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Changes to the 16th CDIO International Conference due to COVID-19

Together, the CDIO Council, Co-leaders, Office and 2020 Program Committee including the local hosts in Bangkok and Reykjavik have assessed the COVID-19 situation. The process included identifying various priorities, weighting different perspectives and interests, while also considering available capacity and economic constraints.

Based on the information available today, it is not possible to go ahead as planned. Many potential conference participants are likely to avoid international travel, both for their own security and to help slow the spreading of the virus. Governments and universities are also increasingly imposing travel restrictions, which will affect many participants. Already at present, the Bangkok organisers are not allowed to receive travellers from 10 countries, affecting about 30% of the authors.

Consequently, based on a proposal of the 2020 Program Committee, we have made the following decisions:

- **The 16th International CDIO Conference will take place without a physical meeting.**
- **The 16th CDIO International Conference Proceedings will be published.**
The 2020 Program Committee has finished the peer review process and is ready to notify the authors of the decisions. Accepted papers will be published in the 2020 Proceedings (a publication fee of 200 USD applies). The oral presentations may be done online (information to follow) or in the 2021 conference.
- **Accepted activities are invited to present in 2021.**
This applies to workshops, round-tables and working groups. Details will be included in the notifications to authors.
- **Accepted Projects-in-Progress are invited to resubmit for the 2021 conference.**
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- **The CDIO Academy 2020 will not be held.**
- **Elections to the CDIO Council will be held online in June 2020.**
Council meetings, and the 2020 elections to the CDIO Council, will be held online.

The 17th CDIO International conference will be held in Bangkok on June 20-24, 2021.

The call for papers for contributions to the 2021 conference will be issued according to a normal schedule. The COVID-19 situation will be monitored as needed.

The 18th CDIO International conference will be held in Reykjavik in June 2022.

Exact dates are to be decided.

On behalf of the CDIO Council and 2020 Programme Committee,
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