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Circular Communication to Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Arrangements for SC68C**

The 2021 Scientific Committee (SC) will be a virtual meeting because of the continued risks and possible travel restrictions related to COVID-19. In order to ensure the meeting is successful, and to address a full an agenda as possible, a number of significant changes have been made from previous meetings with adjustments to the meeting dates, structure and important deadlines.

Attached is a document that outlines the plans for the upcoming SC68C including the timings. The main points are:

- The SC meeting will extend from 27 April until 14 May with weekends off.
- There will be two daily time slots for sub-committee meetings with up to three concurrent sessions.
- Intersessional meetings (pre-meetings), to cover selected agenda items, will be held in the months preceding the full SC meeting.
- Early deadlines have been set for the submission of paper titles to assist in the agenda preparation and meeting planning

Registration is available here:

<https://www.eventleaf.com/SC68C>

Early registration is encouraged to ensure all the relevant information, especially regarding pre-meetings, can be sent to those interested.

Regards,



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