

Announcing ICASSP 2020 as a Fully Virtual Conference

The safety and well-being of our participants is of paramount importance to IEEE Signal Processing Society. On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Covid-19 a pandemic. After careful consideration and in light of the global health emergency and pervasive travel restrictions, IEEE Signal Processing Society has made the difficult decision to convert ICASSP 2020 to a fully virtual conference.

We were looking forward to seeing everyone at ICASSP in Barcelona, but we are excited for the opportunity to innovate by creating an engaging virtual conference that will be rewarding for both presenters and attendees.

Immediate guidance for authors, and questions about registration and participation are given below. We are actively discussing several options, with full details to be announced soon.

Information for Authors of Accepted Papers

Both oral and poster papers will be presented by the author creating a 15-minute pre-recorded video within the virtual conference. This video will be required for each paper to be submitted for inclusion into IEEE Xplore. Authors will also be required to be available for a Q&A session on their paper. Authors that do not meet both these requirements will be considered "no-shows."

We will provide more detailed instructions soon, particularly on how to record your presentations. In the interim, please do begin preparing your talk and associated visuals. Each should be timed carefully to not exceed the time allocation.

Virtual Conference Dates

The conference will still take place between May 4-8, as these are the dates people have allocated to attend the conference. We expect most participants will still commit their time during this window to participate in the conference, and have discussions with fellow researchers around the world.

Travel Cancellation

Please review any previously confirmed travel, and proceed with contacting those providers for cancellation policies. You may want to consider the following advice:

Flights: Many airlines are waiving the change fee on Non-Refundable Fare tickets provided you bought a ticket within a certain time window. Many airlines are also offering refunds if travel is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check whether your preferred airline has enacted such policies. Please read carefully the fine print in any travel insurance you may have purchased as most plans will not cover cancellation of travel as a precautionary measure.

Hotels: If you have made a hotel reservation on your own, please check the cancellation policy and contact the hotel or booking agent directly to cancel as soon as possible to avoid any fees. We are working with the ICASSP Housing Bureau on cancelling reservations for those who booked directly on the ICASSP website, and will be in contact with those individuals directly.

Conference Registration Fee

Registration will provide each participant with an access code to participate in sessions. For authors, registration is required for accepted papers to be considered for inclusion into IEEE Xplore. Registration funds collected will be used to support the infrastructure needed to host and support the virtual conference. We are looking into the possibility of reduced registration fees.

Tutorials and Additional Conference Content

We will send details soon for additional technical events purchased during ICASSP registration, including tutorials and workshops, and we are exploring ways to provide this content virtually as well.

ICASSP 2020 Important Dates

IEEE Xplore® Open Preview: April 9 - May 8, 2020

IEEE ICASSP Virtual Conference: May 4-8, 2020

Ana Perez-Neira and Xavier Mestre, General Co-Chairs, ICASSP 2020
Ahmed Tewfik, President, IEEE Signal Processing Society
Fernando Pereira, VP-Conferences, IEEE Signal Processing Society