IGARSS 2020 GoingVirtual

Dear colleagues,

I hope this email finds you all in good health.

As the COVID-19 pandemic causes global travel challenges and restrictions, a new format of IGARSS has been created and it comprises several major changes in the organization, schedule, events. A definitely new conference experience!. It will be a completely online and virtual event.

Updated due dates

- Full paper submission: **June 19, 2020**
- Author registration: **June 11, 2020 – July 15, 2020**
- **New** – registration fee for virtual participants/attendees:
  - For presenting author: **120 USD/paper**
  - For non-presenting attendees (non-authors): **10 USD**
- New – 5-min video recording of paper presentation: **June 19, 2020 – July 10, 2020**
- Videos posted for on-demand viewing and Q&A submissions: **September 21, 2020**
- IGARSS 2020: **September 26, 2020 – Octobre 2, 2020 (Tutorials Sept 26-27; Sessions: Sept 28-Oct 2)**
- The final Technical Program including: new formats of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Exhibits, and TIE events, will be posted on the Symposium website by **July 31, 2020**.
- Authors all around the world can attend remotely and simultaneously at a convenient time (2 –6:30 PM CEST)
- **Same result:** Presented papers will be published in IEEEXplore Certificates of attendancewill be provided

The Symposium will consist of 25 parallel sessions that will be conducted in two 2-hour blocks, over a 4.5-hour period from 05:00–09:30 Pacific Daylight Time, the same as 14:00-18:00 Central Europe Summer Time and 20:00 –00:30 China Standard Time. The important changes to the format of the Technical Program are as follows:

- ➢ All presentations previously selected as oral presentations and posters will be delivered in the same virtual format, consisting of both asynchronous and synchronous components.
- ➢ The asynchronous component includes: Pre-recorded videos that are viewable on-demand at least one week prior to the conference:
- Videos must be uploaded to the conference website from June 19 through July 10. Details will be provided at **https://igarss2020.org/**
- Video file format: mp4
- Dimensions: Minimum height 480 pixels
- Aspect ratio: 16:9
- Duration: 5 minutes
- IMPORTANT: ** Videos that are not uploaded by July 10 will be considered as no-shows in accordance with the GRSS non-presented paper policy.
  - ➢ The synchronous component includes:

* A 20-minute pre-session before the start of each session for presenter check-in and preparation. During the session, each presentation is allocated a 10-minute slot: 0.5 minutes for introduction by the Session Chair/Co-Chair, 5 minutes for the Session Chair to play the pre-recorded video, and 4.5 minutes for Q&A. The first presentation in an Invited Session is allocated 20 minutes, with a 10-minute video.

•Session Chairs and Co-Chairs will moderate the Q&A with questions posted prior to the conference during the on-demand period andthose posted in real-time via a Q&A feature with the ability for Symposium registrants to post questions and comments.

•It is envisioned that only the Session Chairs, Co-Chairs, and the panelists (presenting authors in the session) will have the ability to use their microphones and videos. All other attendees will be automatically placed on mute with their videos turned off. They will be able to participate via the Q&A feature, moderated by the Session Chair and Co-Chair.

* Session Chairs and Co-Chairs will keep the sessions on a defined schedule to ensure that interested participants can attend other presentations in parallel sessions, similar to an in-person Symposium. For more information, you may refer to FAQ, which will be posted soon and regularly updated on the Symposium website.

More details are provided in:

- **Attached file ("IGARSS 2020 GoingVirtual: A Quick Guide")**
- **Attached file : IGARSS 2020 GoingVirtual**
- **https://igarss2020.org/**

Please get in touch if you would like to contribute in more ways; and feel free to circulate this information among your colleagues and PhD students.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you need some help.

Best wishes,
IEEE-GRSS Algeria Chapter, on behalf of the IGARSS2020 Committee