

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE ORAL LITERATURES OF AFRICA
(ISOLA)**

BIDDING FOR THE 2012 & 2014 ISOLA CONFERENCES

The Executive Council of the International Society for the Oral Literatures of Africa (ISOLA) hereby calls for bids for the hosting of the 9th and 10th conferences of the Society to be held in 2012 and 2014 respectively. The Council would like to encourage bids from countries where French is a major academic language and from academic institutions in North and South America. Previous conferences were held in London, United Kingdom (1991); Legon, Ghana (1995); Cape Town, South Africa (1998); Chambéry, France (2002); Banjul, The Gambia (2004); St Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago (2006); Lecce, Italy (2008) and Mombasa, Kenya (2010).

1. The bid brief:

Institutions interested in hosting the 2012 and 2014 conferences should forward a bid document expressing their interest in which they give

- a. background information of the bidding institution(s);
- b. indicate the capacity of the institution(s) to host an academic conference of between 100 to 150 participants;
- c. an indication of the preferable conference dates;
- d. background information on the host city and its climate;
- e. an indication of how they intend funding the conference. (A detailed schedule should include the travel and accommodation costs for two keynote speakers, clerical student assistance for six (6) months before the conference; internet support and telecommunications costs; subsidy for printing costs.)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Please indicate clearly for which conference you are bidding.
- In September 2010 the Executive Council will negotiate a comprehensive agreement with the winning bidding institution.
- ALL bid documents should be made available in both English and French.

2. The bid selection process:

- a. **Monday, 31st May 2010:** Due date for the submission of bids.
- b. All bid documents will be accessible on the Society's webpage (www.africaisola.org).
- c. Individual ISOLA members will be invited to express themselves on the competing bids (via the ISOLA listserv)
- d. Bidding institutions or their representatives will make their final pitches (allowance: 10 minutes each) at the General Council meeting to be held during the 8th ISOLA conference (Mombasa, Kenya).
- e. **Monday, 19th July 2010:** Final decisions on the 2012 & 2014 host institutions.

3. Submission of bid document:

Detailed bids should be e-mailed to

- a. the Secretary of ISOLA, Stephen Belcher (spbelcher4@myfairpoint.net);
- b. the President, Hein Willemse (hein.willemse@up.ac.za);
- c. the Vice-President and conference committee chairperson: Antoinette Tidjani Alou (tidjanialoua@yahoo.fr).

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