

URGENT INFORMATION

Dear Colleagues!

The situation we're all living in the world - the Covid19 pandemic - forces us to use our reason and make rational decisions.

The organizers of the PHI 2020 Congress, scheduled to October 8-10th, have been following the situation. As far as it is reasonable to think, Covid 19 will remain active until the end of Summer (September) **IF** all countries take the necessary measures **NOW**.

Many Universities and Research Centers are closed, Professors and researchers unauthorized to leave their countries, to book flights, to attend Congresses and Scientific meetings.

We are living on a day to day basis that is not the ideal situation to program or prepare activities to take place in the near future.

Given this reality, the organizing committee of PHI 2020 Congress has decided the following:

1 – The 6th INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONGRESS PHI 2020: “TRADITION AND INNOVATION” IS CANCELLED!

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The Congress is the favored moment to exchange points of view, to discuss and to establish contacts. **However, it is not the only way scientific knowledge may be shared.**

With this in mind, the Organizing Committee has decided that:

2 - The BOOK TRADITION AND INNOVATION will be published with the papers that are approved, following precisely in the same method as if the Congress would take place.

Many Universities stopped traditional classes/lectures and started using online teaching until the end of the semester. This brought additional stress to researchers and professors that must change their way of work and planned lectures. Consequently, time to write papers and work gracious peer-reviewing is shortened and not a top priority for many of us. This brings us to the 3rd resolution:

3 – DEADLINE FOR PAPER SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED TO APRIL 30!

DEADLINES FOR PAYMENT WILL ALSO MOVE FORWARD 30 DAYS!

PAYMENT EARLY BIRD DEADLINE MAY 31

FINAL PAYMENT (FULL BIRD) JUNE 30

One fair question may pop up in your mind: If there is no Congress, why aren't the prices lowered? Because, though we do not have the expenses of organizing the Congress (which would have financial support from our Institutional Sponsor), we will have one

significant, unexpected expense: send to each author the book, delivered at her/his working place.

The publishers only deliver the bulk of books to one location, in this case, Portugal. Our staff will have to pay to a reliable international post company to send 100 books to different places, so we may keep our promise of giving each author one book. After consulting several global post companies, the estimated cost of sending 100 books to 15 different countries will exhaust the money previously destined to the organization. Furthermore, we will not have any financial support from the official sponsors, for this is not considered as an eligible expense.

Finally:

Due to the overwork of technical support teams, mainly those in charge of online communications, the PHI site (<http://phi.fa.ulisboa.pt/index.php/en/>) will have occasional maintenance.

Registration site to submit papers will always be updated (<https://congressos.leading.pt/geral/inseririnscricao.aspx?evento=107&formulario=247&lingua=en-GB>).

However, KEEP THIS EMAIL so you can re-read it if any doubts regarding this information update.

The Organizing Committee wishes all our colleagues all the luck in the world and urge you all to **stay safe!** Hopefully, we will all be able to shake hands and hugs in October 2121!

Very best wishes

Organizing Committee Congress PHI 2020