

Statement of the SIAPWS Annual Meeting

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At the SIAPWS Annual Meeting in March the present situation halting almost all IAPWS work due to the Covid-19 pandemic was discussed, as it was not necessary to grant money for the participation of the Chair in the IAPWS Annual Meeting this year.

In the Nordic countries the work within SIAPWS certainly also has been disturbed by the pandemic but has not ceased. The concept of Friday Events was invented to be able to continue the exchange of experience and allow colleagues to meet and discuss. Once in a month, on Friday afternoon, a virtual event takes place with a short introduction to a current topic or problem and afterwards the attendees ask questions, share experiences, and discuss the topic. Typically, 25-40 colleagues take part in these events, and afterwards the introductory presentation becomes available at the SIAPWS website.

The Annual Meeting would like to urge that IAPWS also consider arranging the cooperation alternatively, e.g. virtually, so that the usual good work is maintained. Presently, the pandemic has not ceased, and at least the activities of 2021 will be significantly hampered, if not organized alternatively.