

- Update on UV4Plants Network Meeting 2020 –

Dear colleagues in Plant UV research!

After the decision of the Managing Committee to postpone the meeting until autumn (<https://www.uv4plants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Kiel-rearrangement.pdf>), we would like to keep you updated from our side on the plans and possibilities of an UV4Plants meeting. Research, and especially networking and exchanging ideas, has changed in these times dominated by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. We all have to find a new way of working and communicating. We do hope that in a couple of months, the situation will be less problematic and we will be able to meet in real life. Should this be possible, we have reserved all resources for our UV4Plants Network meeting in **October 13th to 16th 2020**. Correspondingly, the Training School would take place from **11th to 13th of October 2020**.

However, should a real meeting not be possible due to travel restrictions, we are evaluating alternative means to let a meeting happen using new solutions, as we have to do now for our teaching and research. We intend to keep the scientific and, if possible, also the social program unchanged. We offer the participants to either hold onto their contributions as they are or change them if preferred. At a time in the future, also applications for new contributions may become welcome.

We as organizers were quite lucky that we were able to cancel all the reservations and bookings for the planned meeting without costs. We are very sorry if this was not possible for your travel costs! But, at least the registration fees have not been touched. If a real meeting is possible, we will simply use this money in autumn for those of you who will be able to join. In case of alternative solutions, such as a virtual meeting, we may need delegates to pay a part of the original registration fee to cover costs. When this has been solved, we will refund the difference or give you the chance to apply for a total refund.

We are sorry that we have to remain somewhat vague in face of a situation that is changing on a weekly and monthly basis. You can be reassured that we are doing everything possible to let a meeting happen, in some form or another!

Stay well! We hope to welcome you all in Kiel in October!

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