

Dear Colleague,

The Decision Sciences Institute and the Western Decision Sciences Institute Board of Directors have been closely monitoring the global and domestic situation regarding the novel coronavirus. Due to the inability to accurately assess the potential reach of the virus, the desire to protect the health and safety of our members and our communities, and the potential consequences of bringing together a large group of people from around the world, it has been decided to cancel our WDSI Annual Conference this year.

WDSI deeply regrets having to make this decision and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you. We hope you understand we have chosen to err on the side of caution as these are unusual times for all.

WDSI will refund all conference registration fees. Registrants can expect to see those processed within the next week. Please watch for this on your credit card statement. Also, please do not forget to cancel your hotel reservation.

Proceedings will still be published on our online site. If you wish to remove your submission for the conference from the proceedings, please inform Program Chair Salem Boumediene by emailing salem.boumediene@msubillings.edu. You can submit a video presentation or a PowerPoint presentation to the Program Chair at no charge.

In summary, we announce:

- a. The WDSI Annual Conference in Portland, OR is cancelled.
- b. A full refund of the registration fee will be processed automatically.
- c. Please be reminded to cancel hotels, as cancellations will not be automatic.
- d. Authors can withdraw their submissions if they wish by notifying the program chair.
- e. For those who will not withdraw:
 - Proceedings will be published online, there will be no charge.
 - Video or slide presentations may be submitted to be included in the online proceedings by sending files to the program chair. There will be no charge.

If you have any questions regarding your conference registration refund, please contact the Decision Sciences Institute home office at info@decisionssciences.org or call 713.743.4815.

We thank you for your interest in WDSI and look forward to seeing you at our 50th Anniversary Conference which will take place at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott on the Big Island of Hawaii March 30 – April 2, 2021. Once again, we apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either [Ömer](#) or [Salem](#).

Sincerely,

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