

WARNING – ALERT OF POSSIBLE SCAM:

We have learned that a third-party company, **Exhibitor Housing Services (EHS)** – also known as **Exhibitor Housing Management (EHM)** and **Business Travel Management (BTM)**, is targeting AOP2019 conference speakers with a fraudulent travel and hotel booking scheme. The company is calling and/or emailing conference speakers and falsely claiming it is the “official” housing bureau and/or to book hotel and/or travel accommodations for the conference. This is entirely FALSE. We had no contact with this “company” nor had any previous knowledge of its existence. Furthermore we have not contacted or made any kind agreement with any travel or hotel booking operator whatsoever.

It appears the “company” makes a number of FALSE and FRAUDLENT claims about the conference designed to obtain your credit card information, including:

- “• There are issues with your hotel reservation for the conference;
- The hotel room rate for the conference has increased and/or rooms are running out and must be booked with EHS as soon as possible;
- Hotel rooms for the conference can only be booked through EHS;
- That EHS can get you a cheaper room rate than the conference organizers; or
- Hotel rooms for the conference are sold out and that they can help find you alternatives hotels. “

Please be aware that this seems to be a SCAM designed to obtain your credit card information and/or make phony charges to your credit card. Please exercise extreme caution with any unsolicited contact or when contacted by EHS, EHM, BTM or any “company” of the kind. Their representatives seems to be extremely pushy and prodding. We recommend that you do NOT give this company your credit card number, personal information, or any details about your hotel reservation or travel.

We have heard that this is happening too with several other conferences.