

The logo for HYDRO 2020 features the word "HYDRO" in a red, serif font above the year "2020" in a white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the year is a stylized red turbine with three blades. The background of the entire image is a composite of a dam on the left and a world map with red lines connecting various points on the right.

HYDRO

2020

WILL BE ONLINE

STRATEGIES FOR FUTURE PROGRESS ~ 26-28 October 2020

Dear HYDRO Colleagues

We have been continuing to work hard on all aspects of HYDRO 2020, in the strong hope up that we might be able to proceed with an in-person live event in late October, with appropriate precautions in place. But as many will have heard, the COVID situation has caused some new problems in France, and in a number of the countries from which participants would wish to travel.

Therefore, with huge disappointment, but in the interests of everyone's safety, we have taken the decision to switch to a virtual, online event, which will take place on the same dates, 26-28 October.

We have been researching the very best platform and systems to produce a conference and exhibition which is as near as possible to reality. We aim for most of the existing sessions and topics to be included, and have already received messages of strong support from chairpersons and speakers.

Broadly, we are planning pre-recorded presentations, followed by live Q&A sessions. Our event management software has some outstanding features to maximize the possibilities for direct contact between speakers, delegates and exhibitors. We will offer a range of options for participating in the whole event, or certain tracks of sessions only, and full papers will be available as usual, representing a wealth of valuable information (a lot more than would be available from a regular webinar or online discussion).

We invite you to view the timetable of the conference programme, with a preview of the topics to be covered in the sessions. Full details of speakers and papers will be available shortly, when the new registration site is launched. Delegates will have the opportunity to book to attend, virtually, blocks of sessions over the three days, or the whole conference, which will remain live for at least 24 h for those in different time zones. We are delighted that some world experts who would not have been able to travel to Strasbourg in the current situation will now be joining the programme. We are all set to deliver a full programme of presentations on practical and topical issues.

More announcements will follow soon. Meanwhile, best wishes and above all keep well at this difficult time.

The Aqua~Media Conference team.