



April 6, 2020

Dear Authors and Participants,

This is a quick note from the CAADRIA2020 host team and CAADRIA EXCO on the organization of CAADRIA2020 (Yes, it will happen!). As the world is imposing ever stricter measures to curb the spread of COVID-19, we have faced a rapidly changing situation since our previous announcement on March 10, 2020. As the safety and well-being of all participants is of great importance to us all, the CAADRIA2020 host team and CAADRIA EXCO have jointly decided that this year's conference will become a virtual conference.

While this means that we will not have the opportunity to welcome everyone to Bangkok in person, we are also excited to take this opportunity to host the first virtual conference in the 25-year history of CAADRIA conferences! We will replace the in-person local event with a virtual conference combining a variety of digital formats which will bring presenters and participants together in an engaging and dynamic event. Our host, Chulalongkorn University will also incorporate local performances in between our programs and bring a new level of Thainess to the virtual conference.

As we are working on the details of implementing this pioneering format (as many of our sister organisations are), we can already tell you that paper presentations will be pre-recorded and submitted online, accessible to all participants prior to the conference. Participants will be able to watch presentations of interest across all "streams" before the conference opening. Over the course of the conference dates in August we will then conduct discussion - focused sessions between presenters and audiences live online. The conference days will also feature various other live online events such as our opening ceremony, keynotes, annual meetings and possibly live technical visits or tours.

With these changes in mind, we have decided to offer authors a further postponement of the camera-ready paper submission date to May 5, 2020 (midnight ICT time). We will also reduce registration fees to a single price registration with a substantially reduced fee for both regular and student registrations. While this registration is for a virtual conference, the fees cover costs already incurred by the organizer in the run-up to the conference as well as fees incurred by conference software etc. A new registration fee will be announced on May 15, 2020 allowing paid registrations to receive reimbursements and refunds as needed.

Authors who wish to publish their papers in the CAADRIA 2020 conference proceedings (which will be digital but published as regular proceedings with ISBN through CuminCAD and other databases) must pay registration fees and submit a pre-recorded presentation to the conference organizer. The conference will start on August 5, 2020 as previously scheduled, in a condensed format throughout 2 full days with additional live activities to replace physical local events. We will keep you informed as soon as we have confirmed details on registration fees, extended deadlines and the conference schedule.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation during these unpredictable times,

CAADRIA 2020 Organizing Committee