

RESIM2020

We are very pleased to confirm that RESIM2020 will take place on 4-5 June 2020. We have been constantly reviewing the announcements from Governments around the world on the restrictions on travel and movement especially from an international perspective. We, the three co-chairs of RESIM2020 met this week to discuss the current plans for RESIM2020. We recognise that for many including ourselves it is unclear whether we will be able to travel to Barcelona or if it will be safe. Therefore we have decided to make RESIM2020 a virtual online conference. In doing so, it means we can all present our work and we can all contribute to the world-wide effort to reduce and eliminate this virus.

We have assembled a team, CDRSP@VIRTUAL_SPACE of our colleagues expert in informatics and they are already exploring and testing the infrastructure required. We have asked them to make the online experience as normal as possible and to ensure that there is plenty of time for discussions and questions and just meeting up with other participants to explore ideas and perhaps start new collaborations.

The Scientific sessions for the conference will take place on Thursday 4th June and Friday 5th June 2020. We will email you the programme complete with the timings for each presentation on Friday 15th May. We are hoping to link up with the co-conference Bio-Dig as planned but online.

By Friday, 22nd May we will email you with details of how to join the on-line conference and we expect this will involve nothing more than your computer or laptop equipped with a webcam and a microphone connected to the internet. On Friday 29th May we will invite you to join us at a test session for the conference where you will have a chance to try your presentation and become familiar with the controls. You will be guided by one of our team on the day. There is nothing complicated and you will only need standard PC knowledge.

We will be publishing the conference papers in an international refereed journal. We planned to publish in Procedia Manufacturing but the Editors informed us that the journal was not publishing any more proceedings. We are currently finalising the arrangements with another qualified indexed journal and we will let you know as soon as possible. We expect the last date for submitting your manuscript will be after the conference probably 1st September, this will ensure all papers are published in 2020.

You will receive a list of the delegates participating in the conference and we are currently exploring how to provide enhanced contact discussion with the other participants.

If you have any questions about RESIM2020 please feel free to contact us via resim@ipleiria.pt

As this will be a new experience for most of us, we will value your feedback, we are already thinking about RESIM2022 and wondering if we should retain the virtual conference for 2022 to reduce our carbon footprint.

We look forward to meeting you online at RESIM2020 next month.

With our best wishes for keeping safe

Nuno, Artur and Geoff (Co-Chairs RESIM2020)