



Dear Participants,

A warm welcome from the **t-Forum 2020 Conference** Organizing Committee. As you know, the t-Forum conference, due to the spreading risk of coronavirus (COVID-19), was postponed to **November 4 - 7**.

In response to this unprecedented situation worldwide and current development of COVID-19, global travel bans and feedback from the research community, it has been decided that **the t-Forum will be conducted totally online**. Keeping these and related concerns in mind, this decision had to be made as the safety and wellbeing of our participants is of our primary concern. We understand the implications of this decision for many, especially for those participants who had already postponed the travel and hotel arrangements, but we believe that this is the best and safe option for all.

The online conference will feature paper presentations, workshops, as well as keynote talks and remarks from well-known industry professionals. However, the technical visits scheduled for November 7 are not possible to be provided online.

Be assured that your place on the program is saved, along with our publishing/ award opportunities as outlined on our website <https://www.tforum2020.org/publications-awards>. The paper review process has concluded and authors will be updated in days.

According to this new conference format, the registration fee has been reduced to 50% for all participants. The refund of the difference will be processed until September 30.

If you have colleagues who would be interested to participate, please kindly forward the conference link <https://www.tforum2020.org/> to them. We are accepting the submission of new abstracts until September 15 and the registration deadline is October 12.

We are grateful to everyone for contributing to the making and shaping of this global conference and we look forward to welcoming you all virtually at the t-Forum in November.

Until then, stay healthy and please do not hesitate to contact us at the email tforum2020@ualg.pt

On behalf of the organizing committee,

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