Call for Expressions in Interest in Hosting the Fifth International One Health Congress, March 2018

Deadline 1 October 2015

Since 2011, three International One Health Congresses have been organized on a biennial basis. The 1st International One Health Congress took place in Australia, the 2nd edition in Thailand (2013), and the 3rd edition has just been held in Amsterdam (March 2015). The Fourth International One Health Congress will again take place in Melbourne, Australia, as it will be organized in conjunction with the 6th Biennial Congress of the International Association for Ecology and Health (December 2016).

In order to ensure the continuity of the International One Health Congresses, the One Health Platform, a new Foundation recently established by Prof. Ab Osterhaus and Prof. John Mackenzie, will be responsible for organising future International One Health Congresses. More information about the One Health Platform can be found on www.onehealthplatform.com.

The Supervisory Board of the One Health Platform has decided that the Fifth International One Health Conference will take place in North America, South America or Africa in March 2018.

The International One Health Congresses typically attract 1,000 participants from across the globe and last for 4 days.

The organisation of the Congress is the overall responsibility of the One Health Platform. If you wish to express interest in hosting the Fifth International One Health Congress, please note that as a host, you will:

- oversee the local organisation (together with the Organising Committee – installed by the Platform)
- contribute to the scientific programme of the Congress (together with the Scientific Committee – installed by the Platform)
- contribute to raising funds – both internationally and locally
- organise a tender and assist in the final selection of a local conference organiser (together with the Management of the Platform)
At this stage, we are seeking expressions of interest in hosting the Fifth International One Health Congress. Once we know who is interested, there will be a more detailed process for determining the relative costs and advantages of potential sites.

A final decision on the venue for 2018 will be taken by the Supervisory Board in January 2016.

If you are interested in hosting the Fifth International One Health Congress, kindly express your interest before 1 October 2015.

On behalf of the Supervisory Board of the One Health Platform,

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