

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the IDRiM Society,

We sincerely hope that you are safe during these turbulent times. Considering the tremendous growth of coronavirus (covid-19) cases across the globe including Japan, the IDRiM Society and the IDRiM 2020 Conference organizing committee have decided, as a precautionary measure, to postpone the 11th Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management, "Reviewing the Effectiveness of Integrated Disaster Risk Management Initiatives: A Saga from 2001 to 2020" to next year, 2021.

Nonetheless, it is at times like these that the IDRiM Society and its members can play an important role by promoting integrated disaster risk management. For this reason, although we cannot meet physically, we would will hold the "IDRiM Virtual Workshop for interactive discussions between senior and young scientists" on 23-24 September. We will soon be sending out a call for abstracts and papers (to be published as a Special Conference Issue in the IDRiM Journal) for the interactive workshop.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience the postpone of the IDRiM 2020 Conference may cause, and we look forward to having you join us during the online event. Most importantly, we hope you will continue actively working with us to promote integrated disaster risk management for a safe and secure society.

Cordially,

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