

Dear EAAP members,

This message is to update you about the situation of the workshop “Mountains are Agrosystems for People” that EAAP and FAO are organizing in Bled (Slovenia) on September 28-30, 2020, with the local support of the University of Lubijana.

We invite you to submit the abstract as clearly explained at the workshop website www.mountpast2020.si.

The deadline for abstract submission is delayed to April 26th, 2020.

We are continuously monitoring the situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impact on the workshop to be held in Bled (Slovenia). The current position, based on the best available advice, is that the workshop is going ahead as planned and that the registration procedure should continue as per normal. We will consider the official advices from WHO and national authorities to make a final decision prior to the end of June at the very latest whether to proceed with the planned timing or hold the workshop few months later. We want to assure all potential attendees that we will do everything possible to ensure above all else your safety and secondly to avoid the disappointment in having to delay the workshop.

In light of this advice we suggest you do not make any firm decision as yet regarding transport or accommodation to Bled but at the same time equally do not cancel your decision to participate. The situation is very dynamic and is currently impossible to predict the level of pandemic we will have in few months. Therefore, we advise you to regularly visit the workshop website or the EAAP Newsletter for any updates. Should information and restrictions from either the national health offices or WHO change we will act accordingly and update you as soon as possible.

In Summary;

- We are continuously monitoring the situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic
- We will do everything possible to ensure your safety
- Today we still plan to hold the workshop at the planned time: 28th – 30th September 2020
- If the COVID-19 situation requires, we will delay the conference at a later date
- Currently we suggest you not to make any firm decision about traveling and lodging but at the same time equally do not cancel your decision to participate
- We will inform you through EAAP Newsletter and the workshop website about next decisions. Keep yourself updated!

We hope to see you in Bled, which promises to be a very interesting workshop – COVID-19 permitting.

Best regards,

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