



THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF TRADITIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

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IASTE 2020 | Conference Update

Dear Colleague

We hope you are doing well in these unique and challenging times. We want to let you know that staff members at the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments (IASTE) and our partners at Nottingham Trent University (NTU), the local hosts for the 2020 conference, are aware of concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and its impact on international travel and conference participation. The health and well-being of you and your families is paramount so we will continue to monitor the situation and we will follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the US and the British Government's Advice and Guidelines regarding public events in the UK.

Since our conference is more than five months away, **we still plan to hold the event from 3 to 6 September 2020**, which is in line with current planning for international events occurring next fall.

We do understand, however, that situations may change rapidly. While remaining optimistic, we do want to give you flexibility so **we will extend the presenter/early registration deadline until 12 May 2020**, which is a date several US federal agencies plan to resume normal operations based on their situational assessments. All presenters need to register by this date to be included in the conference program.

If we have to cancel or postpone the conference due to COVID-19 developments, IASTE will fully refund all paid registration fees.

In addition, **we are extending the deadline for submissions to the Working Paper Series to 1 June 2020** and we will notify authors of acceptance by 15 June. While submitting a full paper is optional, we encourage you to submit as it will help you better articulate your position and prepare your presentation. As in the past, you retain the copyright for all work included in the Working Paper Series.

All updates regarding conference planning and impacts due to the COVID-19 virus will be posted on both the IASTE conference website ([www.iaste.org](http://www.iaste.org)) and our IASTE Facebook page. Keep an eye on those online platforms for the latest information.

To summarize, our new deadlines are:

- Presenter/Early Registration: 12 May
- Working Paper Submission: 1 June

Please feel free to contact us or reach out to our conference coordinator, Lyndsey Deaton at [coordinator@iaste.org](mailto:coordinator@iaste.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

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