



## **WasteEng2020 postponed to JULY 12 to 15, 2021 in Guelph**

Dear All,

I do hope that this message finds you, your families and those close to you healthy and well.

The COVID-19 situation is as profoundly alarming with enormous consequences worldwide. It goes far beyond any recent challenge that we have experienced as citizens in our societies. The uncertainty this is provoking affects our planning for WasteEng2020 conference scheduled in Guelph from July 13 to 16, 2020.

We are very aware of the speed of spread of the virus and the steps being taken at national and international level to control it. Travel bans, social distancing, 'lockdown' and closed borders are becoming a norm across the globe. We have no idea how long they will last. Nor is unclear how national governments will react later to open up society and foreign travel once the peak of the crisis has passed. The Canadian government may not issue visas and may not allow gathering group of people of the size of WasteEng in July. The international travel ban could last for another 6 months. These are a lot uncertainty that we could not address and may not be able to address in coming weeks.

We have seen that most of the international meeting scheduled around the period WasteEng2020 is going to be held are being postponed for the above reasons. With the great help and support from the local organising committee (**Christopher Beckett and Prof Animesh Dutta**) at the University of Guelph that I would like to strongly acknowledge, and based on the above analysis together with the suggestions from many of you, **the WasteEng2020 is postponed to:**

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We regret this decision but it seems to be the wisest in the current world situation for all of us and we believe also that making this announcement now will allow you to take the necessary arrangements for air tickets, accommodation, etc., you may have reserved already.

The conference is just postponed with no new call for abstracts opened apart for some specific invitations, everything already made will be kept, the abstracts for instance. Those who have already registered will have the possibility to just keep their completed registration granted for next year. More details will be provided later in another message.

As for the selection made from the abstracts submitted to WasteEng2020 Conference, information and invitations to submit papers for peer review in *Waste and Biomass Valorization* journal will be sent very soon.

We will be in touch with you regularly with updates on new milestone dates. The WasteEng Conference Series team remains at your disposal for any question you may have.

On the behalf of the Organising Committee of the WasteEng2020 Conference, we thank you very much for your understanding and support.

Take care of yourselves and your relatives.

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