

Dear friends and colleagues,

Given the COVID-19 outbreak and following considerable internal consulting, the organizing committee has decided to postpone this year's conference. This was not an easy decision to make. However, we feel that it is the correct decision under the global circumstances. Although all of us hope that things will have considerably improved by late June, it was felt that we will not have fully returned to normality and that many people will be understandably reluctant to travel and get together in large groups. We do sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused and for upsetting your plans.

On a brighter note, the venue of next year's conference – ICES2021 – will be the Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece. We hope to see all of you then.

Best wishes to all and stay safe

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