

ICAP-27 Postponement FAQ

General

What is the status of the 27th International Conference on Atomic Physics?

The 27th International Conference on Atomic Physics has been postponed to 17-22 July 2022. It will still take place at the original location in Toronto, Canada. So "ICAP2020" is now "ICAP2022".

Why has the 27th International Conference on Atomic Physics been postponed?

ICAP-27 has been postponed due to the organizational and travel constraints related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The format of ICAP is based around putting 600 to 900 physicists from 40+ countries in a single room. Even though transmission rates will hopefully have gone down by the summer of 2020, we anticipate that large gatherings such as ICAP will continue to be problematic, and that international travel will remain fraught with difficulties.

What about the ICAP-28 meeting that was supposed to be in July 2022?

The 28th International Conference on Atomic Physics will be in Wuhan, China, in July 2024. We thank the chairs of ICAP-28, Mingsheng Zhan, Xuzong Chen, and Xinye Xu, for their generosity in postponing their meeting by two years, so that ICAP-27 can be held in Toronto in July 2022.

Why not hold ICAP-27 in 2021?

ICPEAC-32, the 32nd International Conference on Photonic, Electronic, and Atomic Collisions, will be held in Ottawa, Canada, from 20-27 July 2021. Traditionally ICAP and ICPEAC are held on alternate years, and we decided to maintain this tradition to avoid an over-crowded meeting schedule for AMO physicists. We encourage everyone who may be interested to visit <https://www.icpeac2021.ca> for further details.

Are any AMO physics meetings happening in 2020?

Maybe. See <https://ucan.physics.utoronto.ca/conferences/> for a list of meetings. Some meetings are going online; some smaller local meetings may still be held. You may also be interested in two online AMO seminar series: the Virtual AMO Seminar (www.amo-seminar.com) and the Quantum Science Seminar (<http://quantumscienceseminar.com/>).

What is the status of the IUPAP Young Scientist Prize?

The IUPAP Young Scientist Prize is normally awarded annually by the C15 commission and presented at ICAP. At the time of writing this FAQ, it was not clear what the status would be for the 2020 prize. Please see <http://iupap.org/c15-news/> for the most recent information.

Refunds

Will my conference registration fee be refunded?

Yes, full refunds will be issued to delegates who have already registered and paid for ICAP 2020. Please note, the refund amount will be equivalent of the registration fee paid in Canadian Dollars and the conference is not responsible for any discrepancy caused by the exchange rate. If you require a refund and did not receive an email communication from the ICAP Secretariat, please email icap2020secretariat@venuewest.com.

I am planning to attend ICAP 2022 - can I simply transfer my registration fee to 2022?

No, we will issue refunds to delegates who have already paid and we kindly ask that any delegates who registered for this year's conference register again once the ICAP 2022 registration opens.

Will my hotel room reservation be refunded?

Any hotel refunds must be negotiated directly with the accommodation providers. The responsibility for hotel reservations and refunds falls outside the scope of ICAP-27 and will be dependent on the hotel's cancellation policies and any travel insurance coverage. Please anticipate delays in communication as many hotels have reduced their workforce and ceased operations in response to COVID-19. We offer our sincere apologies for any expenses and inconveniences caused.

Will my airfare be refunded?

Any airfare refunds must be negotiated directly with the airline or travel agent. The responsibility for airfare bookings and refunds falls outside the scope of ICAP-27 and will be dependent on the type of fare booked and any travel insurance coverage. Please anticipate delays in communication as many airlines have reduced their workforce in response to COVID-19. We offer our sincere apologies for any expenses and inconveniences caused.

Sponsors and Exhibitors

I am an exhibitor - will my fees be refunded?

We will offer all exhibitors a full refund, in Canadian dollars, of their fees paid. Alternately, we would be tremendously appreciative if any exhibitors will maintain their commitment and transfer their commitment to the 2022 meeting. We will also keep your company logo and organizational URL on the ICAP-27 web site for the next 27 months! In either case, we appreciate your support, and you should be hearing shortly from the ICAP secretariat.

Other

I have another question. Whom do I contact?

Please direct any questions to the ICAP Secretariat at icap2020secretariat@venuewest.com.