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WSC 2021 – An update

Dear ISA members and beyond,

Yes, we all know this is a terrifyingly difficult time, by far the most troubling, for most of us, that we have ever experienced. It would be a foolish person, especially as a Shakespeare scholar, who would guess what the time-line for the future really looks like.

Yet, while so many conferences this year have been cancelled, we are continuing, with all energy, to commit to planning and holding the WSC 2021 in Singapore.

Thanks to the astonishing hard and imaginative work of the Programme Committee (led by its Chair, Lena Orlin, so energetically supported by Tom Bishop and Ton Hoenselaars), we now have a wonderful programme for the Congress. It is posted online on our website: <http://wsc2021.org/>

Yong Li Lan and Beatrice Lei, leaders of the Local Organizing Committee, report: ‘In Singapore, we have been living with the coronavirus for over two months and, as we have adjusted to the anxieties, precautions and changes, our steady provision for the future in this Congress becomes even more important than when we began. The keynote addresses and venue bookings for the programme are confirmed and performances being prepared, including a Singaporean production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* by a young theatre company, commissioned for the WSC.’

We look forward to welcoming you to WSC 2021 on Sunday, 18 July, 2021 and enjoying with you an exciting and stimulating Congress.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. See you in Singapore!



Peter Holland