

International Commission on Clouds and Precipitation (ICCP)

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic that has reached every corner of the world, we believe it will be impossible to hold the 18th ICCP Conference 2020 during the original dates 3-7 August 2020. Therefore, in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the ICCP Commission Officers, we have decided to postpone the 18th ICCP Conference to the Summer of 2021. The Pune LOC has kindly agreed to host the conference in 2021, so the location will remain the same. Therefore, we will all be able to come together in Pune as a community, one year later than originally planned. We want to thank everyone that submitted an abstract by the 9 March 2020 deadline and have received over 560 abstracts. It demonstrated to ICCP that even during these difficult times, the ICCP community is still eager to come together, share science, and build international collaborations.

There are several implications regarding the 18th ICCP Conference occurring in 2021 that we are still working out. Some of these are:

- The International Cloud Modelling Workshop (ICMW 2020) and Airborne Data Processing Workshop will also be postponed and will take place during the week, and the weekend before the ICCP 2021, respectively, in Pune, India.
- At this time, ICCP is assessing how it will move forward regarding the review of the applications it has received thus far, whether more applications will be accepted at a later date, how the definition of an early-career scientist may change, etc. Please visit our website for further announcements later this spring/summer.
- The abstract fees are non-refundable; however, all submitted abstracts will remain in the database. The abstract submission system will be reopened later this year to allow for the current abstracts that have been submitted to be revised (e.g., update co-authors and titles, change the subject matter of the abstract) or withdrawn and to allow for new abstract submissions.
- The ICCP commission is assessing the timeline for when the abstract submission system will reopen and the new deadline for submitting an abstract. The description of the scientific program may also be slightly modified to include some of the research that will likely result due to the pandemic. Please watch for further announcements regarding abstract

submissions and updates to the scientific program later this spring/summer.

- The current mandate of the ICCP commission has been extended for one year, and it will continue to work together on how best to serve the cloud physics community. The commission has discussed the implications of moving the 18th ICCP Conference to 2021 and what it means for other meetings like the 2021 IAMAS-IACS-IAPSO Busan Joint Assembly scheduled for 18-23 July 2021. For your information, the ICCP commission has decided to go back to the regular interval of conferences, scheduling the one after next to 2024.

We understand there are likely to be many questions from the community regarding these decisions. If you have a question, please send it to iccp2020@tropmet.res.in. We will continue to update the website <https://iccp2020.tropmet.res.in/home> and will post a FAQ page for further information.

We realize that many of you or your loved ones are suffering at this time and some of you will have lost people who are dear to you, our thoughts are most definitely with you all. Please ensure that you take every possible precaution.

Sincerely,

ICCP commission