Dear ISPP Members,

ISPP has been closely monitoring the Covid-19 pandemic and attempting to build a plan for our organization and the meeting scheduled for Berlin in July. We know that people are very concerned, and for good reason. It is still difficult to know what the circumstances will be approximately four months from now, but it seems likely that no country will be out of the woods by then.

**Since the Berlin meeting is still about 120 days away, we cannot cancel the in-person meeting at this moment. However, we are actively researching the logistics of a virtual meeting so ISPP members can still present their work.**

Many people have already registered for the conference, and many have contacted us about when the program schedule will be made available. In order to continue to plan the conference in one format or another, we need to know who would like to remain on the meeting schedule. **For this reason, we need those who would still like to present their work regardless of the meeting format to register soon. We are extending our presenter registration deadline to March 31st, to give you time to consider whether you would like to present regardless of the format, and to give us time to price out a virtual meeting so ISPP can still cover its costs.** To repeat, if you are an accepted presenter and would like to attend the meeting either in person or virtually, please register so your positon on the schedule is secure.

**If the in-person meeting is cancelled, conference registration fees will be refunded. If you opt to attend the virtual event, we will refund any difference between the in-person registration fee and the (much lower) virtual meeting registration fee.** We are rapidly gathering information about that and will let you know very soon. This refund policy will also extend to anyone who is unable to attend due to a travel ban by their employer or university. The virtual event will cost money to organize, so a registration fee is still necessary, but it will be substantially less than the in-person rate. Note that even if we are able to hold the meeting in person, you will still be able to participate virtually and we will still refund the difference in registration fees.

We are still very excited about ISPP members getting a chance to share their work this year. We want to make sure that ISPP is here for you in the future, and that we are able to continue holding meetings and provide the opportunity for people to learn from each other, build professional collaborations, and simply share time together. We are surely going to make the best of this! Most importantly, I know I speak for all of the ISPP leadership when wish you and your families health and safety in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Nick Valentino
President, ISPP