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Professor Ron Heeren
President of the International Mass
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Dear Professor Heeren,

I am writing to express my support, and that of Liverpool City Council, for bringing the International Mass Spectrometry Conference to Liverpool in 2030.

Liverpool is a city rich in history, culture, and innovation and has earned its place as a vibrant hub for international conferences, attracting professionals and thought leaders from around the globe. From our iconic waterfront to our world-renowned universities, Liverpool offers a unique blend of charm and sophistication that sets the stage for successful and memorable events.

The spirit of collaboration and hospitality is deeply ingrained in the heart of our city, and we are committed to providing an environment that fosters productive conversations, networking, and knowledge sharing. Our state-of-the-art conference facilities, coupled with a diverse range of accommodation options and excellent transport links, ensures that delegates have a seamless and enjoyable experience during their stay.

One of Liverpool's most distinctive features is its compact city centre, where train station, hotels, shops, bars, restaurants and visitor attractions are all within walking distance of each other. This allows busy delegates to make the most of their time in our city.

Liverpool boasts excellent air, rail, and road links, easily accessible from both Manchester International Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport and is just 2 hours 20 minutes from London by train.

Warmly welcoming people and businesses to our city and showing them, a fantastic time is what we do best. The latest Condé Nast Traveller's Readers' choice awards recognised Liverpool as the third most popular UK city. Liverpool has also been rated as the UK's safest city and was voted the fourth friendliest city in the world by travel gurus 'Rough Guides'.

Liverpool has a long history of contributing to mass spectrometry, from early advances in ion chemistry to pioneering analytical applications across the sciences. Today, that heritage underpins a strong community equipped with modern high-resolution platforms and expertise spanning proteomics, metabolomics, materials science and pharmaceutical research. This combination of history, capability and collaboration makes Liverpool a credible and forward-looking centre for mass spectrometry.

The best events happen in places with a strong and memorable character, and Liverpool has this quality in spades. Be it from our iconic landmark architecture, old and new, or from our warm and welcoming nature and naturally enterprising and entrepreneurial spirits.

Thank you for considering Liverpool as the backdrop for your conference and please be assured of our commitment to make it a great success.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Lewis', with a stylized, flowing script.

Andrew Lewis
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