



Dear CSSHE members,

We are delighted to confirm that CSSHE will have a conference in 2021 after having to cancel this year's meeting. The conference will take place as part of Congress 2021 between May 29 and June 4, 2021. Mark your diaries!

For the first time in the association's history, the CSSHE conference will be fully virtual (online). While we all miss the chance encounters that are facilitated by in-person meetings, the decision to go virtual was made on health and safety grounds as well as because of the opportunities that will be opened up by removing the 'traditional' structures of an in-person conference.

In line with [CSSHE's Strategic Plan](#), emphasis will be placed on equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID) in conference planning and programming. We believe that a virtual conference - while not without access issues - has the potential to open up CSSHE to a wider diversity of people and topics, which will benefit everyone.

The call for proposals for CSSHE 2021 will open in November 2020. It will be a two stage process. In stage 1, we will invite submissions for whole sessions (e.g., a panel, roundtable, debate, workshop). Stage 2 will be for submissions to the accepted sessions. Both stages will go through a blind peer review process. We will encourage submissions that make creative and effective use of the virtual format, and which demonstrably support EDID. Each person may appear on the conference program a maximum of two times.

If your proposal to CSSHE 2020 was accepted, and you want to offer the same proposal again, it will automatically be accepted for CSSHE 2021. It will not go through the peer review process again but you will need to submit it through the submission system (you will be able to indicate that the submission was accepted in 2020).

Registration fees for Congress 2021 and CSSHE 2021 have not yet been confirmed. We will communicate these to you when they have been set. The fees will cover costs such as the virtual conference platform being developed by the Federation, technical support, and online security. CSSHE will endeavour to set our registration fees at the lowest possible rates.

If you have questions or suggestions for CSSHE 2021, please email the conference committee at csshe2021@gmail.com.

Best wishes,
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