Hybrid Format Information

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and sustainability reasons, the ECP20 will be delivered as a hybrid event that combines an on-site in-person event with a virtual online component. Participants can choose to register for on-site or on-line attendance according to their needs and preferences and present/attend either physically or virtually.

The basic format of the ECP20 remains the same as in previous years—the conference begins with pre-conference activities (e.g., pre-conference workshops) on Tuesday and a formal opening session followed by an informal reception on Tuesday evening. The conference ends three days later with a Gala Dinner on Friday evening.

How does the hybrid format work?

When submitting their contributions to the conference, participants can indicate whether they would like to present at an on-site physical session in Madrid OR at a virtual session. All talks in one session (e.g., a paper session or a symposium) should be delivered in the same format.

Live streamed presentations from Madrid: keynote talks and invited symposia

All in-person keynote talks and invited symposia will be held in the main hall of the conference. These sessions will be streamed live. A chat system will be enabled so that all those who are watching the conference live from anywhere, can ask questions.   The moderator and the technician will be in charge of taking the questions. All live streamed sessions will be made viewable on the conference web site for conference participants.

If a keynote speaker or the members of an invited symposium will not be able to travel to Madrid due to health or other reasons, these sessions will take place as pre-recorded virtual sessions (please see the next section) and will be broadcasted in the main lecture hall in Madrid, followed by a live Q&A session.

Virtual sessions: symposia and paper sessions

A virtual room will be set up in which those who wish to participate remotely can present their oral talks. All talks in online sessions will be pre-recorded followed by a live Q&A chat. The pre-recorded content of the communication must be uploaded prior to the session to the conference

website. The content will be shown in a physical room by a technician, so that the room will function as if it were a face-to-face room.

All people who are in Madrid and want to attend a virtual session, can attend it by going to the physical room or by joining the session from any other location on the conference venue using their own laptops, tablets, or smartphones. Those who will be attending the conference remotely, will be able to access the sessions through the conference website. In all virtual sessions there will be a moderator (i.e., a chair of a paper session or symposium from UEM / EAPP or designed by people who organize symposiums) and a technician. The moderator and the technician will organize the chatting and the Q&A sessions.

The expectation is that most of the conference participants will attend the conference in person in Madrid, so there will be only one virtual room. If there is a higher demand for online presentations, there will be a possibility to have another virtual room.

Traditional in-person conference sessions

The rest of the conference rooms will be used for traditional in-person presentations. These talks will not be recorded or live streamed, meaning that conference delegates attending the conference remotely will not have the opportunity to attend those in-person oral presentations.

Poster sessions: both on-site and online

Separate poster sessions will be held on-site in Madrid and virtually online. On-site poster sessions will not be available for the participants attending remotely.

For the virtual poster sessions, a specific area in the virtual campus of UEM will be created. Every poster presented online will have a specific virtual room on Teams/Canvas, so the only thing that people must do in order to see those online posters and chat with the authors is visiting the virtual room through the web site. We will request all poster in A0 PDF format.

The worst-case scenario: Going fully online

If the conference has to be shifted online because of the pandemic, all sessions and conference activities will be virtual. All talks in online sessions will be pre-recorded and followed by a live Q&A chat. Each virtual room will have its technician, who will be in charge of uploading the presentations that people will have previously sent, and a chair who will moderate the session.

Technical Requirements

Access to live stream and pre-recorded virtual communications will be through the conference website, www.ECP20.com. There will be no smartphone app for the conference, the attendees will be able to access all online talks through the ECP20 website. A space will be set up on the conference web page so that conference participants attending remotely can send their recorded talks in advance. The space for uploading videos will be created by the technical partner of the conference organizers, Scope. Vimeo will be used for video management.

Before uploading their pre-recorded talks, the conference participants will be asked to check that their talks have enough sound and image quality (it is recommended to use a microphone).

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