



# 9<sup>th</sup> LUX PACIFICA

## LIGHTING ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

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**Dear delegates of the 9<sup>th</sup> Lux Pacifica,**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Lux Pacifica was scheduled for the Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia in April, 2020. However, the COVID-19 global health crisis made it impossible to hold this conference on the planned dates. Thus, an urgent announcement of postponement was issued in March.

In order to reschedule the conference at the same venue in autumn 2021, the conference board members have continued to monitor the global health situation and member countries' border controls until the end of July. It proved that the situation continues to worsen in some member countries. The new corona virus is resistant to hot and humid atmospheres, and survives yearlong. Most countries are still closing their border control gates to foreign citizens. It will take an unpredictable period of time before they are reopened. These facts show that the future global health crisis and travel safety cannot be predicted at this time.

We discussed the alternative of holding a virtual conference on the web if the pandemic still threatens humans and the delegates cannot congregate in St Petersburg in autumn 2021. Nonetheless, we declined this option because Lux Pacifica has been not only an academic but a cultural event since the time of foundation. We strongly hope to celebrate lighting science, technology and design in the Hermitage together with many friends from all over the world without any fear of infection or lack of safety. Therefore, we have decided not to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> Lux Pacifica in 2021.

We will publicize new dates, at least one year in advance, on the web pages of Lux Pacifica (currently being redesigned and available soon), the VNISI (Russian Lighting Research Institute named after S.I. Vavilov) and other lighting communities. We will continue preparation of a new Lux Pacifica conference to welcome you to the Hermitage's hospitality in 2022 or later. It will be our great pleasure to welcome you to a new Lux Pacifica conference in the world-famous museum.

Sincerely yours,  
Motoharu Takao, Ph.D.  
Chair, Lux Pacifica

*P.S.: Any prepaid registration fees will be refunded by the VNISI; details will be announced soon.*