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# Sporting boost as Glasgow wins European College of Sport Science conference

Annual conference set to inject £5m into Glasgow's economy, bringing 3,000 delegates in 2021  
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Pictured: The newly re-branded Scottish Event Campus (SEC) will host the ECSS conference in 2021. Glasgow will experience a sporting boost of £5 million when the city hosts the European College of Sport Science (ECSS) annual congress in 2021.

The congress, which will take place at the newly-branded Scottish Event Campus (SEC), will take place following a number of major sporting events scheduled to take place in the coming years. They include the inaugural European Championships which will be co-hosted with Berlin in 2018, the European Indoor Athletics Championships in 2019 and the UEFA EURO 2020 football championships.

The 2021 conference will be the first time ECSS congress takes place in Scotland, and it is expected to attract more than 3,000 delegates.

Aileen Crawford, head of conventions at Glasgow Convention Bureau, commented: "Glasgow is recognised as one of the world's top five sporting cities and we're preparing to host a number of major sporting events over the next few years. It is fitting that ECSS, the leading association of sports scientists in Europe, has chosen Glasgow for its first ever visit to Scotland. We're delighted to welcome the conference to Glasgow, which will reinforce our credentials as a world class sporting city and continue to build on our legacy of major sporting events."

The conference will take place on 7-10 July, 2021.

Professor Craig Mahoney, principal and vice-chancellor of the University of the West of Scotland and member of the city's award-winning Conference Ambassador Programme, led Glasgow's ECSS bid alongside the university's School of Science and Sport. The bid was supported by VisitScotland's National Conference Bid Fund and secured through close collaboration between the university, Glasgow Convention Bureau, the SEC, VisitScotland and VisitBritain.

President of ECSS, professor Dr. Tim Cable, said: "Glasgow offers state-of-the-art conventions facilities, excellent options for networking and great recreational possibilities for the congress participants. We are always aiming to improve upon the successes of our previous congresses and we are very much looking forward to working with the city's conventions team to develop bespoke public engagement activities which will create unique experiences for delegates and involve the people of Glasgow."