

Congress Registration Letter

Dear IVAS Members,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 52nd Annual IVAS Congress, taking place September 16–19, 2026, in Reykjavík, Iceland. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the upcoming IVAS Congress and are excited about the educational opportunities, networking, and fellowship it will provide.

IVAS firmly believes that holding an in-person Congress is essential to who we are as an international organization. Congress provides a valuable opportunity to gather with colleagues from around the world, share knowledge, and strengthen our professional community.

As many of you are aware, costs have increased globally, including those associated with producing an IVAS Congress. Venue contracts, food, and labor expenses have all risen significantly over the past eight years. Keeping the overall Congress registration fee as low as possible remains a priority for IVAS so that as many members as possible can participate in this exceptional event in Iceland.

As a result, after reviewing the Congress budget, the IVAS Board of Directors needed to make a change regarding the Gala Dinner this year.

The Board carefully considered three options:

- Increasing the Congress registration fee by **US \$150 per person**
- Cancelling the Gala Dinner entirely
- Keeping the Gala Dinner and offering it as an optional purchase so only those who wish to attend incur the additional cost

After thoughtful discussion, the Board chose the third option. For 2026, the **Friday evening Gala Dinner will be an optional add-on cost and is not included in the Congress registration fee.**

The Gala Dinner will be held at the Congress venue, the Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Center, in the La Primavera Restaurant, featuring stunning floor-to-ceiling glass windows overlooking the water. The cost to attend the dinner and dance party is **US \$150** per person and includes a three-course seated dinner. **Tickets are limited to 160**, so we encourage those who wish to attend to purchase tickets early.

The Gala Dinner remains one of the highlights of our Congress with an evening designed for connection and celebration, within our IVAS community. We hope many of you will choose to join us for this special event.

Additional Congress information will be available soon in the official Congress Brochure, highlighting the many wonderful experiences Reykjavík and Iceland have to offer, along with further Congress details.

If you have not yet made plans to attend, now is the time to do so. Please visit the Congress page at [2026 IVAS Congress - IVAS](#) for complete information. There you will find suggested lodging options (as there is no host hotel), things to see and do in Reykjavík, details about the Post-Congress Tour, and the Congress Schedule featuring an outstanding program thoughtfully selected by our Program Committee.

Thank you for your continued support of IVAS. We look forward to welcoming you to Reykjavík for an outstanding Congress experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie A. Frost". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Debbie and the IVAS Board of Directors