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# Fifth Circular: Moving online – access for everyone

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From the WSC2023 National Planning Committee

Dear Friends and Colleagues...

The decision to move the World Sanskrit Conference online was a difficult one, but we would like to thank you all for your continuing support and commitment. I doubt there is anyone more disappointed than the members of our local organising committee, and your messages of understanding and encouragement have been gratefully received.

Nearly everyone who responded to the survey we conducted some months ago indicated that they would of course prefer to attend in person, but in view of the continuing uncertainty it was impossible for them (and indeed for us) to make any definite plans.

Having decided to go online, we are now determined to make this conference as valuable, informative, stimulating and collegial as possible. We will be offering you a great variety of structured and formal events, panel workshops, learned discussions with many opportunities for informal catch-up sessions and meeting spaces as we can. Of course, we include the perennially popular *Kavi-samavāya* and Scholars' Debate *Śāstra-cacār*, and cultural events.

Planning for Global Communication...

An online conference requires a different approach. Before the conference, participants will upload their full papers, audio or video presentation to the WSC website. The WSC community of scholars will then have over a month to read, watch or listen to relevant papers before the conference.

When the conference begins on 9 January, colleagues will convene in virtual panel sessions for what we hope will be lively Q&A workshops with authors. We have participants in almost every time zone. Each live activity or workshop will be held twice, an 'early session' and a 'late session'. This will ensure that all events are accessible to all participants within reasonable working hours.

Retaining or Updating your Abstract...

If the abstract you originally submitted was accepted by the Section coordinators, you will soon receive an email from the WSC secretariat giving you the following options:

1. continue with the abstract as is
2. make minor revisions to the abstract
3. submit a new abstract
4. withdraw the abstract entirely



If your original abstract was not accepted, please do not submit it again. You may however submit a revised abstract.

Please note that the portal **will not reopen** for the Computational Sanskrit and Digital Humanities section. Contributions to this section have already been finalised.

## Key Dates and Deadlines...

These dates are subject to change. For the latest information, visit our website: [www.wsc2021.com.au](http://www.wsc2021.com.au)

Abstract portal and registration reopen	30 June 2022
Deadline for abstract	31 July 2022
Section coordinators to complete review	31 August 2022
Notify presenters of paper acceptance	1 September 2022
Deadline for submission for final papers and videos	1 November 2022
Final papers and videos released for purusal	15 November 2022

## Conference Registration...

We are now welcoming registration. We are keeping the fees as low as possible to encourage maximum participation. All fees include IASS membership.

Full registration	A\$255	US\$175	€175	₹14,000
Discount registration (students and developing countries):	A\$95	US\$65	€65	₹5000

If you have already paid the pre-Pandemic registration fee and are entitled to a refund, please contact us.

## Finally...

Thanks again for your continuing support and encouragement. It has meant a lot to us to know that there is so much goodwill towards the WSC in these times of rapid change and uncertainty, and we are very grateful that you have stuck by us.

McComas Taylor  
On behalf of the WSC Organising Committee

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