

## Cancellation DPG-Frühjahrstagung (Spring Meeting) in Hannover

Due to the deteriorating situation regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), the DPG Executive Board, after consulting with the organisers of the DPG Spring Meeting as well as with the local authorities, has decided – most reluctantly – to call off the DPG Spring Meeting of the Atomic, Molecular, Plasma Physics and Quantum Optics Section (SAMOP), scheduled to take place in Hannover from 8 until 13 March 2020.

The DPG crisis management, together with those involved in the organisation of the conference, carefully monitored the course of the spread of the coronavirus. In doing so, it considered the "General Principles of Risk Assessment and Recommended Action for Major Events" of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) and the recommendations of the German Federal Minister of Health regarding major events. Thus, no other decision was possible than to cancel the event. Given the dynamic development in the spread of the virus we do not want to take incalculable risks for all those involved. Health and well-being of the participants of the DPG Spring Meeting, but also those of the population at the conference location, lie very close to our hearts.

We deeply regret this step and are already looking forward to the DPG Spring Meetings 2021.

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