



April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Second Important Announcement

### **THE 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ISPA IS POSTPONED FOR 2021**

#### **THE NEW CONFERENCE DATES OF ISPA 2021 ARE: 13 – 16 JULY, 2021 Nicosia, CYPRUS**

Dear ISPA members, presenters and participants of the ISPA2020,

After careful consideration of all parameters regarding the developing Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) international outbreak, the ISPA Executive Committee in collaboration with the Local Organizing Committee reviewed all options and decided to **postpone the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the International School Psychology Association until 13 - 16 July 2021 to be held in Cyprus.**

We have been closely monitoring the COVID pandemic for several weeks and have been coordinating according to the changing nature of the situation for the utmost benefit of the conference participants. The main concern that led to the difficult decision to postpone the conference is the health and safety of all participants and of our communities in light of the expanding spread of the pandemic worldwide. In addition, many governments issued strict bans on travel and restrictions on movement and gatherings, while many institutions around the world (universities, research centres and international or EU organizations) have restricted their staff's mobility and reimbursement processes, which were also causing distress to participants.

Great care was taken to address **logistical issues** pertinent to the rescheduling of the conference by rolling over as many aspects as possible in order to minimize the impact on you and facilitate a smooth and convenient transition to [ISPA 2021](#) as described below:

#### **REGISTRATIONS AND LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH EASY CONFERENCES**

- a. All the registrations for ISPA 2020 will be automatically transferred to next year's conference. Participants with paid registration for ISPA 2020 who intend on attending next year's conference do not need to do anything further as your registration for [ISPA 2021](#) is guaranteed. However, if someone would like to cancel and get a refund, this would be possible according to the terms of the cancellation policy during registration. Conference Organizers will also accept a substitute/transfer of registration to another participant at no additional cost.
- b. The [online registration system](#) will remain open for those participants wishing to take advantage of registering for [ISPA 2021](#) with 2020 funds. The registration deadline to take advantage of early fees is April 16 2021. Needless to say, that the system will remain open until the beginning of July 2021 for those participants that may wish to register at a later stage.
- c. All local arrangements booked through the conference website, (hotel bookings, airport transfers, car hire, etc.) will be cancelled and a relevant credit will appear in your Easy Conferences account. This credit could be used to book similar services once you finalize your new travel arrangements. However, if someone would like to get a full refund at this stage, this could be possible

- d. The Easy Conferences staff will be ready to assist with all new arrangements, invoicing, proof of payment, and refunds. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via email at [info@ispa2020.org](mailto:info@ispa2020.org) or telephone +357 22 591900.
- e. All participants' accounts (within the Easy Conferences system) will be updated the soonest following any user changes.

#### **SUBMITTED AND ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS:**

- a. The review of abstracts submitted for ISPA 2020 is under way and final decisions will be emailed to authors by April 10th 2020. All accepted submissions will be rolled over to the **ISPA 2021** conference.
- a. The online abstract submission system will re-open at a later time so that authors of accepted abstracts may make any necessary amendments. It will be possible to remove an abstract should a presenter decide not to attend the 2021 conference.
- b. There will be a Call for Abstracts for new submissions in 2021. Dates will be announced on the conference website.

We understand that the decision to postpone the conference for next year might be disappointing to many. It definitely is very disappointing for us. We apologize for any inconvenience or strain that this decision may have caused, but we feel it was a necessary one under these unprecedented circumstances. Rescheduling the conference to next year, hoping for a time of more certainty, is the best way to safeguard that all are in a position to remain attending our yearly gatherings. We hope that this decision allows everyone to address in a timely manner complications arising from the postponement of this year's conference and to plan ahead and have the opportunity to attend the conference next year. We would like to thank you for your understanding.

All partners are fully committed to **ISPA 2021** and the LOC will continue to work towards preparing an outstanding scientific and social program. Please continue to get updates on the ISPA 2021 conference through the [website](#). For any further queries or support regarding the rescheduling of the conference please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@ispa2020.org](mailto:info@ispa2020.org).

Divided this year by distance, United by Solidarity and a Common Mission.

We would like to wish you all the best and we look forward to welcoming you in Nicosia, Cyprus next year on 13-16 July 2021 for **ISPA 2021!**

Kind regards,

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