



## CROATIAN BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Zagreb



Dear colleagues and dear friends,

in this uncertain period, we are searching for options to preserve the continuity of the International School of Biophysics in 2020. In June, based on the reports of the Croatian health authorities and WHO, we decided to cancel the School in the form of a live event. Even before that, in April, we applied for the national and European funding to support the organization of the School as an on-line and fee-free event.

We are very thankful to all of you who, in the meantime, responded very positively to the idea of an online School and offered their contributions.

However, as not even minimum funds were granted, we refrained from organizing the online event as it would be overwhelmingly challenging to provide adequate support to all the lecturers for their presentations, to have them on the consistent technical level and to assist all the students who would like to join.

There are, however, still some lines of action left to us: one is the independent e-Courses that regular lecturers and presenters from the previous Schools are providing on-line. We will promote these on-line events and we will certainly encourage initiatives that are related to the activities of the School and its scientific scope.

One such event will be run by Nanotemper, a long-time supporter of the School. An e-Course in advanced biophysical methods will be held on 31.08. - 01.09. You can register and check the detailed agenda at this address: <https://nanotempertech.com/webinars/summer-course-in-nanotemper-biophysical-methods/>

In addition to this, the Governing Board of the Croatian Biophysical Society that serves also within the Programme-organizing Committee for the School will promote the effort to mark the School 2020 by inviting contributions, editing and publishing a volume that will reflect the School activities of the last decade: contributions from our Lecturers, workshop trainers, but also student's contributions.

Tentative title: International School of Biophysics 2012-2020

The aim of the publication is to retain the visibility of the School within the community during these extraordinary events. The publication (book/monograph) will be physically printed, and the printed copies will be distributed to research and educational libraries of the contributors and others. It should be of an educational and retrospective character, following the traditions of the School. Chapters should provide some textbook, introductory content, as well as an overview of a specific area, technique or topic previously taught at the School or planned for this year's School.

The contributors will be also asked to provide some relation of their respective field of biophysics and the problems of virus research. The book chapters would be finalized through collaboration of several contributing authors and the editorial committee.

Students who planned to present in 2020 are invited to prepare extended abstracts that will be selected and reviewed and included in a separate chapter of the book.

The book will also provide a factual review of the School throughout the last decade, lists of participants, lectures and contributions, description of venues and other details that make our community interested in the School. The overall aim is for the book to reflect the spirit of the School, i.e. science and lectures accompanied by the sea and the sun, all focused towards strong student engagement.

Looking forward to meet you again for the School in 2022,

In the name of the Organizing Committee of the School 2020

Sincerely Yours,

Tomislav Vuletić, the School Chair



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