Dear colleagues,

Dear friends,

COVID-19 is now a global health risk and is continuously spreading to many countries. It is difficult to predict when the outbreak will actually be over.

We are informed by Local Government that every organizer has to ban any gathering; no organizer can hold any event without approval. Because it is hard to predict when the situation will be effectively controlled, it is prudent and wise to shift the dates of the conference to **December 17-19, 2020** (instead of June 21-24, 2020). This decision is made well in advance so that all participants can organize themselves again.

The new dates are chosen because the weather in December in Marrakech is favorable. Temperatures remain mild. With an average temperature of 14°C and seven hour of sunshine, we will have plenty of daylight to explore this fascinating city. In 2019 and 2018 the average temperature on Christmas Day was 16°C. It climbs to almost 20°C at the hottest part of the day. The region sees only 20mm of rainfall throughout the entire month.

We will update our conference website information as soon as possible and keep you posted with any new progress about the meeting.

We hope seeing all of you in Marrakech next December for a fruitful and an exciting meeting.

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On behalf of the OC