

Email to PECERA local delegates

Kia ora tatou

Conference update: Covid-19 Alert level changes

We are writing to update you on our planning for the PECERA Conference given the government decision yesterday that saw the Wellington region move into Alert Level 2 at 6pm last night. As you will all be aware, this decision sees the Alert Level stay at Level 2 until at least 11.59pm on Sunday.

Our conference organising committee met this afternoon and has had extensive discussions regarding our next steps. Front of mind for all our decisions is following the Ministry of Health guidelines in order to prevent any spread of the Covid-19 virus and to keep all of us (and our whānau and colleagues) safe.

At this stage, we have decided to defer a final decision on whether we move the whole conference onto the online platform or continue with the blended approach until Sunday 27th June when the government is expected to make a further decision on Alert Levels. If government announces that we will return to Level 1 at that stage and we feel reassured that further or extended Alert Level rises are unlikely in the period up to and during the conference, it is our intention to retain the blended conference approach.

However, if there is any extension or increase to the Alert Levels, we will move the conference fully online. If this eventuates, we will work with you to transfer your registration from your current in-person to an online registration.

Our approach with our international online participants has been to request a 15-minute video recording of their paper presentation that we will then play during their concurrent paper session. If we do have to move the conference fully online, we will also be making this request of you as this will help us to avoid technical difficulties with internet connections, particularly given that internet and zoom traffic is likely to be higher across New Zealand during any increased Alert Levels. We appreciate that this creates an additional burden for you all during what is a challenging time and apologise for this. The information below provides advice on preparing your 15-minute video recordings in case we do have to move completely online – at this stage, we are not expecting you to prepare a videorecording but we did want you to have this information ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can email Lu at lu@cmnzl.co.nz or Sue at sue.cherrington@vuw.ac.nz

Thank you for your continuing support as we navigate our way through these choppy seas and uncertain times. Our whakatauki for the conference seems even more relevant at this time:

“Kia pai te whakatere i te waka kei pariparia e te tai, ka mōnenehu te kura nei”
Steer the canoe carefully or our treasures will be drenched by the sea spray

We are determined to steer our waka carefully in order to ride our way through the storm.

Ngā mihi mahana

Sue Cherrington

On behalf of the PECERA Conference Committee

Video recording preparation guidelines

PowerPoint

Please ensure the setup is 16:9 widescreen

15 minutes plus 5 minutes Q & A

You will need to provide a pre-recorded video presentation of between **12 - 15 minutes**.

- Your presentation must be in one of these formats –
For video size 1920x1080 (1080p) would be preferred but lower resolutions are okay too as long as the text is still readable.
They should be 16:9 ratio (landscape)
MP4 would be the preferred file type but Vimeo also accepts MP4, MOV, WMV, AVI, and FLV.
- Please label your presentation as: **LAST NAME_PRESENTATION**
- **Please send your Presentation/s to us no later than Wednesday 30 June** to enable them to be uploaded into the conference portal, using this link: https://vuw-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/strychan_staff_vuw_ac_nz/EmfW-33MCZ5Osq9FIqGXD0BS-zs0VGO7JoRwkybHBQg_A?e=UUUI2g
- The password to access the online folder is: **PECERA2021**
- You will be given access as a speaker to the online platform to answer questions during the concurrent session that your presentation is scheduled for (not live stream or face to face)
- At the end of your presentation there will be the opportunity for a 5-minute Q&A session. This will take place via the platform – you will be answering questions on the platform (not live stream or face to face).
- Presentations will automatically be stopped after 20 minutes to allow the next presentation to start on time

Note: any presentations sent that are longer than 15 minutes will not be accepted

By accepting to present at PECERA 2021 you accept your presentation will be made available for attendees to view after the conference.