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Dear ISRRT members,

We are writing to each of you to give an update on the 21st ISRRT World Congress scheduled to be held this August 26-29, 2020 in Dublin Ireland.

As you will all be aware, the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting most of our countries around the world today in an unprecedented manner. The ISRRT is aware that many of its members are engaged in the battle of the COVID-19 as frontline health professionals. The ISRRT also acknowledges that most countries have implemented travel ban for health care workers which may be extended beyond the end of this year. It remains unknown when the COVID-19 pandemic will end, and when international travel restrictions will be lifted.

The ISRRT has now had several meetings with the Irish Institute of Radiography and Radiation Therapy organizing committee to find a viable solution for the World Congress. As organizations, it is with heavy heart that the ISRRT Board of Management and the Irish society planning committee must announce that the 21st ISRRT World Congress will be **postponed to August 18th-21st, 2021 Dublin Ireland.**

For those, people that have already registered for the 2020 World Congress, please be reassured that your registration fee will be moved forward and applied to the August 17-21, 2021 meeting dates. Hence, they are considered registered for the Congress in 2021. If you have additional questions relating to your registration please contact the planning committee at ISRRT2020@advantagegroup.ie.

The approved abstracts for the 21st World Congress in 2020 will be automatically upheld for the 17-21 August 2021 dates. A new email will be sent to all abstract writers, in order to RSVP and reaffirm plans for attending the 2021 meeting. Please note, that a new abstract section for COVID 19 is being developed and thus the opportunity to submit an abstract with the pandemic experiences to be accepted for next year's meeting track as well. Visit the ISRRT website for related information.

Hotels agreements are being renegotiated for next year's dates by the PCO and the Irish planning committee. The PCO and/or the hotel you have originally booked will be in contact with you to move you' booking if you have already booked accommodation. There is no need for you to take any action until they have been in contact with you.

Although we need to postpone, we are all very excited to host our ISRRT 21st World Congress on August 17-21st, 2021. Furthermore, be assured that the postponement of the World congress to Dublin, 2021 will not impact the dates and year of the scheduled 22nd ISRRT World Congress which will still be held in Bangkok, Thailand, 2022.

ISRRT members, we appreciate your knowledge, skills, expertise and care as frontline health professionals in the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us all continue our efforts for every patient's well-being, stay safe and know that the ISRRT is always here to support you.

Sincerely,

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