

Dear IVEC Colleagues,

As you all know the entire world is battling with the health, economic and social effects of COVID-19. This is an extraordinary challenge and as scientists and engineers, we have a special role in how we conduct ourselves during this crisis. It is vital that we are deliberate and make data-driven decisions about the health and safety of everyone but at the same time endeavor to continue with our research and roles in society.

We appreciate the patience that all of you have demonstrated as we have been monitoring the evolving response of the state and federal government here in the United States as well as governments around the world. We have been diligently working with IEEE, our vendors, exhibitors and sponsors to determine the best way forward for holding IVEC.

With the current travel bans and advisories as well as federal and state government guidelines banning congregations of large numbers of people it will not be possible to hold IVEC 2020 as planned from April 20-23 in Monterey, CA. We are happy to report that we have worked out plans to hold the meeting at the same location (Monterey Marriott) from October 26-29, 2020. This is the best time for rescheduling considering the schedules of other meetings/conferences in related scientific topics.

We plan to move all currently accepted papers to the rescheduled conference. Some authors have withdrawn papers and posters due to the travel advisories from their institutions. We plan to reopen abstract submission for the above authors as well as anybody else that is interested in submitting a paper. Additionally, the mini-course will be rescheduled to October 26, 2020. In due course of time we will come up with instructions about this process.

We are also working with all exhibitors and sponsors to seamlessly transition them to the new dates. We are also exploring options to introduce virtual participation in the conference to expand our reach particularly to students around the world who often may not have the resources for international travel.

I am hoping our vacuum electronics community will be at the forefront of demonstrating how we can overcome a crisis like COVID-19 and continue with our research and contributions to society. We hope to see all of you and more at IVEC 2020 in October in Monterey. I want to especially thank the IEEE, the Electron Devices Society, Monterey Marriott, Folktale Winery and the Palisades Convention Management team for their help, advice and flexibility in rescheduling the conference.

Thank you.

IVEC 2020 Organizing Committee