

# URGENT INFORMATION

Dear Colleagues!

The situation we're still all living worldwide - the Covid19 pandemic - forces us to use our reason and make rational decisions even if they contradict our emotions.

The organizers of the PHI 2021 Congress, scheduled on October 4-6<sup>th</sup>, have been following the situation. Covid 19 remains active. Vaccination is subjected to constant delays. Societies are under the threat of more or less severe lockdowns decided on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Many Universities and Research Centers are closed, Professors and researchers are unauthorized to leave their countries, book flights, and attend Congresses and Scientific meetings. Therefore, booking flights and hotels are uncertain and planning uncertain. We live on a day-to-day basis that is not ideal for programming or preparing activities to occur shortly.

Given this reality, the organizing committee of PHI 2021 Congress has decided the following:

1 – The 7th INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONGRESS PHI 2021: “CREATING THROUGH MIND AND EMOTIONS” **IS CANCELLED!**

The Congress is the favored moment to exchange points of view, discuss and establish contacts, and meet colleagues. However, one year of experience with webminares and online Congresses proved that technical infrastructures do not ensure the needed quality worldwide, and online sharing does not yet come close to simulate/replace face-to-face interaction. Therefore:

2 – The Congress will not take place online, at least this year. We will keep monitoring the situation and the technical means available for 2022.

However, publishing is still a valuable way of sharing knowledge and researches. Therefore:

**3 - The BOOK CREATING THROUGH MIND AND EMOTIONS will be published with the approved papers, following precisely in the same method as if the Congress would take place.**

To promote worldwide dissemination of the researchers' work, from 2021 onward, the PHI series (<https://www.routledge.com/PHI/book-series/PHI>), with Taylor & Francis's excellent quality, will be published in **Golden Open Access**. At the same time, we will continue the efforts to index the PHI series in Scopus and other databases. Unfortunately, this option for Golden Open Access is costly and won't allow us to drop the fees.

The Organisers and founders of the PHI project believe that they made the best decisions to ensure both researchers' lives and work. If you have doubts, please contact us:

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The Organizing Committee wishes all our colleagues all the luck and urges you all to stay safe! Hopefully, we will all be able to shake hands and hugs in 2022!

Very best wishes

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