



Initiative on
Harmonisation within Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling
for Regulatory Purposes

HARMO20

20th International Conference on Harmonisation within
Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes

14-18 June 2021, Tartu, Estonia

Tartu, 28 April, 2021

Dear Authors,

Since we are aware about the difficulties and problems you may encounter in attending the Harmo20 Conference, we are writing you some additional information on how it will be handled, to support and further motivate your participation.

Given the problems in travelling for most participants, we are organizing the conference online to maximize the possibility of attending it. Who will be able and willing to be onsite, will still have the option to join Marko Kaasik and his team at Tartu University. When nobody will be able to be in presence, the conference will easily be switched to fully online.

An advance web-platform is being setup to run smoothly the online conference, with several facilities to support communication between participants. The web-platform will be accessible by the registered participants with their personal link, through the main browsers, no need to install a program in your computer.

ONLY PLENARY SESSIONS are foreseen, no parallel ones, to facilitate and optimize the program: for this reason, the conference will run along 5 days, about 9-18:30 CET. Chairpersons will moderate the session. Presentations are planned accounting for the different time-zones: the talks of participants from America will be planned at proper hours in the afternoon CET time, ad-hoc agreements will be taken with participants from Asia.

For ORAL PRESENTATIONS, there will be the option to present 'lively' or through a pre-recorded presentation, the choice will be possible at the registration (under construction). Therefore, we ask the authors to provide two versions of it:

- (1) A PRE-RECORDED presentation (PPT with audio, for instance), this allows:
 - Having a backup in case of possible problems of internet connections, to assure that the talk will be given in any case: present authors may then respond to questions
 - Presenting your contribution in case your time zone does not favour your presence: this has been considered mainly for Asian participants that may face major difficulties for the time scheduling
- (2) A PPT/PDF presentation that can be presented lively by the author.

Both versions will be available to the registered participants on the web-platform during the full conference and there will be the chance to interact on a dedicated page so that Q&A will be possible at any time. The PDF of the presentation, as usual, will be uploaded on harmo.org website UNDER PERMISSION of the authors, after the conference.

For POSTER PRESENTATION, there will be dedicated sessions each day along the entire conference. We ask the authors:

- (1) A pre-recorded presentation of 2 MINUTES MAX, with a couple of slides
- (2) A PDF file of the poster



Initiative on
Harmonisation within Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling
for Regulatory Purposes

All posters will be uploaded on a dedicated page of the web-platform with an open chat area for each poster, and will be available to the registered participants during all conference, at any time.

We are finalising the organization and hope to open the registration form in a week or so. A DEMO of the web-platform will be available for checking and to get used to it before the conference starts. Detailed instructions will be available also on Harmo20 website.

We ask your support in this 'adventure': we know that for many of you it may be difficult, yet we need to challenge the difficulties and to win against any hesitation, despite the COVID pandemic.

When you need any clarification, contact us at our Harmo20 and Harmo email addresses:

harmo20@ut.ee
info@harmo.org

Our very best wishes,
Marko Kaasik and Silvia Trini Castelli