World Association of Lesson Studies

WALS face-to-face 2029 conference host selection process

Having a face-to-face conference (FTFC) every other year and simultaneously a post-COVID growing interest in organising conferences is leading to some competition. WALS needs to make this competition transparent and benefit WALS and the quality of the conferences.

The following table presents the process in reverse chronological order.

Time	What	Who	Comments
Sept-Nov 2029	Conference		
	Final preparation of the conference	HOC WALSrep WALS officers	
Jan-March 2028	Signature of the detailed agreement	HOC chair WALS president	Agreement mentions at least ● Chair ● HOC liaison with ExCo (if it is not the chair) ● Venue ● Dates of conference ● Tentative budget
Sept-Nov 2027	Decision about host	Vote from Council during annual meeting	Candidacy documents are not public and are shared only within Council. Council decision is final as soon as the chosen HOC has accepted the Council choice.
June 2027	Examinations of the candidacies and recommendations	ExCo	ExCo recommends approbation or rejection of candidacies. It can suggest improvements to HOC.
Jan-May 2027	Preparation of the candidacy	HOC	Candidacy document is 4 to 10 pages. It mentions at least: ● HOC liaison with ExCo ● Possible venues ● Expected dates of conference ● Support from local education authorities ● Main incomes expected ● Main expenses expected Candidacy documents are not public and are shared only within ExCo
Jan-Nov 2026	Expression of interest	Proposer to WALS repr. (WR)	See below.

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The expression of interest is made 46 to 36 months before the expected FTFC (Jan-Nov 2026 for WALS2029). The proposer must be a WALS member and have the support of at least one Council member or be a Council member.

The expression of interest is made via a form (LINK). WR discusses the candidacy with the proposer and informs the other WALS officers and WALS ExCo. They publicise the expression of interest on WALS website (in the part that is reserved for members) in a table mentioning:

- Name of the proposer (and of the supporter if the proposer is not a Council member)
- Place/region of the proposed FTFC
- Possible dates of the FTFC
- A short argument (max 400 words) for the expression of interest.

In the interest of a choice respecting the collaborative spirit of WALS, the WR will inform each proposer of each existing interest and each new expression of interest.

Timeline

