## **SPECIAL NOTICE – CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

Please know that our thoughts are with those affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The health and safety of our members and participants are our first priority. We are closely monitoring any specific travel advisories through official channels, which include the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. State Department.

Before traveling to the conference, we recommend that you stay informed of any information your local health agencies may make available and take reasonable precautions to protect yourself. IEEE continues to closely monitor this dynamic situation and will provide updates with any developments.

The following proactive steps are being taken to maintain a safe and healthy environment at the 2020 IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference (HPEC)

- We are committed to following regional jurisdiction guidelines and rules in maintaining a safe environment for our attendees. The World Health Organization's (WHO) guidelines are located <a href="here.">here.</a>
- We are working closely with the Westin Hotel Waltham-Boston in, Waltham, MA, USA and surrounding venues hosting official HPEC programming to ensure there are sufficient medical processes in place and sanitation products readily available.
- We are supporting individuals who may be unable to travel to Waltham/Boston, MA, USA from affected regions.
- We will continue to provide timely WHO and other relevant updates to registered attendees throughout the conference as needed.

## A note from the HPEC Committee:

We all hope that by Fall of 2020 normal conference participation will have resumed. If that is not the case, IEEE HPEC will have virtual conference options that will allow safe participation and full publication in IEEE Xplore.