

FAQ for the IBCPC Congress in Aix-les-Bain

When will the agenda be sent out for the Congress?

The draft agenda will be sent out on or before July 28, 2026

When will we receive the minutes of the last Congress that was held in New Zealand?

The minutes of the last Congress will be sent with the draft agenda on or before July 28, 2026

Are the Bylaw and Constitution changes that were approved at our last Congress in New Zealand updated on the webpage? Where would I find them?

The approved changes are on the IBCPC website. Go to www.ibcpc.com and look under the Resource tab and then Governance tab.

If a team sends two teams with different names to France and both teams are registered with IBCPC, can each team have a voting member at Congress?

Yes

Can National and Regional Coordinators attend the Congress?

Yes

Do the National and Regional Coordinators have a separate vote over and above a team vote?

No

If a National or Regional Representative is representing their team, can they vote on behalf of their team?

Yes

Do the National and Regional Representatives have a role in Congress?

Yes. They will be asked to volunteer to assist with registration and various other roles.

Will there be quest speakers at the Congress?

Yes. Notification of our guest speakers will be sent out with the final agenda.

Can we have a Webinar/Zoom call to discuss any changes in the Bylaws or Constitution that will be on the agenda at Congress

Absolutely! That is being planned.

Do we vote for the position of President this year?

No. The positions for President and Treasurer will happen in 2027. Plans are being made for that election protocol. For clarification: The bylaw change at our last Congress read “For the purposes of these bylaws the initial year one shall be taken to be 2026.” An amendment from the floor came to change that date to 2023. That amendment was passed. The bylaw now reads: “For the purposes of these bylaws the initial year one shall be taken to be 2023”. This change came into effect at our first board meeting after Congress where all terms started at 0. This change establishes a “rolling retirement cycle” to prevent all the leadership from retiring at the same time.

Is voting for vacant positions on the board done by secret ballot?

Not necessarily. A secret ballot would only occur if a motion was made at Congress to have a secret ballot rather than a show of hands.

Is there a requirement to have a certain length of time as a member of IBCPC before being allowed to be nominated for a position on the board?

No

What positions are up for election this year at Congress?

This year the positions for election are the Secretary and Vice President and will be done at Congress.

When do nominations for the position of Secretary and Vice President have to be submitted?

Submissions are due on or before June 28, 2026, to secretary@ibcpc.com

How many teams must support a nomination for one of the vacant positions on the board?

Please refer to Bylaw #33 for complete information. To answer this question specifically: “the names and contact information of at least four teams who support the nomination, one of whom must be from a country other than the nominee’s country.”

When do proxies have to be submitted and when will we receive them?

Proxy forms and instructions will be sent on or before July 28, 2026.