



XVII
INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM ON
AMYLOIDOSIS

TARRAGONA SPAIN

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Dear delegate attending the ISA2020;

As you are aware, there is an increasing world sanitary alert due to the outbreak of the coronavirus infection. The latest rapid spreading involving Northern Italy has abruptly changed the situation, making this viral infection spread more unpredictable.

Despite that there is no current evidence of wide spreading in Spain at the moment, the spreading of the virus in Italy is of real concern. Safety, is our highest priority and our meeting will be attended for delegates over the world. It is also remarkable that many of the attendees are physicians in direct contact with patients before and after the meeting which could potentially increase the transmission risk. This is particularly important when the incubation period is long and when asymptomatic carries can transmit the infection, as it is the case of COVID19. Additionally, considering the worst possible scenario that a person at the meeting develops the disease he/she should be confined until becoming negative and, eventually, all or many attendees to the meeting would suffer delays in returning home, because of viral tests or the safety issue of quarantine.

In the last days we have received cancellation from teams participating in many sessions, as speakers, chairs, oral presentation and sponsored Symposia, and we have also received a significant number of communications showing concerns about foreign travelling and about safety issues at the meeting venue.

With all the above, the Organizing Committee (PETHEMA, Doctaforum and the Presidents of the meeting) has deeply discussed on how to proceed with the meeting. The ISA Board members have recommended cancelation and to postpone the meeting. In the present circumstances, we have regrettably, decided to cancel the meeting in the planned dates and postpone it to mid-September. We will let you know the precise new date very soon. We deeply regret all the inconveniences that our decision, due to a MAJOR SAFETY REASON, can cause to you. Please, accept our apologies.

For those of you who decide to attend the ISA2020 meeting on the new date there will be no need to fulfill any other requirement: simply confirm your interest. For the delegates who decide, for any reason, not to attend the meeting on the new date the registration office will reimburse the registration fee. All the delegates will be asked for their final decision on the attendance to the meeting on the new date, very likely by mid-September.

We thank you for your interest on Amyloidosis and for your willingness to attend the ISA2020. Again, the Organizing Committee of this ISA-PETHEMA Amyloidosis meeting apologizes for the inconveniences that our decision may cause. We are certain that you will understand our decision and we hope to have you at the ISA2020 at the same location in Tarragona at the new date.

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