

UPDATE ON THE 2021 CONFERENCE SEASON

The world has been through so much over the last three months; the coronavirus pandemic, lockdowns, job losses, economic uncertainties, and social unrest due to injustices and violence. The Board of Trustees and staff have been working tirelessly to move GRC forward despite the challenges we all face. GRC, now more than ever, remains fully committed to our mission to support diverse, inclusive communities of scientists that advance the frontiers of research in the biological, chemical, physical and engineering sciences.

Many 2021 conference chairs have expressed concerns about the potential impact of COVID-19 on their conference. We surveyed 49 Session I conference chairs and 19 Hong Kong-based chairs offering the option to reschedule their conferences to the summer in the U.S. or to defer to 2023. As a result of their feedback, GRC will delay the 2021 conference season and open on May 1st and operate through August 20th in the U.S. and Europe only. Although deferring conferences and not operating in Hong Kong are not ideal, we believe this strategy provides the greatest potential for a successful 2021 season. Please visit our venue pages for information about new procedures implemented in response to COVID19.

Next month we will launch GRC Connects, which will include virtual experiences to increase connections throughout our communities before resuming our in-person meetings. Topics such as the academia/industry response to the COVID-19 pandemic (expert panel), navigating your career (GRS mentorship panel for graduate students and post docs), and improving equality and inclusion (GRC Power Hour) will be offered. We hope you will join us!

As always, we are grateful to all members of the scientific community for their continued understanding and support! We look forward to seeing you soon.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG