

2nd Circular

ASSW2021 Science Conference moves to virtual

The COVID-19 pandemic is intensifying as the autumn approaches in the Northern Hemisphere and the number of confirmed cases has been increasing, particularly in western Europe.

It is unlikely that the pandemic situation will improve in the upcoming months unless a vaccine or an effective treatment will be developed, which might still take several months. This situation has direct consequences on traveling and on conferences involving large number of participants like ASSW2021. Therefore, the ASSW2021 Local Organizing Committee in coordination with IASC decided to move the Science Symposium part of ASSW2021 (23 – 26 March 2021) into an online event.

As the Business and Community Meetings (20 – 22 March 2021) involve less participants, we are still considering the possibility of organizing this part of ASSW2021 in a hybrid format (partially in-person and partially online). A final decision on this part of ASSW will be made in December.

The Local Organizing Committee is disappointed with the need to implement this decision, but we think that it was a necessary given the current circumstances. We are working towards an excellent online Science Symposium in ASSW2021, which will also allow for wider access across the world. We expect that it will be a very good opportunity to discuss Arctic science, engineering, education, as well as Indigenous and local community issues. Hence, we are looking forward to meeting you all online soon and to organize a very fruitful ASSW2021.

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João Canário, *Chair*









Gonçalo Vieira, *Chair of the International Scientific Committee*



Scientific Sessions

About 90 session proposals have been submitted to ASSW2021 and evaluated by the International Scientific Committee. The approved sessions were grouped in 8 main themes:

Themes

 <p>THE ARCTIC: REGIONAL CHANGES, GLOBAL IMPACTS</p>	 <p>THE CHANGING ARCTIC OCEAN: DYNAMICS AND IMPACTS</p> <p>View sessions</p>	 <p>ARCTIC CLIMATE DYNAMICS</p>	 <p>THE CHANGING TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENTS: DYNAMICS AND</p>
 <p>UNRAVELLING ARCTIC ECOSYSTEM DYNAMICS</p>	 <p>EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE POLAR REGIONS</p>	 <p>LIVING IN THE ARCTIC</p>	 <p>OBSERVING THE ARCTIC</p> <p>View sessions</p>

Information about the scientific sessions for each theme is available at the website.

Important Dates

January 2020 to April 30, 2020 – Call for Scientific Sessions **CLOSED !!!**

May 2020 to November 30, 2020 – Call for Community Meetings Requests **NOW OPEN !!!**

October 2020 to November 30, 2020 – Call for Abstracts **NOW OPEN !!!**

December 2020 – Notification of Abstract Acceptance

December 2020 to January 31, 2021 – Early Bird Registration

20 to 26 March 2021 – ASSW2021

If you have questions, contact the Secretariat at: info@assw2021.pt

