



GENEVA CONGRESS 2017 - CIRCULAR No. 2

To all PSI affiliates;
and for information to PSI EB, SC, REC and WOC members
and PSI/EPSU staff

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PSI 30TH WORLD CONGRESS

31 October – 3 November 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that PSI's 30th World Congress will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from Tuesday 31st October to Friday 3 November 2017, at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG).

1) DRAFT OVERVIEW OF CONGRESS WEEK

Appendix 1 is a draft overview of the Congress week (available only in English). Prior to Congress, on 29-30 October, regional executive committees (RECs), Women's Committee (WOC) and Executive Board (EB), as well as Young Workers and LGBTI seminars will take place.

2) RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions from the Executive Board

The EB will submit two core resolutions to Congress: the Draft Programme of Action (PoA) and amendments to the Constitution.

The Draft Programme of Action (PoA) 2018-2022

To ensure the relevance of the content of the PoA in the current fast-changing global environment, this document is being drafted as close to Congress as possible, whilst still allowing for full regional consultation. The EB meeting in November 2016 will discuss the first draft of the PoA, which will then be circulated to all affiliates and members of constitutional bodies. Affiliates wishing to suggest amendments to this draft should channel their suggestions via their relevant sub-regional advisory committee (SUBRAC), which will then report to their REC. The RECs in turn will feed back into the April 2017 EB meeting, where the PoA will be finalised.

Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution Working Group has met twice and will propose to the EB in November 2016 their amendments to the Constitution adopted at the Durban 2012 Congress. Once approved, the Draft Constitution showing the amendments will be circulated as above. Affiliates wishing to suggest amendments to the Draft Constitution should follow the same procedure outlined above for the PoA.

Resolutions from affiliates

NOTE:

- **Deadline for submission of resolutions: 28 March 2017**
- **Deadline for submission of amendments to resolutions: 28 June 2017**

A circular calling for affiliates' resolutions will be sent later this year and will include the relevant procedures for submitting resolutions. Affiliates should ensure that they have first read the Draft PoA before submitting any resolution, to avoid duplication on issues which are already covered in the Draft PoA.

The Standing Orders Committee (SOC) will meet on 17-18 April 2017 and examine all resolutions submitted by 28 March 2017; valid resolutions will be circulated to all affiliates by 28 May 2017. Affiliates will then be invited to submit amendments to these resolutions by 28 June 2017; these amendments will be examined by the SOC on 19-20 July 2017. Final resolutions with their related amendments will be circulated to affiliates by 28 August 2017, together with all other documents for Congress. Please note that no new resolutions or amendments will be accepted at Congress, except emergency resolutions as per Annex 4 (heading "Resolutions", paragraph f) of the Constitution.

3) VOTING RIGHTS

NOTE: Cut-off date for calculation of voting rights: 31 August 2017

Each affiliated union can send to Congress a specific number of delegates and observers, after fulfilment of their financial obligations to PSI, as outlined in Articles 4 and 6 of the current PSI Constitution.

The period to be taken into account for payment of affiliation fees for the upcoming Congress, as laid out in the Standing Orders, are the years **2013-2017 inclusive**. The cut-off date for payment of these fees, which will be taken into account when calculating delegate/observer entitlements and voting strength, is **31 August 2017**.

See **Appendix 2** for Excerpts of the Constitution of 2012 relating to Congress (for the full Constitution see <http://www.world-psi.org/en/constitution>).

4) SPONSORSHIP

There will be a limited number of sponsorships for the Geneva Congress. The EB meeting in November 2016 will determine sponsorship criteria which will be circulated to affiliates.

Any affiliate wishing to be considered for sponsorship should consult these criteria and conditions and ensure that they qualify; they may submit a sponsorship request form via their sub-regional secretaries. The regional executive committees (RECs) meeting in March 2017 will make recommendations on the sponsorship nominations received. The EB in April 2017 will give its final approval and confirmations of sponsorship will be sent to relevant participants shortly after.

5) DRAFT TIMELINE – DATES AND DEADLINES

See **Appendix 3** for the main Constitutional dates and deadlines associated with Congress (in English only).

6) REGISTRATION, WEBSITE AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Detailed information will be circulated in due course to affiliates on the registration procedure, as well as details of practical arrangements (hotels, transport, visas, the Congress venue, etc.).

We look forward to celebrating this memorable occasion together with you!

In solidarity,



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Appendix 1: Draft Overview of the Congress week (English only)

Appendix 2: Excerpts of the Constitution 2012 relating to Congress

Appendix 3: Constitutional Timeline for Congress (English only)