Update on COMPUTING FRONTIERS 2020 in relation to Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

The safety and well-being of all conference participants is our priority and based on information from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), we have decided to cancel the physical conference for this year of Computing Frontiers due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

It has been a hard decision. The General Chairs, Program Chairs, and Steering Committee have been carefully watching the situation develop over recent weeks, and have explored possible options for the conference. However, with increasing travel restrictions globally, we feel it is no longer possible to guarantee the program and quality expected for Computing Frontiers, in addition to health concerns and reducing the spread of the virus.

The review and selection procedure of submitted papers is continuing as planned. Accepted papers will still be published in the ACM Digital Library as CF20 Proceedings, the same as if the conference had occurred physically.

In addition, we will have recorded video presentations of the accepted papers and online Q&A sessions for discussion and interaction. In particular, we will ask authors of accepted papers to record a video of their conference presentation to be put online (e.g. on a CF20 channel on youtube), which will also be linked with the paper in the ACM Digital Library. After author acceptance notifications in a few weeks, the PC chairs will be in touch with the authors of accepted papers for further details on what to expect.

We evaluated the possibility of having a virtual (and more interactive) conference, but given the size of the CF community and the large distribution of our time zones, we felt this option was impractical.

While we are disappointed to not see you all in Catania, we feel this is the right decision. Stay tuned for further information on Computing Frontiers 2020 online presentations and discussion details. And we look forward to seeing you next year for COMPUTING FRONTIERS 2021!

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us,

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