

Dear Colleagues,

As previously announced, given the current pandemic situation, the ESCI 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Bari, Italy has moved to 9-11 June 2021.

Yet, the ESCI has been working to offer a virtual ESCI event planned to be held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the **ESCI Virtual Meeting 2020 – COVID19 edition**.

Participation in the **ESCI Virtual Meeting** will be free and will only require a simple online registration.

This new and interactive **ESCI Virtual Meeting 2020 – COVID19 edition** will offer:

*Online webinars that will include:*

- Breakthrough plenary sessions that will review the most important and latest news regarding COVID-19;
- ESCI award lectures;
- A Presidential Symposium;
- Short and flash talks from abstract submitters;
- Plus presentations from the European Journal of Clinical Investigation Editor-in-Chief and from the ASM Bari 2021 Organizer;

*Online platform to present your accepted abstract.* Abstracts originally accepted for presentation at the meeting in Bari 2020 will remain in the ESCI Virtual Meeting program. ESCI aims to disseminate your latest work among your peers through a virtual congress platform upon your previous agreement. On this platform, you will be able to present your work either as a short talk (15 min.) or as a flash presentation (“virtual poster”, 5 minutes), depending on the selection by a specialized committee.

**All presented abstracts will be published as a supplement to the *European Journal of Clinical Investigation*.**

*Online Q&A panel discussions.* This will be available for each presentation and will remain interactive for the duration of the entire virtual meeting.

ESCI will provide 10-day access to all webinars and uploaded sessions from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 for registered participants and over 365 days on YouTube (depending on the presenter’s permission).

Deadline for extra abstracts is July 1, 2020. No extensions will be made.

**Join us for this special virtual event and agree to present your work!!**

Kind regards,

Paulo J. Oliveira  
President ESCI