



### Announcement

**1. Colombia, Kenya, Ethiopia, France and Thailand are ranked in that order as the organizer for WL7 in the spring of 2021**

- Congratulations to all for bringing us toward a successful WL7 !
- We are pleased to receive five applications and impressed by the excellent quality of all. Any attempt to assess their relative merits is an impossible proposition. However impossible is this endeavor, it must be done and has been successfully completed with the help of all 30 members in the International Scientific Committee (see the list in "About us"). All are career leishmaniacs sharing the enthusiasm for the common goals of Worldleish as stated in the front page. We are grateful to all of them for devoting their invaluable time to complete this daunting task. Special thanks go to Mary E. Wilson and Gregory Matlashewski for their input on different aspects of the evaluation.
- The ranking as stated is based completely on the scores provided by the ISC members according to multiple criteria listed. Please refer to the list of criteria and the tabulated summary scores with anonymous evaluative comments.
- All applications are accepted by all reviewers with variable enthusiasms for different criteria. This is expected and inevitable, accounting for the closeness for some of the scores. There is however no ambiguity that priority goes to Colombia with the highest scores to organize WL7. Kenya, Ethiopia, France and Thailand are designated in that order as the back-up in the event that Colombia be unable to organize WL7 due to the development of unforeseen events beyond their control.
- Kenya, Ethiopia, France and Thailand may find the comments helpful in considering application for organizing future WLs.
- Details of WL7 operation will be finalized by the designated organizer according to their application in consultation with the website-posted WL recommendations at the time of site visit.

**2. We would like to hear from all leishmaniacs/applicants for their views on WL7 and WL.**

- Feel free to contact us. Your specific comments and constructive suggestions of relevance will be posted in the website to encourage open discussion.