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Letter of Support for the International Data Week in Salzburg in 2021

Dear Mrs. Hanahoe,

Dear Mr. Hodson,

Dear Mr. Edmunds,

I am delighted to hear that Salzburg has submitted a bid to host the International Data Week in 2021. I fully endorse this bid and I know that our partners within the Salzburg conference industry will deliver a successful event for your delegates.

Salzburg is already making its own important contribution in this field with research activity in the areas of Data Science and Geoinformatics at the Paris Lodron University Faculty of Natural Sciences in Salzburg. Furthermore, in our Scientific strategy for 2025 "Smart Data" is defined as one of the key scientific strengths and a master program was developed recently.

I wish to seize this opportunity to highlight the immense investments that have been made in infrastructure, education and training facilities throughout the entire region of Salzburg. Congress organisers can rely on the full support of dependable and experienced partners, such as Salzburg Convention Bureau and Salzburg Congress, and on open channels of communication with the offices and authorities in the city and region.

In closing I would like to underline the fact that our own excellent reputation and successes as hosts have been built upon the solid foundations of the consummate professionalism of the venues, businesses and service providers with whom we have worked for many years.

Therefore I wholeheartedly welcome and support the bid to host the largest international congress for data scientists - the International Data Week 2021 - in Salzburg.

With my best regards,



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Dear Ms. Hanahoe,  
dear Mr. Hodson,  
dear Mr. Edmunds!

As mayor of the capital city of Salzburg, please allow me to assure you that the city fully supports the application to hold the International Data Week here in Salzburg in 2021.

With its convention centre the City of Salzburg as host city would offer a state-of-the-art, perfectly situated and well-proven venue for similar international conventions as:

International Congress of the European Society of Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care - **ESPNIC 2019** (900 delegates)  
European Calcified Tissue Society Congress – **ECTS 2017** (900 delegates)  
Annual Meeting of the European Society für Dermatological Research – **ESDR 2019** (1200 delegates)

The city with its high-quality hotel sector and gastronomy amid the UNESCO world heritage site of the old town of Salzburg rounds off the ideal environment that attendees would find here and that makes Salzburg an internationally renowned travel destination.

Information- and communication technologies and competences in the field of Smart Data and Services rank among Salzburgs already widely recognised strengths. A healthy science sector including research and education, represented by the University of Salzburg, the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences and other research institutions coupled with an equally strong business sector form Salzburgs strengths in this field.

Let me finish with my assurance that a decision in favor of our city would be a decision you would not regret.

Best wishes from Salzburg

Harald Preuner  
Mayor