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RE: POSTPONEMENT OF THE IWSC 2020

Greetings to ALL! Things have been falling nicely into place with respect to the preparations for the IWSC 2020 in Bangkok. Several people have been working tirelessly toward this end. Our LOC Chair, Dr. Chanya Maneechote, and IWSS Board have garnered strong financial, logistical, and technical support from our partners in Industry, Professional Society, and Academia. The scientific program has evolved into an intellectually nourishing repertoire, thanks to our indomitable SPC under the helm of Dr. Luis Avila.

To say that we have been shocked by the announcement of a new coronavirus outbreak in China early this year is an understatement. How this unfortunate situation has developed thus far has torn people's lives, affected families, disturbed our livelihoods, threatened the world, and has pulled the rug under us.

The participants' well-being and peace of mind are of utmost importance. We want everyone to enjoy the Congress without reservations. Therefore, we have unanimously decided to postpone the Congress to December 7-12, 2020 anticipating that the health risk has waned, or is under control long before then. The pre-Congress workshop will be on December 7 and the Opening Program on December 8. Please save the dates on your calendar. Our invited speakers and sponsors are okay with these dates. The quality of the Congress will remain high. We will announce details of deadline adjustments by the first week of April. Many aspects to discuss on this regard. The winners of the student travel grant competition will be announced by mid-April, or as soon as the selection committee submits their ranking and our Treasurer determines how many can be supported by the fund we have.

We thank you infinitely for your understanding and patience in this difficult period of our human history. We rely on your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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