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Dear Mr Saperia

Wikimania 2013

As Mayor of London I would be delighted to see London host the Wikimania conference in 2013. It is a great honour for the city and a warm welcome will be extended to you throughout this prestigious event.

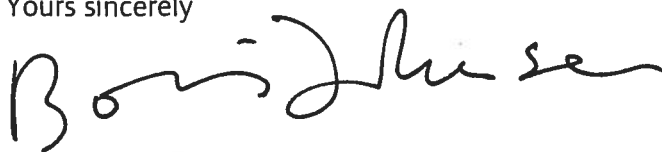
London has an illustrious history as one of the world's leading centres of information and knowledge. Amongst the earliest regular newspapers was the London Gazette, first published in the early seventeenth century. Still printed today, it has been joined by scores of worldwide media organisations and internationally recognised newspapers and journals.

Across the capital a comprehensive network of local and specialist newspapers provides the latest news and information for London's many communities. The majority of the United Kingdom's 8000 publishing companies are based here, as are internationally renowned journalism schools.

London is a city at the forefront of digital innovation, a global centre for technology and knowledge which attracts the world's best creative minds. With the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games just around the corner, there is no better time to bring this event to London.

I am pleased to add my support to the bid and we look forward to welcoming your delegates to our city.

Yours sincerely



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London