Montréal
the ideal venue for the
XXXII International
Congress of the
World Federation
of Hemophilia in
2016

Montréal, Canada—headquarters of the WFH since 1963—fulfills all criteria for hosting WFH Congress 2016.

Financial viability of the Congress for the WFH

The Palais des congrès Convention Centre in the heart of Montréal will be free of charge to the WFH, a saving of $357,697 CDN.

Tourism Montréal will contribute an additional grant of $114,500 CDN for total financial support of $472,197 CDN.

Montréal’s location and appeal will guarantee high attendance.

These factors will mean a very profitable Congress for the WFH, just like the 2000 Congress in Montréal and the 2006 Congress in Vancouver, by far the two most profitable Congresses in the history of the WFH.

Accessibility, for all participants, with regards to Congress venue, hotels, local transportation, social venues, restaurants

Montréal is an important world air hub with direct non-stop flights from over 53 major international cities on 19 international airlines.

The Palais des congrès de Montréal is strategically located in the downtown core of the city, connecting the Business District, the International Quarter, the Old Montréal, the Entertainment District and Chinatown.

The Palais is connected directly to the metro, the city’s subway network. Montréal’s public transit system is far reaching, very safe, quick and affordable.

The Palais is linked directly to 4,500 hotel rooms. Over 15,000 are within 20-minute walking distance. The hotels selected for National Member Organization delegates will be a 2- to 4-minute walk from the Congress Centre.

Montréal has forged a gastronomic reputation with over 1,250 restaurants in the downtown core offering 80 different types of regional and international cuisine.

The Palais is completely adapted for persons with restricted physical ability according to international standards.
Affordability of the city for Congress delegates

Montréal is a very affordable city. Compared with most major cities in the world, hotels and restaurants are less expensive in Montréal. Three- and four-star hotels close to the Congress Centre will be available at under $200 CDN per night; university residences will be under $100 CDN per night. The 2011 Mercer Worldwide Cost of Living Survey ranked Montréal as one of the least expensive cities in the world for short term stays.

Local visa regulations and restrictions

People from over 60 countries do not require a visa to visit Canada. The Canada Border Services Agency has committed to lending its full support in facilitating the processes to accelerate visa requests.

Political and social stability of the host country

Canada is one of the safest countries in the world with respect to both crime and terrorism. Montréal is the safest major city in North America.

Capacity and strength of the NMO

The Canadian Hemophilia Society has...
- a team of dedicated and experienced volunteers; staff who have experience and expertise in conference organization;
- a strong working relationship with the Canadian hemophilia health care providers;
- proven expertise in hosting WFH Congresses;
- an excellent track record in organizing its own national and international conferences.

Montréal’s tourism and convention appeal

Montréal, founded in 1642, is an island city at the foot of Mount Royal and on the banks of the mighty Saint Lawrence River. It is full of modern attractions against a backdrop of European history and charm. Montréal is a cosmopolitan city where French, English and over 80 other languages are spoken in a unique Euro-American atmosphere. Congress 2016 will take place at the time when Montréal begins its summer International Jazz Festival, the largest jazz festival in the world.

Ability of the local clinical leadership and scientific community to assist in the organization of a successful Congress program

Canadian hemophilia health care providers have played key roles in past Congresses of the WFH and have gained an international reputation in hemophilia care and research. They are strongly committed to making the WFH World Congress 2016 program an outstanding medical and scientific success. Dr. David Lillicrap, internationally renowned for his research work in gene therapy, will be Congress 2016 President.

8 Reasons to choose Montréal for the XXXII International Congress of the World Federation of Hemophilia in 2016

- Congress 2016 in Montréal will be highly profitable for the WFH and its programs around the world.
- The Palais des Congrès is very close to hotels, restaurants and attractions, thus maximizing the Congress experience.
- Montréal is very affordable.
- Visitors from sixty countries do not require a visa.
- The Canadian Hemophilia Society has the volunteers, staff and experience to help the WFH organize a successful and memorable Congress.
- Canada’s skilled health care providers are eager to contribute to a high-level medical and scientific meeting.
- Montréal is a world-class tourist and congress destination.
- Montréal, Québec and Canada are extremely safe to visit.