We are looking forward to welcoming you to the XXV IFHE Congress, hosted by the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, ATU St Angelas, Sligo, Ireland, from Sunday 23rd – Friday 28th June 2024. Full details are updated on our website www.ifhe2024.com

Accommodation (per room per night):

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Important Dates:
- Notification of acceptance for all Congress presentations: 15th January 2024
- Early Bird Closes: 5th April 2024
- Accommodation Booking Deadline: 30th April 2024

We have a very exciting week of events planned to welcome you to Ireland for Congress 2024. These include:
- Opening Cultural Evening
- Opening Ceremony
- Pre-Congress Tours
- Textile & Design Exhibition
- Morning Wellness Sessions
- IFHE Programme Committee Meetings
- International Sales
- Plenary Keynote Speakers
- Regional Meetings
- Research and Best Practices
  - Concurrent Sessions
  - Poster Sessions
  - Workshops
  - Symposia
- Cultural Meet Ups
- Young Professional Gathering
- Closing Ceremony
- Irish Cultural Evening
  - Ceili
  - Irish Music and Dance
  - Gala Banquet

Registration Fees:

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(Up to the 5th April 2024) (6th April - 23rd June 2024)

We have an exciting line up of Keynote Speakers and full details will be published shortly.

Social Events:
Please join us to experience the world-renowned Irish hospitality. We will be having a welcome reception, opening ceremony, networking events throughout the week, wellness breaks, cultural meet ups and on the night of the 28th June, we have our Irish Cultural Evening comprising Ceili, Irish Music and Dance and a Gala Banquet.
### Sunday 23rd June
- 10.00 - 12.00: Executive Committee Meeting
- 12.00: Delegate Registration Desk Opens
- 12.30 - 14.00: Lunch
- 14.00 - 17.00: IFHE Council Delegate Assembly
- 19.00: Welcome Reception

### Monday 24th June
- 09.00 - 09.30: Opening Ceremony
- 09.30 - 10.30: Plenary Keynote Session 1
- 10.30 - 11.00: Wellness Break
- 11.00 - 12.30: Research Sessions (concurrent, workshops, symposia, poster viewing)
- 12.30 - 14.00: Lunch
- 14.00 - 16.00: Research Sessions (concurrent, workshops, symposia, poster viewing)
- 16.00 - 16.30: Wellness Break

### Tuesday 25th June
- 09.30 - 10.30: Plenary Keynote Session 2
- 10.30 - 11.00: Wellness Break
- 11.00 - 12.30: Research Sessions (concurrent, workshops, symposia, poster viewing)
- 12.30 - 14.00: Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00: Programme Committee Meetings
- 15.00 - 16.30: Research Sessions (concurrent, workshops, symposia, poster viewing)
- 16.00 - 16.30: Wellness Break
- 17.00: Young Professional Networking

### Wednesday 26th June
- Technical Tours (further details to emerge)

### Thursday 27th June
- 09.30 - 10.30: Plenary Keynote Session 3
- 10.30 - 11.00: Wellness Break
- 11.00 - 12.30: Research Sessions (concurrent, workshops, symposia, poster viewing)
- 12.30 - 14.00: Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00: Regional Meetings
- 15.00 - 16.00: Council Committee Meetings
- 16.00 - 16.30: Wellness Break
- 16.00 - 17.00: Council Delegate Assembly (for Delegates Voting Purposes)

### Friday 28th June
- 09.30 - 10.30: Plenary Keynote Session 4
- 10.30 - 11.00: Wellness Break
- 11.00 - 12.30: Research Sessions (concurrent, workshops, symposia, poster viewing)
- 12.30 - 14.00: Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00: Closing Ceremony
- 19.00: Irish Cultural Evening, Ceili, Irish Music and Dance and Gala Banquet

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**Juried Review for Publication of IFHE Textile & Design (T&D) Proceedings**

A juried T&D digital proceeding publication and catalogue exhibition is planned, details available on the Congress website.
Transportation:
Galway, the city is well served by Shannon International Airport, Dublin International Airport and Ireland West International Airport at Knock. The closest airports to Galway are as follows:

- Shannon Airport: 1hr drive to Galway (www.shannonairport.ie)
- Knock Airport: 1hr drive to Galway (www.irelandwestairport.com)
- Dublin Airport: 2hrs 30mins drive to Galway (www.dublinairport.com)

Getting from the Airport to Galway
The most straightforward and cost-effective means of travel from Ireland’s airports to Galway is by bus. Bus services are provided by Bus Eireann from all three airports. Full details are available at:

- Bus Eireann www.buseireann.ie

The most regular services to Galway from Dublin Airport are provided by Citylink and GoBus.

- Citylink (www.citylink.ie)
- GoBus (www.gobus.ie)

Car Rental is also a good option. The following providers all service Dublin Airport.

- Hertz (www.hertz.ie)
- Budget (www.budget.ie)
- Europcar (www.europcar.ie)

Other Useful Information:
Weather
Galway has a year-round mild, moist, temperate and changeable climate. The city does not experience temperature extremes and receives an average of 1,156 mm (45.51 in) of rain annually, which is evenly distributed throughout the year. The average January temperature in the city is 5.9 °C (43 °F) and the average July temperature is 15.9 °C (61 °F).

While extreme weather is rare, the city and county can experience severe windstorms. Most of these storms occur between late autumn and early spring. Due to the city's northerly location, Galway has long summer days. Sunrise on summer solstice occurs at 05:07 and sunset at 22:07. By contrast, on winter solstice, the sun rises at 08:49 and sets at 16:19.

Currency: Euro €
Coin: There are eight different coin denominations: €2, €1, 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 2c and 1c
Paper: There are seven different denominations of euro banknotes: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500

Visa and Letter of Invitation
World Congress attendees who need a visa to enter Ireland should apply for a visa at the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country where they live. Please apply for a visa well in advance of travel. For more information, please go to https://www.irishimmigration.ie

A letter of Invitation is available on the XXV World Congress website at www.ifhe.org

Technical and Educational Excursions
Further details will be announced in February 2024 in relation to Technical and Educational Excursions.

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