a modern metropolis, with glittering high-rises and a burgeoning contemporary art scene. The winter months are an ideal time to visit Riyadh. Although average high temperatures in the summer, temps in December and January are in the low 20s. A lot of must-visit locations in Riyadh include shopping centers, famous restaurants, and National Museums. Middle Beast, Riyadh festival among others. It is also a convenient stop for those who which to go to Umra in Makkah.

It is easily accessed by air. The following direct flights are operating to Riyadh: need to update

- **Saudi Airlines-**  
Flights over go destinations across Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America.

Other Airline has Direct flights to Riyadh and includes the following:

- **British airlines**
- **Egypt air**
- **Middle East Air**
- **Etihad Air**
- **Royal Jordanian**
- **Lufthansa**
- **Emirates**
- **Fly Dubai**
- **Qatar Airways**
- **Air France**
- **Oman Air**
- **Pakistan Airlines**
- **Flyadeal**

It is worth mentioning the ease of getting a Saudi visa; most delegates from different countries can get the visa electronically which is easy to get and approve. if not eligible for an electronic visa, visitors can apply easily through the nearest consulate visa through [Saudi Embassies and Consulates](#).

#### **Attendance at the CONGRESS**

Affordable registration fees will be determined after approval of SIOP.

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