WFNMB QUESTIONNAIRE – please answer in the order given

1. Name of National Society bidding for WFNMB 2026:

Asociación Colombiana de Medicina Nuclear e Imágenes Moleculares (ACMN).

2. Contact person on behalf of National Society (please give full name, address, email):

Juan Luis Londoño Blair.
juanluislondono@gmail.com

3. Your National Society – survey:

a) Please specify the legal status of National Society (founding year; incorporation/statutes).

Resolution Number 2595 of the year 2,000, issued by the Ministry of Health.
Statutes: see attachment.

b) Please indicate the number of members (Physicians, Physicists, Radiopharmacists, Technologists etc.)

It currently has 64 active members, nuclear doctors. Since last year, a statute modification was made that allows us to include technologists and other professionals. That modification begins to take effect this year and we hope that this will lead to the incorporation of new members other than doctors.

c) Please reference your Society website: www.acmn.com.co

d) Please list and name courses/meetings/congresses which your National Society has organized in the last and upcoming 12 months

XVII Congreso Colombiano de Medicina Nuclear.
VIII Congreso Iberoamericano de Cardiología Nuclear.
Curso regional en protección radiológica.

e) Please indicate if your society has established an exchange program for nuclear medicine specialists and if so, please describe

No. We don´t have it so far.

4. We aim to integrate the WFNMB Congress 2026 into the following National
Congress/Regional Congress:

a) Name of congress
Congreso Colombiano de Medicina Nuclear (Colombian Congress of Nuclear Medicine).

b) How often does the congress take place.
Every two years.

c) Number of participants; geographic background of participants
About 250 people attend.
Most of the people are Colombian.
Nuclear doctors, residents of nuclear medicine and to a proportion extent other medical specialties (like internal medicine). Nuclear medicine and radiology technologists, medical physicists, pharmaceutical chemists also attend.

5. Outreach into the region – survey

a) Please list all developing countries, as defined by the UN, which surround the country where you propose WFNMB 2026 to take place

Costa Rica
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Méjico
Nicaragua
Panamá
Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela

b) Please rank these countries according to their potential participants to the congress and name the reasons why you believe they would join the congress

Brazil. The largest border country.
Perú and Venezuela. Border countries with more nuclear medicine installed.
Argentina. Second largest country in South America.
Chile. Country with a population of 18 million people. Important nuclear medicine infrastructure installed.
Mexico. Country with a population of 126 million people.

c) Please indicate the website of the respective National Society

Asociación Argentina de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: www.aabymn.org.ar
Federación Mexicana de Medicina Nuclear e Imagen Molecular: http://fmmnim.com/
Sociedad Brasileña de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: https://sbmn.org.br
Sociedad Chilena de Medicina Nuclear e Imágenes Moleculares: www.schmn.cl
Sociedad Uruguaya de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: www.subimn.org.uy

d) Please indicate the main contact person to the respective National Society

Asociación Argentina de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: info@aabymn.org.ar
Federación Mexicana de Medicina Nuclear e Imagen Molecular: oficinasmnn@yahoo.com
Sociedad Boliviana de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: inamen@caoba.entelnet.bo
Sociedad Brasileña de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: sbbmn@sbbmn.org.br
Sociedad Chilena de Medicina Nuclear e Imágenes Moleculares: secretaria@schmn.cl
Sociedad Peruana de Medicina Nuclear: informes@spbmn.com
Sociedad Uruguaya de Biología y Medicina Nuclear: subimn.uy@gmail.com
Sociedad Venezolana de Medicina Nuclear: svmn_activa@hotmail.com

6. How you would integrate the WFNMB Congress into your existing congress?
a) Timely integration (day before, day after, one WFNMB track at congress, full integration?)

We propose four days of the WFNMB Congress after two (or three) days of the National Congress.

b) Scientific representation (officers/representatives of WFNMB in Scientific Committee)

The scientific representation would be made up of different professionals and technologists related to nuclear medicine from Colombia, but also from Latin America, and from the international scientific community (mainly representatives of the WFNMB).

c) Scientific integration (how would you integrate WFNMB in the scientific format of your congress?)

The national congress would be a specific topic trying not to be very repetitive with the conferences of the world congress.

7. Organisational integration / financial obligations

The application should confirm compliance with the following requirements:

a) Organisational integration:
- the Chair of the Congress Committee is a member of the Executive Board, and will have the responsibilities as indicated in the WFNMB statutes
- twice a year an official report from the National Society/PCO needs to be submitted via the WFNMB permanent office to the WFNMB Executive Board at least 3 weeks prior to the Board meetings
- these reports should include the current and predicted budget, timeline, and any other relevant matters pertaining to the conference

b) Financial obligations:
- Congress revenues shall be split in equal parts between the WFNMB and the hosting national organization, but the minimum amount WFNMB shall receive by the hosting national organization is USD 50,000
- The monies should be transferred to the WFNMB account within three (3) months after the congress, with audited accounts
- The host country should outline the strategies employed to maximize profits from the congress in their proposal

c) Please indicate an amount in USD that the Host country could afford to support young specialists from WFNMB member countries to attend the Congress (travel and housing grants for accepted abstracts).

10,000 US Dollars.

d) Please attach a valid budget forecast of the congress, to be reviewed by experts. Please note that an accurate and reality-based budget is key to receive eligibility to get elected!

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See attachment.

8. Endorsement letters
a) Please attach an official letter by your Host Society confirming the financial obligations described above in point 7b

b) Please attach official endorsement letters from regional societies, partner societies etc. you referenced in point 4 and 5

See attachments. A letter of support from the Latin American Association of Societies of Biology and Nuclear Medicine (ALASBIMN) is included, and from other regional societies.

c) Please attach official endorsement letters from governmental organisations, companies engaged in Nuclear Medicine or opinion makers in your country.

There is no financial support from governmental organisations so far.

9. Infrastructure for the congress
a) Please indicate which city you propose for WFNMB 2026

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. [https://marketing27060.wixsite.com/mednuclear](https://marketing27060.wixsite.com/mednuclear)

b) Please provide an estimate of anticipated Congress attendees, and justification for these figures

We estimate that around 800 to 1000 people will attend.
c) Please provide a list of congresses size >2,000 delegates which have taken place or will take place in your city in the congress centre you are proposing to WFNMB

Cartagena de Indias Convention Center. [https://cccartagena.com/auditorio-getsemani/](https://cccartagena.com/auditorio-getsemani/)

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![Cartagena Convention Center](https://cccartagena.com/auditorio-getsemani/)

**d) Please describe access (by air, road, ship, train) to the city and country proposed for the Congress**


**By Air**

Colombia has 5 international airports located around the cities of Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Cartagena and Medellin.

Some airlines such as TACA and LAN have direct flights to Cali, Medellin or Cartagena from USA, Central America or South America. Travelling to Colombia is often cheaper via USA through Avianca, American Airlines, or Continental Airlines; and directly from Europe with Avianca, Iberia or Air France amongst others. Check their websites for further details.

Direct flights to Colombia are available from Germany, France and Spain, as well as throughout South America, Central America and North America.

Within Colombia itself, there is a budget airline called Viva Colombia, which has dramatically reduced the cost of internal flights.

**By Bus, Car Or Ship**

From Venezuela you can take a bus or car to Cucuta, the major city closest to the border. From there you can take a local bus or internal flight to your next destination. You can also cross the border in the north at Maicao.

Similarly, from Ecuador, you cross the border from Tulcan with the next stop at Ipiales.
Again, you have the option of taking an internal flight or a local bus to Pasto or Cali, the next major cities on that route.

From Peru/Brazil, if you’re feeling adventurous, you can take an 8-hour speed boat ride from Iquitos (Peru) to Leticia in Colombia or Tabatinga in Brazil. There, you can fly onto the rest of Colombia.

From Panama, you can catch a medium-sized speed boat that leaves from Colon and lands in Sapzurro, Colombia. Major cruise companies also have services to Cartagena from USA, the Caribbean, Europe and South America.

There are many ways to get to Cartagena de Indias. Today, it is no longer necessary to stop in Bogotá to get to the city. If you come from abroad, you can take a cruise or a plane. Airlines such as American Airlines, JetBlue, Interjet, KLM, Delta, and Copa fly directly to the Rafael Núñez International Airport in Cartagena. If you are in the interior of the country, you can take a flight with Avianca or LAN, or by bus from cities such as Barranquilla, Santa Marta or Bucaramanga, journeys that will take less than 10 hours. ([https://colombia.travel/en/cartagena-de-indias](https://colombia.travel/en/cartagena-de-indias)).

e) Please describe the congress venue you are proposing

https://colombia.travel/en/cartagena-de-indias

“Cartagena is a city that is located on the shores of the Caribbean Sea, in the northwestern part of the South American continent. If you are wondering where is Cartagena in Colombia, it is located in the north of the country and is the capital of the Bolivar region. The city has several archipelagos and islands around that are paradises for true rest. Among these are Tierra Bomba Island, Múcura Isla, and Barú Island, among others.

Cartagena de Indias is known, brings together the charm of colonial architecture, the excitement of a vivid night life, fascinating cultural festivals, and lush landscapes, to bring you the perfect vacation experience. The city's beaches beckon, inviting you to unwind and enjoy yourself in the refreshing breeze and warm waters of the sea.

But that's not all Cartagena has to offer— the city also has excellent cuisine and a thriving hotel and tourist infrastructure.

This fabulous destination holds the secrets of history within its walled city, on its balconies, and in the narrow stone walkways that inspired author Gabriel García Márquez, who was received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982.

Framed by its stunning bay, Cartagena de Indias is one of the most beautiful, well-preserved cities in the Americas; a treasure that is currently one of the most heavily frequented tourist destinations in Colombia.”

The weather in Cartagena de Indias is very pleasant. Being a coastal city, its climate is humid and dry tropical with a relative humidity of 84%. The temperature is warm almost all
year round and generally ranges between 73 and 86° F. Ideal for visiting the walled city, the restaurants, the cruises, and the beaches of Cartagena like Playa Blanca."

f) Please provide information on any innovative scientific and cultural components for the Congress

“During your stay, you should definitely take advantage of the opportunity to learn about Cartagena’s architectural and cultural heritage, starting with a visit to the city’s historic center. Cartagena’s historic center, whose beauty and cultural importance caused it to be declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco in 1984, is surrounded by miles of ancient walls that form the walled city.

In addition to the hundreds of years of history behind the area’s cobbled streets, you can explore the Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, a magnificent castle dating back to the 17th century. Also, during this tour, you will be very close to some of the best restaurants in Cartagena.

There are also a number of ancient churches and popular monuments that you can tour, such as the monument dedicated to India Catalina, los Zapatos Viejos, and los Pegasos. Another activity that you can consider if you are wondering what to do in Cartagena is visiting the Naval Museum or the Serrezuela Shopping Center.

On your walks around the city, you’ll be able to enjoy the pleasant weather in Cartagena along with the local music and rhythms that fill the streets and the handicrafts that adorn the local shops. On the other hand, if you are wondering some of the things to do in Cartagena, we encourage you to enjoy a graffiti tour in the Getsemani neighborhood.

When night falls over the city, the charm of Cartagena’s colonial area is perfect for taking a horse drawn carriage ride, an experience that will take you back in time”.

g) Please describe the hotel situation in the city you are proposing (including sufficient budget hotels for participants from developing countries)

Cartagena has a high availability of hotel offer in a wide range of prices. There are also apartments for rent.

h) Please describe the traffic situation within the city; which public transport net there is; propose means of transport for congress participants to travel from/to hotel congress venue

In Cartagena de Indias there is public transportation by bus (Transcaribe) or taxi. There are also bus routes offered between the different hotels and the historic center and the convention center.

In the historical center and hotel areas many places of interest are within walking distance.

i) Please describe any expected financial support from Government/Region/City for the congress
“The support provided by the convention bureaus of the main cities of the country is essential for any type of congress and convention to be a success. We are aware of the details and have advanced technology to make your meeting unforgettable and full of unforgettable moments, amazing landscapes to feel the rhythm of Colombia.” (https://colombia.travel/en/meetings/congresses-and-conventions).

10. Contractual agreement
The bidding National Society acknowledges that all the details given above and all promises made will be granted as correct and all obligations will come into effect. Thus, all items indicated in the proposal will become part of a binding contract between the host society and the WFNMB.
To verify the above, we request the names and signatures of the following:

National Society President

[Signature]

Carlos Eduardo Granados Gómez.

National Society contact person (see point 2)

[Signature]

Juan Luis Londoño Blair.

Date:
Bogotá and Medellín, Colombia, July 1st, 2020.