

Dear all,

Due to the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 and the epidemic situation in the past two weeks in Taiwan, after carefully considerations, it has been decided that the 2021 ARIS & NCAR Conferences will be held virtually on August 18-19, 2021. The decision has been made to avoid face-to-face interactions in traditional conferences and to abide regulations set by Taiwan Central Epidemic Command Center to ensure health and safety of conference participants. Here are several important updates for the conference.

1. The 2021 ARIS & NCAR Conferences will be held virtually online on August 18-19, 2021. The platform of the online conference will be announced in the near future.
2. The originally scheduled Conference Workshop on August 17, 2021 and visit of 2021 TAIROS on August 20, 2021 are cancelled.
3. Paper submission deadline is extended to June 15, 2021.
4. Conference registration fees are 50% off of original ones

Although the pandemic has and probably will alter our daily lives, it definitely will not change our minds in search for truth and innovations through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. None of us is as strong as all of us! Let's stand together even closer and stronger than before through the virtual mode this year to demonstrate our determination in research and development fields relevant to Robotics!

Again, thank you all for your support and your participation in the 2021 ARIS & NCAR Conferences. Best wishes to you all. Please definitely keep safe and healthy through the pandemic.

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各位好：

由於 COVID-19 的爆發以及台灣過去兩週的疫情狀況，在經過慎重的考量過後，大會決定原訂於 2021 年 8 月 17-21 日舉辦的「2021 ARIS & NCAR 研討會」將全面改為線上舉行。

這樣的決定是為了避免傳統會議上面對面的互動，同時也是為了遵循台灣中央流行疫情指揮中心的相關規範以保障會議參與者的健康安全。

研討會重要事項更新如下：

1. 「2021 ARIS & NCAR 研討會」改訂於 2021 年 8 月 18-19 日採線上會議方式舉行，線上會議使用之平台將於近期公布。
2. 取消原定於 2021 年 8 月 17 日舉辦的工作坊以及 2021 年 8 月 21 日的 TAIROS 參訪行程。
3. 投稿截止日期將延長至 2021 年 6 月 15 日。
4. 研討會註冊費將調整為原始費用之 5 折。

雖然疫情在未來的一段時間內會影響我們的日常生活，但無庸置疑的是，我們依然會透過科學、科技、工程與數學等素養與方法，持續創新並探究這世界。俗話說：團結力量大！讓我們在今年虛擬會議的形式下，依然能讓彼此拉近距離、共同合作與茁壯，以呈現我們致力於機器人相關研究領域的決心！

再次感謝各位參與並對於 2021 ARIS & NCAR 的支持。
在此獻上誠摯的祝福，請各位在這次疫情中務必多加保重。

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