Dear IUVSTA Colleague,

it is now time to call for proposals for scientific meetings that will be considered for IUVSTA funding for the upcoming ECM133 which will be held virtually October 9-10th, 2020.

Proposals are due on or before September 29th, 2020. Coordinate the submission with your Division Chair

Traditionally, this call includes Workshops (WS), Schools (ScH), Technical Training Courses (TTC) and Short Courses (SC). These meetings have been traditionally face-to-face and held in the “brick-and-mortar” real world (and involve, travel, hotel stays, and conference halls). In this time of COVID-19, we are encouraging applications to consider how they could achieve scientific impact with meetings that are “virtual” and take place via remote/teleworking technology or are a “hybrid” event with both in person and remote options running simultaneously.

As many of the “in-person” meetings from 2020 are being pushed into 2021, it is not recommended that a 100% in-person meetings be proposed for 2021 and should be even discouraged for 2022. While proposals can still be written for these, it is unlikely that they will be successfully approved at ECM133.

Therefore, please consider how your event can be planned with virtual or remote learning technology. It will be understood that an “all-remote/virtual” meeting will be less expensive to carry out and therefore the budget should reflect this. The message here is that IUVSTA is seeking proposals for “all-remote/virtual” events that have scientific impact and clear and detailed budget.

Finally, if you have a good idea, don’t hesitate to ask! IUVSTA wants to encourage you, the creative scientist to figure out new and improved ways for us to engage in scientific cross-fertilization of ideas, outreach, education, and learning.

These proposals are due September 29th, 2020 and shall be submitted directly to Katsuyuki Fukutani (Scientific Secretary, fukutani@iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp) and Jay Hendricks (Scientific Director, jayh@nist.gov). Proposals submitted on/before or on this date will be discussed and voted on ECM-133.

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