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Dear Professor Heeren,

Re: Liverpool City Region's Support for the IMSC 2030 Bid

It gives me great pleasure to offer my full and unequivocal support for Liverpool's bid to host the 26th International Mass Spectrometry Conference (IMSC) in August 2030.

As Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, I lead a Combined Authority serving 1.6 million people across six boroughs, with responsibility for transport, economic development, skills and strategic investment. Attracting major international scientific conferences such as IMSC is central to our vision of positioning Liverpool as a leading global destination for innovation, research and collaboration.

Liverpool City Region is currently undergoing a period of significant transformation. We have secured £1.6 billion of investment in our public transport network, delivering new rail infrastructure, rapid transit connections, and a fully integrated ticketing system by 2030. These developments will ensure that delegates can move easily and efficiently across the city region, with strong national and international connectivity.

We are proud to host a thriving knowledge economy, anchored by world-class universities and a £1 billion Knowledge Quarter, alongside a rapidly growing life sciences and health innovation sector. The presence of internationally recognised strengths in mass spectrometry, proteomics, materials chemistry and molecular science makes Liverpool a natural and compelling host for the IMSC community.

Hosting IMSC 2030 would directly contribute to our ambitions to grow the Liverpool City Region's high-value innovation economy. The conference would bring significant international visibility, strengthen strategic partnerships with global industry and academic leaders, and support inward investment into our science and innovation ecosystem.

Our experience in delivering major international events is well established. Most recently, Liverpool successfully hosted the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023, welcoming over 150,000 visitors and showcasing our ability to deliver complex, large-scale events to the highest standard. The waterfront convention campus offers a unique, high-quality setting for IMSC 2030, fully capable of supporting the scientific, technical and networking ambitions of the conference.

Importantly, the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority will work in close partnership with conference organisers, universities and destination partners to support the successful delivery of IMSC 2030. This includes facilitating transport solutions, supporting city-wide coordination, and ensuring a welcoming, accessible and inclusive experience for all delegates.

Hosting IMSC 2030 in Liverpool would not only celebrate the global impact of mass spectrometry, but also create a lasting legacy through collaboration, skills development and international partnership. We would be honoured to welcome the global mass spectrometry community to our city.

I can assure you of our full commitment to supporting this bid and to working collaboratively to deliver an exceptional international conference.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Rotherham

Mayor of the Liverpool City Region