

December 06 2020 - Fourth circular

Dear Colleagues,

We hope this finds you and your dear ones well and safe at this indescribable time. Here we had all been hoping that the Covid-19 situation would improve enough for us to ensure the organization of an enjoyable event in Ragusa Ibla, first in autumn 2020, then in spring 2021. However, it seems that international travel may be somewhat disrupted throughout the first half of 2021; moreover, 2021 promises to be rich in events that have been postponed from 2020, although many of them will probably be a combination of in-person and online presentations – something many of us might find a bit demanding, after more than a year in which all our professional activities have been carried out over Zoom, or Teams, or Google Meet, or a combination of such platforms. In any case, we thought we would be reluctant to force participants to make potentially difficult choices between events occurring at roughly the same time in 2021; in addition, and much more importantly, we would really like LModE-7 to be a conference at which we can all take advantage of the fruitful exchanges that occur when we meet in person. As a result, after much thought and consultation with our Keynote Speakers, to whom we are very grateful, we have decided to reschedule the Conference for 5-7 May 2022. We do hope you will agree that this is the safest option at this stage. Please note that

1. The conference schedule is not expected to change: presentations will start on Thu. 5 th May 2022 and finish by lunchtime on Sat. 7 th May 2022; the social programme will also follow the same pattern we have already outlined.
2. Registration fees are not expected to increase; if you have already registered, your registration continues to be valid; however, we regret that, for administrative reasons, no reimbursements can be envisaged at this stage. All other information provided in the previous circulars still applies.
3. So as to avoid any delays in the publication of the proceedings, we now invite participants to submit the finalized version of their papers by 15th May 2022. This should enable everybody to take into account any observations made during the debate, while allowing the editors to start work on the proceedings before the summer break.

We truly appreciate your understanding, and we look forward to being in touch again soon.

All the best,

Massimo Sturiale (Head of the Organizing Committee)