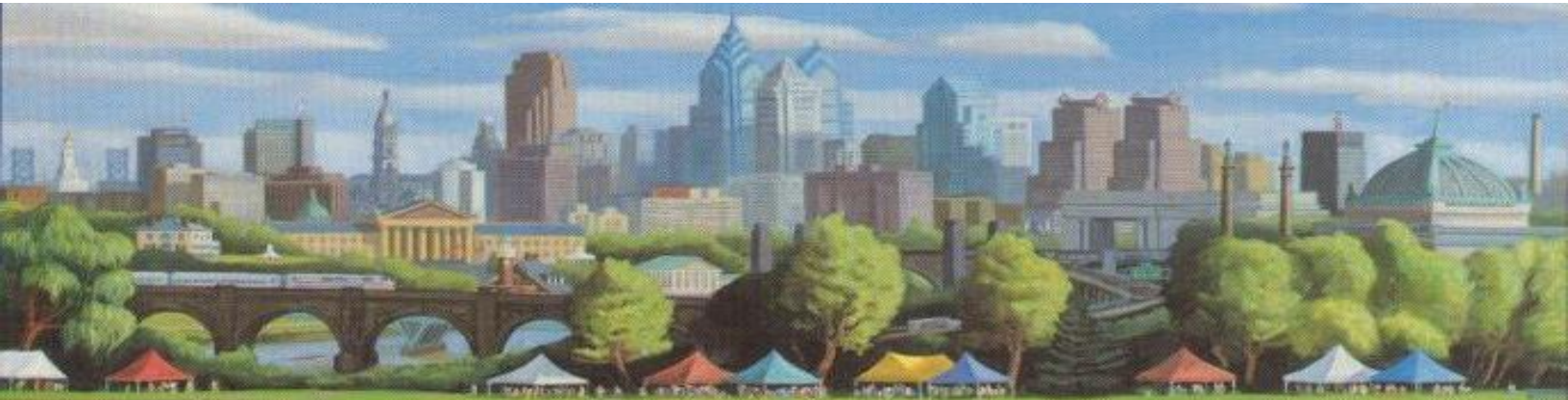




# ICS 2018 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## *Birthplace of the United States of America*



## **BID TO HOST THE ICS 2018 ANNUAL MEETING IN North America**

Once the original capital of North America, **PHILADELPHIA** has a history enriched with culture, history and symbolism. The city is a melting pot of races, traditions and immigrant cultures and also possesses amenities that only the city's own heritage can provide. It is the home to the Liberty Bell and the Declaration of Independence, both tributes to the city's revolution.



Widely known as **PHILLY** and also called the **City of 'Brotherly Love,'** it is the largest city in the state of Pennsylvania and the sixth most populous city in the United States (U.S.) and North America. Once upon a time, the city was the second largest in the British Empire after London. Philadelphia contributed hugely to American history when in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Benjamin Franklin, began the American Revolution and American Independence from England.

**PHILADELPHIA** is one of the most beautiful places in the United States of America. With 4 centuries of history, its unique story is narrated in the architecture, neighborhoods, streets, and museums. Beautiful green landscape fringes the vibrant concoction of the business district and shopping and dining precincts. But it is not just the physical beauty that allures tourists – it is the cultural, culinary and artistic jewels that draw in the crowds. With an abundance of attractions and things to do, Philadelphia will entertain you in some way or another.

## **CUISINE**

**PHILADELPHIA** is a major U.S. culinary destination and is known for its famous Philadelphia cream cheese and Philly cheese steaks. With an abundance of top restaurants, both local and exotic, you are sure to find the perfect café, restaurant, or bar that will blow your mind away. Visit another of America's historical attractions – the Reading Terminal Market, the nation's oldest market located next to the Convention Center. Open from Mondays to Saturdays, you can enjoy a bevy of fresh food and delectable cuisine. Opened in 1892, the area still carries a traditional charm.





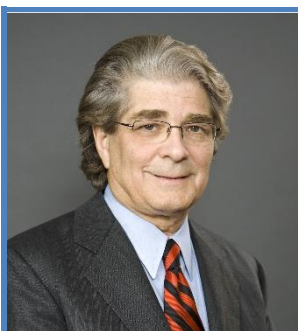
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### PROPOSED DATES

A PRELIMINARY RESERVATION HAS BEEN SECURED AT THE Pennsylvania Convention CENTER (PCC), Center City **PHILADELPHIA** FROM **SUNDAY, 21<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> OF October 2018**. October in Philadelphia is in the middle of the Fall AND IS ONE OF THE MOST COMFORTABLE SEASONS IN Philadelphia. Fall foliage will be in full bloom throughout Northeast United States so consider extending your visit to travel to New York, Washington DC or New England.

### CHAIR, SCIENTIFIC CHAIR, AND LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



#### CHAIRMAN:

**Alan J. Wein, MD PhD (hon)**

Alan has been a member of the ICS since early 1990. He is a member of the UDS ICS sub-committee. His vast knowledge and expertise in lower urinary tract dysfunction makes him an

ideal candidate to Co-Chair the 2018 ICS meeting.



#### CO-CHAIRMAN:

**Diane Newman, DNP**

Diane has practiced in the field of incontinence since 1986. She has been an active ICS member since 1999, attending most annual meetings. In her role as Chair of the CPC committee, she served

on the ICS Board from 2003-2009.



#### SCIENTIFIC CO-CHAIR:

**Roger R. Dmochowski, MD MMHC**

Professor of Urology, Vanderbilt University



#### SCIENTIFIC CO-CHAIR:

**Lori Birder, PhD**

Professor, University of Pittsburgh

#### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:

1. **Ariana Smith, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Urology in Surgery,  
University of Pennsylvania
2. **Lily Arya, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Ob/Gyn,  
University of Pennsylvania
3. **Steve Zedric, MD**  
Professor, Pediatric Urologist, CHOP, UPenn
4. **Michael Chancellor, MD**, Neurourologist, UPitt
5. **Chet DeGroat, PhD**, Pharmacologist, UPittsburgh
6. **Rita Valentino, PhD**, Professor, Scientist, CHOP
7. **Michael Ruggieri, PhD**, Scientist: Temple Univ
8. **Christine Bradway, PhD**; UPenn, School of Nursing

#### LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

1. **George Drach, MD** (Urologist- UPenn)
2. **David Sussman, MD** (Urologist)
3. **Pat Shenot, MD** (Urologist - Thomas Jefferson Univ)
4. **Tim McKinney, MD** (Urogynecologist)-
5. **Kristene Whitmore, MD** (Urologist – Drexel University)



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### WHY PHILLY?

#### CONVENIENT LOCATION

**PHILADELPHIA** is located on the East Coast of the United States, just 1 hour from Atlantic City & Beaches and Casinos, 2 hours from New York City, and 2 hours from Washington D.C – all accessible by train, bus, or car. There are major highways from Philly to these cities and the train station is conveniently located.

#### Getting To and From Philadelphia:

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is conveniently located 15 mins from city center. A train leaves from center city to the airport every 20 mins. American Airlines, merged with US Airways, is the largest airline in the U.S. and Philly is a hub. There are daily flights to all major cities in Europe and Canada. Newark, NJ airport, only 90 minutes away by car, 60 mins by train, has direct flights to Europe, Asia, and South America.

#### ACCOMMODATION

**PHILADELPHIA** offers a large number of hotels of all styles. The PCC host hotel is the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1300 rooms on 23 floors. There are many more chain hotels and privately owned hotels that offer a broad variety of accommodations for every budget. **ALL** are within walking distance from the PCC.

#### Transportation Within The City:

Getting around Philly is easy as it is a walking city, especially in the Fall. The PCC is located in the center of the city, 8 blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall and 7 blocks from the Philadelphia Museum. For transportation, you can have your pick, as there are trains, buses, subways and taxis.

#### Excursions in Philadelphia, Amish Country, Atlantic City & the Beach, New York City, Washington DC

**PHILADELPHIA** does not just have the Liberty Bell to marvel at, its location on the East Coast of the U.S. makes it the prime location for available trips to Amish Country in Lancaster County, the beach and casinos in Atlantic City, trips to New York City and Washington DC. But attendees may just want to take advantage of the planned and discounted tours in Philadelphia, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art (site of Rocky running up the steps), the Barnes and Rodin museums, historical landmarks, musical venues, and much more. The best way to explore the city is take a sightseeing tour, of which there will be several offered. You can familiarize yourself by gliding around on Segways or jumping on a double decker bus. You can even download the AudioSteps tour on a mp3 player and start walking around the historic city yourself. The Philadelphia CityPass will offer 50% savings on entrance fees to the city's top attractions; Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, United States Mint, Carpenters Hall, Edgar Allen Poe House, and Franklin Square. Walnut Street Theatre same day tickets will be half-price.

#### PROPOSED VENUES FOR THE SOCIAL PROGRAM

CHAIRMAN'S DINNER:	Option 1: Barnes Museum	Option 2: College of Physicians/Mutter Museum
ICS WELCOME RECEPTION:	Option 1: Constitution Center	Option 2: Philadelphia Art Museum
ICS ANNUAL DINNER:	Franklin Institute	



*We look forward to welcoming you in Philadelphia.*