Dear All,

in order to make things easier for everyone (even those who attended the course in the past years), I decided to apply the following (simplified) format/rules:

- Written test:
    - Done remotely, using the EXAM platform (LockDownBrowser). Please, install the required tools and make sure they work properly on your machine; tutorials and guidelines available on-line.
    - Duration ~1.5h.
    - Up to 6/7 questions, both numerical exercises (multiple-choice) and theory (open-ended).
    - Complexity of the exercises tuned according to the available time slot
    - The kind of exercises will not differ from those of the past years: replace 1 huge question per topic, with many simpler questions per topic.
    - Score: up to 27/30 pts

- Low-Power Contest:
    - one (1) project per group, instead of two (2) as anticipated last week; this is to avoid a too heavy workload during the critical and uncertain days we're all living.
    - However, there will be 2 contest categories, and you can decide the one you like more (mutex):
        - a) HLS optimization: a plug-in to be embedded into the ShyHLS tool
        - b) LLS optimization: a plug-in to be embedded into PrimeTime
    - To encourage HLS, groups that go for option a) will be gifted with one (1) extra point.
    - Each group can decide and communicate the preference no later than June 12, 2020 (using the shared document "SODS_19-20_GroupsList").
    - Score: 3/30 pts (on/off: if the script does work: 3pts, else: 0 pts).
    - Within each category, the best script will get 3 extra pts.
    - Deadline: July 5, 2020.
    - Additional (technical) details made available within this week.

- Overall Score

Written Test (**27**/30) + Low-Power Contest (**3**/30) + Contest Award (**3**/30) + HLS incentive (**1**/30)