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Dear SIPDA Community Member,

As you may know, the XVI International Symposium on Lightning Protection (SIPDA 2021) would originally take place in Florianópolis, Brazil, in September 2021. However, the pandemic has affected the whole world and imposed changes, restrictions, and challenges on all of us.

The 35th International Conference on Lightning Protection (ICLP) was planned to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from Aug. 30th to Sep. 4th, 2020. In view of the rapid global spread of COVID-19 and its unpredictable evolution, and taking into account the strong and long-term cooperation between the two conferences, the SIPDA International Advisory Board and the ICLP Scientific Committee have decided to organize a joint ICLP-SIPDA conference in Sri Lanka, in **September 20th – 24th, 2021**.

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 <https://iclp2020.org/>.

We are confident that the decision taken by the Committees of these two major conferences to organize a joint event is in the best interests of the lightning community and we look forward to seeing you in Sri Lanka in 2021!

SIPDA International Advisory Board