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The Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille will organize a conference whose objective is to bring together (both physically and virtually) the theoretical and observational communities to share our current knowledge on the rise of metals and dust in the Universe over a wide range of cosmic times and to discuss effective strategies to best use our powerful current and future facilities.

This Dust and Metals Conference will take place during the week 26 - 30 October in Marseille, France. That is only two months from now. We are still monitoring the evolution of the Covid-19 situation in France. And far, the French governments announced that meetings with up to 5000 persons are authorized. As announced before on our website (<https://metals-dust.sciencesconf.org/>), we have decided, after careful consideration to modify our original plans and to hold a dual on-line and in-person meeting. Right now, only people from the European Union are allowed to come to France (or people already inside the EU) and from a few other countries. Note that the room is now large enough to safely accommodate 100 persons with proper distancing (300 m²). Of course, the organisation will be revised if the situation in France / Europe does not pass some limit fixed by the governments.

People who can travel to France will therefore be able to attend the conference in person, within a maximum attendance of 100 persons. The deadline to submit abstract is **September 11, 2020 at 23:59 (UT)**.

Contributions (both in-person and on-line) are welcomed. We encourage people to submit abstracts. The selection will be announced shortly after September 11 2020.

The changes dedicated to safety and the evolution of the sanitary situation are listed on the [conference website](#).

Best regards,

The LOC of *Metals and Dust 2020*