

Message from the ISCA 2020 General Co-chairs

Dear ISCA attendees,

Welcome to ISCA 2020, the first-ever virtual ISCA in history! As you know, we were supposed to be welcoming you face-to-face in Valencia; however, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to change plans and go virtual. Thankfully, everyone involved was very flexible, and the virus gave us just enough time to pivot to what we believe is a fantastic virtual ecosystem. After looking into the available software infrastructure and learning from lessons by recent conferences that also went virtual, we opted for a mixed format of pre-recorded videos and live streaming, using a platform that would facilitate orderly Q&A as well as spontaneous discussion.

When designing the virtual event, we strived for allowing people to make new contacts and engage in discussions as easily as possible. We also wanted the event to be enjoyable by a worldwide audience; this meant a careful planning of the program schedule to cater to different time zones, and a financial commitment to ensuring high-quality, scalable delivery across the planet, while at the same time keeping registration costs very low. We hope that the resulting conference will work to everyone's satisfaction, and we look forward to your feedback on your experience, so that we may help make future events better, whether virtual or in person.

We would like to take a moment to thank the entire organizing committee, not just for their dedication, but also for their help and advice when we had to go virtual. It was such a pleasure to work with all of them. We would also like to thank SIGARCH and TCCA, who backed us up all the way, and helped us not only with this year's move to virtual, but with securing ISCA for next year in Valencia. Thanks also to Lieven Eeckhout, this year's Program Chair, for putting together a great technical program with high-quality papers, top-notch keynote speakers, and the innovative mini panels. We are also grateful to Dave Patterson for his leadership in putting together ISCA's first-ever Industry Track session. Last, but not least, we wish to thank all the authors and attendees, who are ultimately the protagonists of any conference.

We hope that you will all enjoy this first-of-its-kind ISCA, while we also hope to meet you all in person next year in Valencia. Thank you, and please enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,

José Martínez and José Duato, General Co-chairs