Reschedule FIP Symposium into a Virtual Symposium on May 16, 2020

We have recently been informed that North Carolina has its first reported case of coronavirus involving a resident in Raleigh, who was exposed to the virus in Washington State, where there is a COVID-19 outbreak at a long-term care facility [https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article240750876.html](https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article240750876.html).

In light of this unfortunate event, we are informing you of the re scheduling and reorganization of the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Fitzpatrick Institute of Photonics (FIP) on March 9-10, 2020 into a VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM at a later date.

To prepare for the VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM, we would like to request our Keynote, Plenary and Invited Speakers (External speakers, Duke speakers and poster presenters) to send us:

- A video recording of oral presentations (or the slide deck of their talks)
- A hi-resolution image of posters

We will compile the video files of all the presentations and posters currently scheduled in FIP Symposium program [http://fitzpatrick.duke.edu/2020-fip-symposium](http://fitzpatrick.duke.edu/2020-fip-symposium) and will unveil and post them on line at the VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM at the celebration of the 2020 International Day of Light on May 16, 2020. [https://www.lightday.org](https://www.lightday.org). The VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM will also be posted on the UNESCO IDL2020 Global Calendar.

We made this decision out of an abundance of caution and out of deep concern for the health and well-being of all participants, guests, faculty, researchers, students, staff, and the FIP community.

Our FIP staff will be in touch with you in order to discuss logistics and receipt of your video recordings and/or posters.

We recognize that this rescheduling decision has inconvenienced many of you and appreciate your patience and understanding for the safety of all our community.

The FIP Leadership Team