

To Whom it may concern

Dear colleagues, friends and supporters of APVC2021 Qingdao

It is with deep regret that due to another Covid19 outbreak in Qingdao recently and the persisting pandemic control policy of the Chinese government, after carefully assessing the current situation, it appears that it is highly impossible to have the APVC2021 conference as a hybrid conference within the scheduled timeframe. After discussion with relevant stakeholders, the local organizing committee of APVC2021 Qingdao has to make a painful decision to switch the conference mode from hybrid to online only mode (a virtual conference). The scheduled timeframe will be stayed as the same (from 13th October to 15th October 2022).

We apologize for any inconvenience that it may have caused due to this unfavorite late notice, and hope that we can meet at another time in Qingdao when the situation becomes possible. The organizer will refund the difference for delegates who have already paid the in-person registration fee once we sort out this mesh. A tentative conference technical program has also been uploaded to the conference website <u>www.apvc2021.org/technical_program.html</u> for your information. The reporting time for each parallel oral session is expected to be within 15 minutes to 20 minutes depending upon the final number of registrations. The organizer reserves the right to modify the program according to the updated registration information. The technical program will be updated every week and the final program will be announced a week before the conference takes place (5th of October 2022). Please let us know if you have any query or feedback regarding the technical program arrangement either by email (<u>secretariat@apvc2021.org</u>) or by phone (+86 184 5327 6561), and we will do our best to address your concern. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this international academic event.

Sincerely Yours

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