

Dear ICLP/SIPDA Community Member,

As you may be already aware, the 35th International Conference on Lightning Protection, scheduled to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 30th August to 4th September 2020, has been postponed due to the global pandemic situation (please refer to the attached letter from the Scientific Committee of ICLP). Also, the XVI International Symposium on Lightning Protection (SIPDA) was scheduled to be held in September 2021.

Considering the present global situation, the Local Organizing Committee, with the consent of the Scientific Committees of ICLP and SIPDA, has decided to conduct a joint conference (ICLP-SIPDA) in Sri Lanka from **20th to 24th September 2021**.

The new deadline for paper submission is **30-03-2021**, and the acceptance of papers will be notified by **28-05-2021**. Already submitted papers are under evaluation, and decisions will be notified soon, if not already notified. We, as the Organizing Committee, express our sincere apologies for any lapses from our side and any inconvenience caused due to these unexpected delays. We hope you would understand the situation. Your contribution is vital for the success of the conference!

All the papers will undergo the same review process and prospective authors are invited to submit their contributions by **March 30th, 2021**, through the ICLP website at <http://iclp2020.org/>.

We look forward to seeing you in Sri Lanka!

ICLP/SIPDA 2021 Organizing Committee