



Southwest Decision Sciences Institute Annual Meeting Delayed to March 2022

The Southwest Decision Sciences Institute Board of Directors have continued to monitor the spread of COVID 19, and it has been decided to reschedule the 51st SWDSI Annual Conference to March 2022. This difficult decision was made for several reasons.

SWDSI:

- has a strong desire to protect the health and safety of our members and our communities, but
- could not accurately determine how many academic institutions had reductions/eliminations of 2021 travel budgets,
- could not accurately assess the spread of the virus between now and March 2021, and
- could not determine potential consequences of bringing together a large group of people from around the world.

SWDSI 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.

In summary:

1. The 51st SWDSI meeting in Galveston has been rescheduled for March 2022.
2. All submitted papers will be removed from the system. Further submissions shall not be accepted.
3. Please consider submitting to NEDSI if you want/need to present a paper this academic year.
4. Please cancel your hotel reservation, if any, as cancellations will not be automatic.
5. A new call for papers will be issued in Spring 2021 with submission information.

Until we can meet in-person in 2022, please consider joining us for our Fall professional development webinars. Current members should have received an announcement with registration information. Please contact Matthew Lindsey lindseymd@sfasu.edu if you did not receive the announcement and are interested in attending.

On behalf of the SWDSI Board, we thank you for your interest in SWDSI and look forward to seeing you at our re-scheduled 51st meeting in March 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either the Program Chair Venugopal Gopalakrishna-Remani venugopal@uttyler.edu or President Matthew Lindsey lindseymd@sfasu.edu.

Stay Blessed and Stay Safe.

Warm regards,
Matthew Lindsey
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