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As the global pandemic of COVID-19 continues to spread and unprecedented health measures are taken in various countries around the world, ISCP and the [12th International Conference on Concrete Pavements](#) planning committee wanted to provide you with an update on our current understanding of impacts to our upcoming conference. With concern expressed from conference attendees about the feasibility of holding this event, the planning committee has been in numerous discussions with each other as well as the host hotel regarding the status of the conference.

If ISCP decides to postpone or cancel our event at this point, the 'force majeure' clause of our contract would not be in effect. As a result, this decision would cost the Society over USD \$100,000 on hotel costs alone, which would likely bankrupt the Society. The hotel and conference industry in the United States is adhering to guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which currently limits large gatherings of individuals to help control the spread of this virus. Based on this guidance, the hotel industry is currently allowing postponement of events scheduled to occur before June 1, 2020. As the situation unfolds over the next month and more information becomes available, the CDC and other U.S. government guidance/interventions will likely be updated and adjusted to reflect any changes in the pandemic's profile in the U.S. and abroad. This, in turn, could impact the applicability of the 'force majeure' clause to the Society's benefit. As a result, the Society is closely monitoring the CDC and other U.S. Government Guidance over the next month to gain a better understanding of the potential impact of this pandemic, and what the Society's options are to hold a successful, well-attended conference. **As the situation stands currently, ISCP is moving forward with the August 30 start of the conference while reevaluating its status as more information becomes available.** As our field's participation is critical to a successful conference, we will continue to keep you abreast of any changes to this plan.

In light of these challenges, ISCP will be extending our [early bird registration rate](#) from April 17 until **June 1**. We will also be extending the deadline for the [student poster competition](#) intent statement from March 31 to **May 1**. In addition to these extensions, ISCP will fully refund registrations if attendees choose to cancel before August 1, 2020. If the conference must be postponed due to this pandemic, all registrations will be honored for the new dates.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact us at conference@concretepavements.org and we would be glad to provide more clarification.

Best Regards,

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