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**The 92nd General Meeting of the ELSJ is turned into the Official Web Conference.  
(Notice and Request)**

Dear ELSJ Members,

The ELSJ is grateful to all of you for precious cooperation and in particular, for the preparations for the 92nd general meeting to be scheduled in May 2020 at the University of the Ryukyus.

Due to the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the ELSJ announced in March in the website and others that the general meeting would be turned into the official web conference, if the situation would not be made better. Unfortunately, the situation becomes more serious in Japan and, based on various reports including the one from the University of the Ryukyus, the ELSJ has no choice but to make the decision to turn the general meeting into the official web conference. Protecting the health and well-being of our members, the ELSJ guarantees the annual publication of the results of the researches of the members. The ELSJ sincerely expresses high respect with special thanks for the academic efforts of each member that are originally scheduled to be presented in Okinawa and for every member who has worked tirelessly to organize the large conference. It is for the first time since 1945 to make a change in the way of annual gathering and the ELSJ is grateful to all of you for your understanding and unwavering commitment to researches and to the society in this difficult time.

As for the details of the official web conference, the ELSJ will make contact with each presenter; every member of ELSJ will be informed beforehand through the ELSJ website and other possible ways. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your understanding and further cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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