

Dear Colleagues,

please take note of the following important news and updates regarding the 29th International Symposium on Discharges and Electrical Insulation in Vacuum, **now scheduled for 26/September though 01/October, 2021.**

A. First, we remind you that the **abstract submission deadline is the next 28/02/2021**

Contributors that already submitted their abstract/paper, have the following options:

- Contributors who give up presenting their work at Conference shall-withdraw their contribution(s) before 28 February 2021 (abstract submission deadline).
- Contributors who have submitted only abstract(s), they can:
 - keep the the abstract(s) as it is. It will be considered as accepted;
 - withdraw old and resubmit new abstract(s) before 28 February 2021 (abstract submission deadline). In this case, the new abstract(s) shall be reviewed and accepted.
- Contributors who have submitted a paper, they can:
 - Keep the paper as it is. It will be subjected to refereeing after the 16 May 2021 (Paper submission deadlines).
 - Update their paper before **16 May 2021 (Paper submission deadline)**. It will be subjected to refereeing after the 16 May 2021.

B. It is our strong commitment to organize this Symposium as a face-to-face event, but the pandemic is far from being under control and it is impossible to predict the situation in September 2021, though vaccination processes have started worldwide.

For this reason, in agreement with the Permanent International Scientific Committee (PISC) of the ISDEIV, it has been decided to organize the Symposium in an hybrid format that allows both remote participation and in presence - with a maximum number of 120 attendees.

The decision to hold the Conference in hybrid format or switch to remote format will be made by 31 May 2021, the latest.

In case of Symposium in presence, it will run at the Orto Botanico Venue, located in the city center of Padova, Italy. Registrations will be opened on Sunday 26 September afternoon at the Venue. The attendees will be welcomed during the opening reception planned for Monday 27th evening.

Please keep yourselves updated, checking frequently the website at the [IMPORTANT NEWS](#) page.

C. Oral sessions, either in presence or in remote, will be held via webconference using the zoom platform, and Presenters may be either present or connected. Moreover, **all the presenters** will be required to prepare a video of their presentation. Poster sessions will also be held using zoom virtual rooms instead of the classical poster stand. More details will be given in due time.

D. The Conference will be complemented by the [Paul Chatterton Young Investigator Award](#). Participants who will apply to the Award shall immediately notify the LOC their intention after paper submission, emailing to isdeiv2020@igi.cnr.it, specifying:

- In the email Subject: Surname Name - PAC AWARD
- In the email Body: ID of the Paper; Title of the Paper submitted; Date of Birth

The Conference will be also complemented by the [Best Film Award](#). To apply for the Award, the candidate must present at the Conference a paper, in which the film is part of. Before the deadline for the paper presentation (16 May 2021), the candidate shall notify to the LOC its intention emailing to isdeiv2020@igi.cnr.it, writing:

- In the email Subject: Surname Name - BEST FILM AWARD
- In the email Body: ID of the Paper; Title of the Paper submitted;

The movie duration shall not exceed 3 minutes. Allowed formats are AVI, MPEG-4, MOV or WMV. It will be sent to the LOC at least one month before the start of the Conference.

Further details will be given in due advance.

Thank you for your support, and stay healthy!

On behalf of The 29th ISDEIV Local Organizing Committee

Antonio De Lorenzi, Chair.