The 19th International AELFE Conference postponed to July 2021

The 19th International AELFE Conference (originally organized for 8-10 July, 2020, at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Barcelona) will unfortunately be cancelled for this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. It will be held, instead, next year at the same location and same approximate date.

The organizing team, led by Elisabet Arnó, together with the AELFE executive board, regret having to make this decision, but wish to assure to all participants that all the registrations and submissions already filed can be automatically re-scheduled for next year’s conference and that a new CFP will be issued later this year.

The conference website will be maintained and updated at the same URL: https://aelfetapp.upc.edu/en

Ibérica – AELFE’s research journal

Like Volume 38, Volume 39 (Spring 2020) will be exceptionally larger due to the elevated number of articles evaluated positively over the past two years. With the new guidelines and deadlines for publication, we hope that future volumes will return to their regular sizes. Potential authors at this point know that their submissions cannot be evaluated until 2022. Volume 38 can be viewed here: http://www.aelfe.org/?s=revista&veure=38

A new electronic open access platform for the journal is in progress. Hopefully, it will be fully operative in 2021.
8th Edition of the “Enrique Alcaraz” Research Award

The criteria and guidelines for our Association’s new edition of the Enrique Alcaraz Research Award will be posted on our website in the upcoming weeks. We will also notify our members about this call and deadline for published / unpublished research submissions on LSP. The candidates must have published or presented their works after 31st December 2016 in order to be legible for the award. At least one author must be an AELFE member.

**We strongly encourage younger researchers to submit their unpublished doctoral or pre-doctoral work for the second category of the award!!

The decision will be based, as in past awards, upon the results derived from double-blind peer reviews, with third reviewers acting in the case of evaluation divergences. The winner will be announced prior to the celebration of the 19th International AELFE conference in 2021, and the award will be given during the conference gala dinner.

**Confinement period 2020

Due to the lockdown situation in Spring this year, the AELFE secretary will not be able to respond to any certificate requests. Any such petitions should be made after the confinement period and once we can all safely return to our workplace.

Finally, in my condition as AELFE president, but also as your colleague, fellow member, and friend, I wish you all good health and safety during these difficult times. As LSP faculty and researchers, we have experience with and know about academic resilience, which means not just survival and recognition, but working with and helping each other in demanding situations. Let us thrive and become even better to meet the exigency of our times.