

Rolle, 8 April 2020

Dear EPOS Members, colleagues and friends,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Given the current global situation on COVID-19 pandemic and its uncertainty, EPOS has sadly decided to cancel the 39th Annual meeting. The Annual meeting will be held in **Porto, Portugal from 14 April to 17 April 2021**, at the same venue, The Alfandega Porto Congress Centre.

EPOS Executive Committee, together with the Local Committee, has been meeting daily, monitoring and assessing the situation in many European countries and overseas. Based on the guidance of World Health Organization, The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and local authorities, the EPOS Executive Committee has taken this decision unanimously. Although this is unprecedented in the history of EPOS, our priority is to guarantee the health and safety of our Members and those around us.

At present, the further development of the exceptional circumstances of this health crisis is unforeseeable. Therefore, in order to comply with legislation and continue the Societies' internal affairs, EPOS will be organizing a virtual General Assembly. We will inform our members about the details of this meeting in due time. We hope that many of you can join us.

We appreciate your understanding and ask you friendly to allow us time to process any request regarding registration and/or sponsorship fee refund. As the cancellation of the Annual meeting will have financial consequences for the Society, we would appreciate if you could consider transferring your registration fee to next year rather than requesting a refund.

We thank you all for your long-standing ongoing support and your patience.

We wish you and your family health and peace in these difficult times. Please stay safe!

Sincerely,

EPOS Executive Committee

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