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I was listening to the ABC Roundtable on Sunday extra which was entitled The Future of Conferences - [Click here the listen to the full session](#). It touched upon a number of topics I had in a conversation with Jane Bringolf, Chair, Centre for Universal Design (CUDA) last week. The Universal Design 2020 Conference will take place from 12-13 October in Melbourne. There are some concerns as to how it will take place, how many delegates will be allowed to attend, how we will be ensuring social distancing, what new cleaning & hygiene protocols are in place and whether travel restrictions will be lifted.

Looking at the bigger picture, this pandemic is prompting changes in the way Interpoint is organising their conferences & exhibitions. We are introducing a virtual element which will transform the event into a hybrid conference. It will make the conference more accessible for people with disabilities to attend, and be available to a wider audience including people who in the past could not afford to travel to attend.