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Gregory T. Papanikos
President

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- Abstract Submission: **31 August 2020**
- Acceptance of Abstract: **4 Weeks after Submission**

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Important Dates
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- Submission of Paper: 18 May 2020

Academic Member Responsible for the Conference
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