

## **FOREWORD**

### **Greening of Industry Network**

The 4th Conference on Sustainability Science at the University of Padjadjaran (UNPAD) „Sustainability Science Post COVID-19 : Social Distancing Life, Approaching Natural Life“ is an important milestone in the three decades history of the Greening of Industry Network (GIN) because this conference is meant to serve as a platform to dialogue about the effects and ways to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to the Sustainability Science. The pandemic has pushed the social and economic boundaries of the Social Life at all existing levels. Moreover, it calls for re-alignments - locally and across regions- in the way we produce, consume and interact among different actors to better approach and connect with the Natural life (environment).

Innovative concepts and new perspectives that expand the current scientific knowledge in response to this challenges make part of the cutting-edge research selected for presentation at this conference with the purpose to build a more sustainable future post pandemics. This conference is about is research that reflects the interdisciplinarity and intersectoriality needed for such new developments and shows the relevance of a systematic and connecting approach in times of physical distancing.

Following the elements above mentioned, the Call for Papers attached to this conference emphasized connectiveness as a factor in all and each of the topics promoted, e.g the connection between livelihood quality, health and wellbeing; the nexus between equity and equality across regions; the connections among business through their supply chains and intersectorially collaboration. All of them framed and discussed under the interdisciplinary perspective of Sustainability Science.

The nexus between pandemics and sustainability science nexus is not only a relevant and actual topic to be discussed and developed into a interdisciplinary knowledge program but also as an strategic response to help individuals and society, as a whole, to be better prepared to prevent its risks and damages and to understand how to change so we can interconnect in a more sustainable way. This is the special contribution of the 4th Conference on sustainability Science at UNPAD on October 8, 2020. GIN supports the uniqueness of this event and the commitment showed by the organizing committee leaders to look for developing knowledge that builds a pandemia-resilient sustainable society.

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