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Dear authors of ICLP2020 submissions

During a recent web meeting of the ICLP's Scientific Committee, the following further course of action based on the current situation with the COVID pandemic was decided:

- 1) ICLP 2020 and SIPDA 2021 will be merged into a single joint ICLP-SIPDA 2021 conference to be held in the Fall of 2021 in Sri Lanka.
- 2) Paper submission to joint ICLP-SIPDA 2021 ends by **30.03.2021**.
- 3) All submitted papers will be subject to the same ICLP-SIPDA's review process, and authors will be informed of the acceptance of their papers by **28.05.2021**.
- 4) Authors' options for papers already submitted to ICLP2020:
  - Authors can leave the papers in the system, and they are treated as submitted to ICLP-SIPDA 2021. Until the end of paper submission on 28.02.2021, authors can update their submitted version at any time.
  - Authors can withdraw the papers in case they want to submit them to another conference or journal.
  - it is planned to initiate a Special Issue in one or two journals (e.g., Electric Power Systems Research (EPSR), Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics, Journal of Electrostatics) where authors can submit their ICLP2020 contributions in the next four months or so. Details for the special issues and appointed guest editors will be circulated soon.
  - Papers accepted for the special issues can still be presented at ICLP-SIPDA 2021 conference in Sri Lanka.

The ICLP SC would like to thank the Local Organizing Committee of ICLP-2020 in Sri Lanka and the XVI SIPDA Organizing Committee for their very cooperative collaboration during these challenging times, and we hope to have found an approach acceptable to all researchers contributing to these most valuable conferences for lightning physics and lightning protection.

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