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Dear Participant, dear Speaker, dear Sponsor,

As healthcare professionals you are very well aware that at this moment we do live in a very exceptional time frame of world history.

Whilst in China the Covid-19 (Corona SARS - CoV -2) is under control at the domestic level but is still imported by travelers coming in from abroad the rest of the world is more or less under lock down and the situation will last for - as China did show the world - some four months.

Taken all these elements into account the President ISGE Resad - Paya-Pasic and Vice- president ISGE Günter Noé did join the weekly tele-conference with the Local Organizers in Croatia. The decision was made to cancel the ISGE Annual Meeting and to postpone the meeting until June 6 - 9/2021. An agreement has been found with the hotel so the ISGE Annual Meeting will be held in 2021 at the Le Méridien Lav Split as we did plan in 2020.

Pre-courses will be held on Saturday June 6 and the congress from Sunday June 7 through Tuesday June 9.

Beginning of June is the ideal time to travel to and enjoy Croatia.

The program will remain as set but more video's and lectures will be accepted. The decision has been made for the participants and speakers who did already pay the congress fee that these fees will remain unchanged and that the ISGE membership fee - included in the congress fee - will be extended until June 9/2021.

For the new registrants the amount of the congress fee will be adapted according to inflation rates.

Hoping to have informed you an with our apologies for the inconvenience caused by factors outside our control,

Best regards,

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