

**From:** [Chen, Lily \(Fed\)](#)  
**To:** [Moody, Dustin \(Fed\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Travel  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:25:53 PM

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Dustin,

Thank you for letting me know. I think it is a right decision. Now the travel certainly will add a lot of unnecessary stress.

Lily

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**From:** Dustin Moody <dustin.moody@nist.gov>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 1:21 PM  
**To:** Lily Chen <lily.chen@nist.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Travel

Lily,

I am eager to get back to in-person visits, but after thinking it over, I will just give virtual talks for these November trips. There is only about 2 weeks, and I don't want to deal with all the complexities right now. Especially as we'll be doing our review process and I don't want to risk missing any of that.

Dustin

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**From:** Chen, Lily (Fed) <lily.chen@nist.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 5:01 PM  
**To:** Moody, Dustin (Fed) <dustin.moody@nist.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Travel

Hi, Dustin,

This is a hard decision. Not sure how the travel will be. Maybe you can call the travel office and ask about traveling to Malta, e.g. whether you need a visa if you use official passport and any Covid specific requirements. [International Travel | NIST Intranet](#) You may also look at the airlines to see how you can fly there. (I traveled to Malta many years ago. I remembered it was Chicago – Roma – Malta, not a direct flight.

It really depends on how you feel to deal with the international travel. It sounds complicated. If you like to go, let's try to see if we can get everything through on time. If you do not feel like to travel now, just tell them that we are under CR and it takes time to get the travel approved. Therefore, you like to use virtual talk option as a backup at least. (This is true. You do need it.)

I think the procedure is more or less the same as before the pandemic. I will submit the request to Matt and then to ITL. You use E2 to get reservation. Please let me know

how you think. The in-person talks are good to get feedbacks and to meet people. The virtual talks will save your energy and avoid uncertainty due to the Covid. (We did not have managers' meeting today. Otherwise, I would have asked Matt again about travel budget.)

Lily

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**From:** Moody, Dustin (Fed) <dustin.moody@nist.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, October 25, 2021 11:36 AM

**To:** Chen, Lily (Fed) <lily.chen@nist.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Travel

Lily,

Thanks for checking back with me again. That week of November is a busy one! Here's the talks I've been asked to give during that week.

1. Nov 17-18 (speaking on Nov 17, 7:30am ET),
  - a. Rennes France,
  - b. European Cyber Week - Implementing Post Quantum Cryptography
  - c. <https://en.european-cyber-week.eu/cryptographie-post-quantique>
  - d. Talk: "The End is near - the NIST PQC competition"
2. Nov 15-17 (speaking time not determined yet)
  - a. Valetta, Malta
  - b. NATO Advanced Research Workshop "Toward a quantum-safe communication infrastructure."
  - c. No workshop website
  - d. Talk: The NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization project
3. [VIRTUAL TALK]: Nov 18 (speaking 7pm ET)
  - a. Virtual talk
  - b. South Korean (ETRI) workshop on Korean standardization of PQC
  - c. No workshop website
  - d. Talk: The NIST PQC Standardization project

I think it might be quite tricky to go to France and Malta both. I'm wondering your opinion. I don't know whether either is super critical to NIST, or not. I also don't know the visa or covid restrictions, etc. I do know to come back to the US I'd need to get a covid test in whatever country, and I don't know how easy it is to do that.

I'd be probably more interested in the Malta one. But again, I'm not sure on all this, or if NIST would approve things. It may also be awkward if I tell one that I can't travel to there, and then

go to the other one. Do you have any thoughts?

Dustin

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**From:** Chen, Lily (Fed) <[lily.chen@nist.gov](mailto:lily.chen@nist.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 22, 2021 4:08 PM  
**To:** Moody, Dustin (Fed) <[dustin.moody@nist.gov](mailto:dustin.moody@nist.gov)>  
**Subject:** Travel

Hi, Dustin,

It sounds like NIST has started to allow people who have fully vaccinated to travel. But it is not clear whether our division has determined about how much we can spend on the travel during the CR. I understand that for your November trip, it is about the time to get reservation. (I think for France, official passport holder will need visa, not sure about Malta.) I suggest we start the process, if you plan to give in-person presentation. We need to get travel approved first. Please provide the following information (for each of your trips).

1. Duration
2. Destination
3. Name of the event (web site link)
4. Title of your talk

If I need more information, I will let you know.

Lily