

Dear all

First of all, we thank all those who organised sessions and / or sent communications despite the uncertainty that has reigned over the mode of organization of the 19th UISPP Congress for over a year now. We want to keep this momentum while restructuring the work of this great scientific event. To achieve this objective, we are counting on the mobilization of everyone and especially that of the scientific commissions of the UISPP.

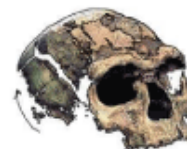
We are currently going through difficult times globally, because of the pandemic which has direct repercussions on the organization of the 19th edition of the UISPP Congress.

The postponement of this congress, last year, from 2020 to 2021, was initially a wise and useful decision to have a chance to succeed in the organization of this great scientific event, unfortunately the pandemic left us hardly the chance to finalize our great dream, which is to host, for the first time, this congress in Africa.

Following the meeting of the organizing committee of the 19th edition of the UISPP congress, on May 5, 2021, and after a long and fruitful discussion, the question of postponing the congress to 2022 was raised but ruled out by the fact that in 2023 the 20th edition will be held in Timisoara and that it would not be practical to organize two major events successively. Maintaining preventive health measures on a global scale hardly allows us short- or medium-term visibility on the modalities of organizing such a congress only less than four months from its holding. The uncertainty of obtaining authorization to organize a face-to-face event from the local authorities is great and remains dependent on the evolution of sanitary conditions in the world and in Morocco in particular.

For all these reasons and to mark this event and allow, to a lesser extent, the members of the UISPP to benefit from the scientific exchanges between the various participants, the only possible and certain solution is to keep this activity at bay. At this crucial moment in the organization of the congress, the support of the committees is fundamental and their presidents are requested to mobilize the members of their committees in order to make this event a success under such conditions. The proceedings of the congress will be published in coordination with the session organizers and the heads of the committees.

Thus the 19th edition will be completely remote, people who have already sent the registration fees will be reimbursed on their request (the congress fees), the 75 euros for membership of the UISPP will of course be retained and transferred to UISPP. For those who have not yet paid their contributions, they are requested to pay the UISPP



membership fees (75 €) directly to the UISPP account in Paris, which will allow them to participate in the congress and in the publications of its proceedings.

Each committee is therefore requested to send us its program with a list of communications, specifying the name and email of the presenter of the communication. The organizing committee will ensure a final program with opening and closing sessions of the congress.

We will communicate to you very soon the practical details of the organization of the sessions.

Best regards,

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