



## Important Announcement due to COVID-19 Situation

Dear participants,

After a long discussions concerning IMES 2020 and closed borders due to COVID-19, we have decided to undertake the following steps:

1. For IMES 2020, we will just publish conference proceedings without personal attendance and author presentations. Keynote speakers were asked to deliver their keynote speeches for IMES 2021, and some of them have already agreed.

Each of you can decide whether a) to publish your paper in IMES 2020 proceedings, b) postpone your presentation till the next year, i.e. till IMES 2021, or c) withdraw completely. In case of withdrawal, the paid conference fee will be refunded back. In case of choosing to stay in proceedings, the fee will be 150 EUR per accepted paper. Those authors who already paid the fee and want to get published in the proceedings will be refunded the difference between their payment and 150 EUR.

2. Deadline for submitting revised versions of all papers is extended till April 10 2020.

3. After continuous indexation of our conference proceedings in the Web of Science database (Clarivate Analytics) covering years 2015-2019, we have decided to publish last conference proceedings this year (i.e. covering papers from IMES 2020). IMES 2020 Proceedings will be submitted for inclusion in the Web of Science database. Next versions of IMES conference will not include published conference proceedings. We hope that this will lead to even more constructive review process.

4. IMES conference will be postponed till 26. - 28. 5. 2021 (to next year).

Authors who got their papers accepted for IMES 2020 may present their papers in IMES 2021.

5. Selected authors will be invited to publish their papers in partner journals.

6. If you have no paper and you just wanted to participate at IMES 2020 conference, we will refund your fee and we encourage you to take a part in IMES 2021.

I would like to apologise for this sincerely, and we would be very glad if you are willing to come to Prague next year. You could attempt to rebook your flights/trains and hotels for the next year. We hope the situation will be fine next year, although nobody knows what can happen within the next few months.

Please, let me know your decision on whether you want to have the paper included in the conference proceedings 2020 by 1st April 2020 at the latest, so we are able to process everything accordingly.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and thank you very much for your understanding.

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