

How is Academia Coping With COVID-19 Crisis?

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#StayHome #StaySafe! Currently, these hashtags have been trending all over social media. In fact, this is how everyone is greeting each other amidst the COVID-19 crisis and very aptly so.

So, how are you coping with this sudden crisis and the indefinite lockdown? In our previous article, we [shared a handful of our useful resources](#) that you could check out. We hope they have been helpful in your publication journey.

Below are some more resources that has been made available during this crisis.

Read Through all the COVID-19 Open Research

COVID-19 has been wreaking havoc globally since the start of 2020. This has led to several publishers making all the research papers on COVID-19 open. In fact, according to a press release from Wellcome Trust, more than 30 leading publishers have committed to make all their COVID-19 and coronavirus-related publications, open to the public. These publications, along with the available data supporting them, [have been made immediately accessible](#) in PubMed Central (PMC) and other public repositories. Among these publishers are important names such as [Elsevier](#), American Chemical Society ([ACS](#)), [Science](#), [Springer Nature](#), EMBO Press, [BMJ](#), New England Journal of Medicine ([NEJM](#)), [Taylor & Francis](#), [Wiley](#), and many more. This would help the academic community to support the ongoing public health emergency response efforts and provide researchers globally with [critical information](#) needed to remedy the outbreak.

Conference Got Cancelled Due to COVID-19 Crisis? Present Your Data Online

With the sudden lockdown and travel ban, there have been several researchers who could not participate in conferences. So what is the next course of action?

eLife will be hosting online seminars to support early-career researchers in [presenting their research online instead of in-person](#). Starting from March 26, these online seminars will be hosted twice a week. With each of these open sessions being presided over by an eLife editor, three early career researchers (ECRs) will present a 10-minute talk with five minutes for questions afterwards.

Interestingly, the most important criterion to qualify for these sessions is “been accepted to present a talk at a conference that has been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 with no virtual talk offered as a replacement!” This is indeed a novel idea of boosting the ECRs’ career using virtual media as the forum.

Similarly, the ACS launched [SciMeetings](#), a virtual science-sharing platform developed in collaboration with other ACS divisions for sharing research from the now-cancelled ACS Philadelphia national meeting.

Podcast Exclusively Sharing COVID-19 Updates

We have numerous news information outlets sharing COVID-19 updates from all over the world. But what about updates from the medical community? How far have we reached in controlling the pandemic? *Nature* has recently [published a podcast](#) wherein epidemiologists, genomicists, and social scientists share their insights and discoveries about how they’re working to tackle the coronavirus and what they’ve learned so far. We are surely not going to miss it and neither should you!

We discussed in our previous article that several researchers have had to leave their research midway as laboratories have shutdown. One such Italian researcher who had to leave his research as his laboratory shut down [gives us a first-hand account of his experience](#) in a blog article in *Nature*. The most interesting feature of this blog article is that not only does he share his first-hand experience, but he also shares how he and his colleagues faced the situation and are currently making the best of the quarantine period.

Some Social Distancing Tips

Social distancing is a term that is become popular during this period of lockdown. Scholarly Kitchen has [published an article on why social distancing is important](#), along with a few tips on how organizations that are working from home can cope with the situation.

Here are some additional resources discussing the latest on COVID-19:

1. Launch of a global megatrial of the [most promising coronavirus treatments](#) by WHO.
2. An interesting video on possible [coronavirus vaccines](#) and how [machine learning](#) can be used to find a cure.
3. Guidance for authorship resulting due to [author non-responsiveness](#) during the outbreak.
4. Understanding how [academic libraries](#) are dealing with the COVID-19 crisis.
5. A [nation-wide program](#) in UK launched by Kortex in conjunction with Jisc aims to provide university students and academic staff access to key digital learning resources during the review and exam period.

While working from home, we have also found several helpful tips in this article. We hope you find them useful too! #StayHome #StaySafe!

Note: Conference and STM event organizers who wish to share updates on online events can get in touch with us on academy@enago.com or mention the same in the comments section below.

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