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Dear members of the ADCS community,

We are writing with the sad news that ADCS 2020 will not go forward this year. We decided to cancel the event due to the impact of COVID-19 and this decision was taken with the full support of the ADCS Steering Committee.

The major compelling reasons for the cancellation are that Victoria is still under the declared state of disaster at this point of time, and is unlikely that in December would be allowed to have a venue available and travel bans and/or mandatory quarantines no longer in effect.

We also considered the option of having yet another virtual event. Given the fact that all the other conferences relevant to our field are going to be virtual for a while, the committee believes that there is no great value in another virtual event.

It is heartbreaking to think that this will be the first year without an Australasian Document Computing Symposium since the first ADCS conference held in Melbourne in 1996. But we believe it is the right thing to do in these times.

We would like to thank the steering committee and the volunteers for their help and support so far, and we are grateful for being part of such an amazing research community.

We hope we can all get together next year for the 25th anniversary of ADCS!

Best Regards,

Gianluca and Damiano

ADCS 2020 Co-Chairs