**DEADLINE EXTENDED - Call for Abstracts: 4th Euro-Mediterranean Conference “Visioning MED 2000+”, 9-10 October 2020, Athens**

Dear colleagues,

We hope you and your family are remaining safe and healthy during this largely unpredictable and turbulent time.

COVID-19 pandemic has considerably affected our personal lives and work / mobility pattern. It has also revealed, in a rather dramatic way, the severe unpredictable challenges and potential risks ahead, with unknown repercussions for the global community from a social and economic, but also environmental viewpoint.

However, it has also unveiled the human and technological capabilities for adjustment and the new ICT-enabled ways of working, socializing, entertaining, teaching, managing etc., rendering thus communication infrastructure and the Internet the “veins” for our seamless interaction in the ‘social distancing’ context.

Within such an environment, the themes of the **4th Euro-Mediterranean Conference on** **“VISIONING MED 2020+ / Mediterranean in Transition: Preserving the Past - Preparing for the Future”** (<http://www.smartbluecity.com/>) become even more relevant. Continuing our fertile dialogue on the variety of challenges, already witnessed or predicted which, among others, have also beat Mediterranean in an admittedly hard way; and tracing conscious ways out from potential regional or global crises is at present an important contribution from our scientific community.

We are thankful to all those who have already submitted their abstracts for the 4th Euro-Mediterranean Conference.

However, given the current circumstances but also the many requests from colleagues, the Organizing Committee has decided to **extend the deadline for abstract submission** **until June 15, 2020**.

**New important dates** of the Conference are as follows:

* **15 June 2020**: Abstract submission
* **30 June 2020**: Notification of acceptance to authors
* **15 July 2020**: Deadline for early-bird registration
* **30 August 2020**: Deadline for late registration

Furthermore, the Organizing Committee, taking into account the current COVID-19 uncertainty, has decided to offer the chance for both **Face-to-Face and online participation** in the Conference. More details on both options and online registration is available at: <http://www.smartbluecity.com/register>.

We hope you will take advantage of the extended deadline and the flexibility of participation in the Conference to become part of it and submit your contribution.

We would appreciate the spreading of this information to your colleagues in own Universities and networks for informing those who might be interested in.

Hoping that October 2020 conditions will allow meeting you in person in the vibrant city of Athens.

Looking forward,

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