Dear IIOA Members,

Many thanks to all of you who have submitted abstracts and special sessions.

Following brief review of the submissions and discussion with the IIOA Executive Committee, we have decided to extend the deadlines for both special sessions and abstracts of the 31th IIOA Conference in Male, Maldives.

Please submit your special sessions and abstracts as soon as possible, following the instructions below.

1)Special sessions

At previous IIOA Conferences, special sessions organized by attendees have been most successful in terms of the number of attendance and participant interaction. For this reason, we strongly encourage proposals for sets of thematic sessions. In proposing such sessions, please send the Chair of the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) (chyang@iss.ac.cn) an e-mail including:

a. title(s) of the organized session(s)

b. the name(s) and institutional affiliation of the organizer(s)

c. abstract(s) describing the theme/objectives of the session(s)

d. names and institutional affiliations of session chair(s)

e. titles of the presentations therein (3 presentations per session)

f. names and institutional affiliations of the presenters.

Once the session proposal is accepted by the SPC Chair, the abstract of individual article submission should follow the information sent by the SPC chair for the proposed sessions.

2)Individual submissions:

We ask that authors submit their names, institutional affiliation(s), the paper title and an abstract of the presentation (of not more than 300 but not less than 200 words) and select a topic from the list provided. Please follow the navigation through our online submission system "COPASS" at https://copass.iioa.org.

Failing to do as above may disadvantage the selection of the article. If a corresponding full paper (of at least 2,000 words) is accompanied at the time of abstract submission, it will significantly increase the possibility of acceptance.

Each author is permitted to present a maximum of two papers at the conference – one paper maximum in a special session and one paper maximum in an individual session. Participants can be, however, co-author(s) on more than two submitted papers.

Please submit the special session proposals by February 15, 2024.

Please submit your abstract in COPASS by February 28 (CET time), 2024.

For further details, please visit the Conference website at https://www.iioa.org/conferences/31st/conference.html

Thank you. Looking forward to seeing you all in Male.

Yang Cuihong (Chair of the Scientific Program Committee)