

Hargeysa, 25 March 2019

Dear colleagues and friends of the SSIA,

We are inviting proposals for organization of the next Somali Studies International Association congress. The congress is normally arranged every three years. The 13th congress took place in Hargeysa in July 2018, and hence the next congress is due to be organized in 2021. For the website of the Hargeysa congress, see <http://www.somalistudies.org/>

The selected organizer will have the main responsibility for practical arrangements related to the congress, raising necessary funds, and planning the academic programme, etc. in collaboration with the SSIA.

The SSIA board invites interested parties to send proposals including the following information:

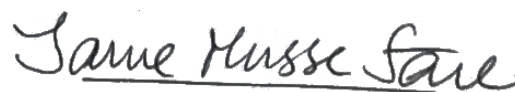
- Time and venue for the congress
- Person in charge and contact information
- A clear expression for official engagement by the main organizing institution
- Institutional collaborators
- Tentative budget and plan how to raise the needed funds
- Tentative themes for the academic programme
- The language(s) of the congress and if there are any plans for interpretations
- A plan regarding how the organizers can support the scholars based in the Horn of Africa travelling with African passports to obtain visas to attend the congress. Kindly consider that even other participants may need facilitation, e.g. invitation letters to obtain a visa.
- Any plans for publications after the congress

Please, send your proposals, written in English, to Dr. Jama Musse Jama, jama@redsea-online.org by April 30th, 2019.

The selection of the host for the 14th SSIA congress will be announced by June 14th, 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jama Musse Jama
Chair,
Somali Studies International Association (SSIA)



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