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**Beyond Multiple Choice Conference 2020 [www.beyond-multiple-choice.com](http://www.beyond-multiple-choice.com)**

**Beyond Washington: An update**

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Following the success of the first two Beyond Multiple Choice Conferences in 2018 and 2019, the third annual conference was due to return to Washington DC in November 2020.

With the global pandemic of Covid 19 and the resultant lockdowns, massive global reduction in travel and anxiety many people and governments rightly have over public gatherings we have taken the opportunity to move the conference to a digital environment. The 2020 Virtual Beyond Multiple Choice, BMC2020, conference is born. A fully online event, attendance for delegates will be FREE for this three day digital event from 3rd to 5th November 2020.

The team here at #BMC2020 have been working hard in the background to examine all options and meet the challenge of going digital.

Brian Moon, CEO Perigean, said 'We have carried out an extensive consultation with those involved over the last few years and those who had been planning to join us in November 2020.

We have been contacted by, and indeed reached out to, many stakeholders over the last month or two to get their input.

The team have beavered away in the background carrying out deskbound research, surveying stakeholders, and liaising directly with past and future speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and most importantly delegates. Our focus in this research has been on the format and structure the conference should take, the content that you want to see, hear and discuss and how we can make the conference more accessible to more people and leverage the power of a digital platform.'

Jeff Ross, from Assessment Tomorrow commented '... as many of you will now know the 2020 Virtual Beyond Multiple Choice conference will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Registration for delegates will be free and we are enabling the conference to be viewed by as many people as possible, across continents...'

Martyn Roads, from the Assessment Tomorrow executive team, added 'We are delighted to announce a programme of sessions on topics you want to hear including alternative assessment methodologies, use of AI, remote proctoring, gaming techniques for assessment, divergence or convergence for formative and summative assessment and the use of performance evidence collection technologies.

We are lining up a great roster of speakers and contributors eager to share knowledge, experience and ideas.'

Do not miss out! Come and join us at the 2020 Virtual Beyond Multiple Choice – it is free and already spaces are rapidly filling up.'

We look forward to digitally meeting you there - enrol at [www.beyondmultiplechoice.regfox.com/beyond-multiple-choice-2020](http://www.beyondmultiplechoice.regfox.com/beyond-multiple-choice-2020)

## EDITORS NOTES

What is E-Assessment and Computer Based Assessment?

'e-Assessment' is the use of digital technologies to create, distribute, assess and provide feedback for formative, summative, diagnostic or self-assessment. Technological developments have afforded new ways of assessing student learning and providing feedback. This can deliver a greater variety of assessments, which can capture a wider range of skills and attributes that are not easily assessed in traditional methods (Joint Information Systems Committee, 2010).

When did The Beyond Multiple Choice conferences begin and what do they hope to achieve?

The Beyond Multiple Choice conference was first held in 2018 in Washington DC to an audience of Educators, Education Policy Makers, System suppliers, Providers and Users. It and subsequent conferences have set out to answer the question 'How can managers and educators move beyond multiple-choice tests to more deeply evaluate the effectiveness of learning, teaching and training?' In a series of presentations, discussion groups and expert panels examined the issues and opportunities of taking the assessment of skills, knowledge and understanding to the next level. These included exploiting the new technologies and meeting the expectations of learners.

What are the issues to be considered for alternatives to Multiple Choice Testing?

- Use of AI in assessment
- Use of gaming techniques for assessment
- Remote proctoring
- Use of portfolio methodologies to collect performance evidence
- Use of performance evidence collection technologies/data mining
- Use of social media
- Regulatory issues and impact of policy both at Federal and State level
- Divergence or convergence for formative and summative assessment
- Alternative assessment methodologies like comparative judgement

Is there further information about the conference?

We are very much still interested in hearing from more potential contributors. Do you have unique insights into an assessment-related topic that could benefit others at #BMC2020? Do you want to promote your assessment-related research or expertise and build your personal brand among industry peers ([www.beyond-multiple-choice.com/call-for-presentations](http://www.beyond-multiple-choice.com/call-for-presentations)) if so we have a great platform for you. Almost 300 industry leaders from around the world have already signed up for 2020 Virtual Beyond Multiple Choice conference.

The conference will be a very lively mix of presentations, debates, demonstrations, product sessions and the sharing of ideas, views and experience.

Any questions just ask. Your input into the making this another great conference is vital, just check out [www.beyond-multiple-choice.com](http://www.beyond-multiple-choice.com) for more information and registration.