



2nd – 6th February 2022
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
Bozen-Bolzano, Italy

Dear participants of CERME

It is with great sadness that we must communicate a decision which is forced upon us by the current developments of the COVID epidemic in Europe, and which has been taken by the ERME board in full agreement with us: **CERME12 will be organized by the Bolzano team as an online conference, on the same dates as originally foreseen.**

For a long time we hoped for the much desired possibility of having the first CERME in three years as a normal, face to face event. But organizing a virtual CERME – which we will strive to hold as much “CERME spirit” as possible – will be a very demanding task, both in terms of finding good technical solutions, and in terms of organizing the programme and preparing the many TWG teams in a good way. The details are all to be worked out, and we will of course inform you at the CERME12 website as soon as they become settled.

As was clearly stated from the beginning at the CERME12 website, there was always the known risk that we had to make such a decision. To anticipate some of the many questions it may give rise to, we point out that

- The virtual CERME12 will only be open to registered participants
- The registration deadline will be prolonged to the end of the year, and be open to all
- The fee are the same, but after CERME12 is held, and all expenses have been totaled, it may become possible to offer partial refunds (we cannot guarantee this, or the amount, at present)
- It remains the responsibility of each participant to seek refund and cancelation of any travel arrangements already made
- All procedures regarding papers and posters proceed as announced

We are fully aware of the disappointment this may cause to the community, but also confident that you will understand that our decisions are, and will be, made after thorough, collective consultation of leading volunteers involved in this crucial undertaking of our community. In February 2022, we will all do our best to make CERME12 the first and (we hope) only virtual CERME in the world!

Best regards

Giorgio Bolondi, Chair of LOC of CERME12

Jeremy Hodgen, Chair of IPC of CERME12

Carl Winsløw, President of ERME