

Dear Colleagues,

As previously announced, given the current pandemic situation, the ESCI 54th 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 20th to 30th 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 20th to 30th 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