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## **AOFOG Activities**

As you are well aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc across the globe resulting in the postponement of more than 200 scientific meetings and conferences worldwide. The AOFOG too has not been spared. Prioritising the safety of our members and taking into consideration the travel restrictions and border closures affected by many countries, the Executive Board, after extensive consultation, is making the following recommendations:

### **1. AOFOG Congress 2021**

This Congress was scheduled to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 8-11 March 2021. Given the obvious difficulties that the Organising Committee will face in ensuring that the Congress is a scientific and economic success, the Executive Board has decided with the agreement of the Indonesian Society (POGI) to postpone the Congress to **23-26 May 2022**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but this is the best solution for everyone concerned. Please mark your calendar and updates will be posted on our AOFOG website.

### **2. AOFOG Congress 2023**

Accordingly, the AOFOG Congress 2023 scheduled to be held in Korea will now be pushed back to 2024. The Korean Society (KSOG) is also on board with this change.

### **3. Council Meeting**

The next Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Dhaka in June 2020 is now cancelled. The next Council Meeting will be held in 2021 and the date and venue will be announced at the appropriate time. In the meantime, matters that require the attention and action by the Council will be addressed via email.

### **4. General Assembly**

The next General Assembly will be held during the AOFOG Congress in 2022. Accordingly:

- Executive Board members will remain in post till then
- Committee Chairs will similarly remain in post till then
- NS representatives to Council are advised to remain in post till then but this decision will remain the prerogative of the individual NS. If there are changes, please ensure that this is communicated to our Secretariat in a timely manner so that Council can continue to function efficiently.

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### **5. Subscriptions for 2020**

It is envisaged that there will not be that many activities for the rest of 2020. As such, subscriptions for 2020 will be frozen and will recommence in 2021. Those NS who have already paid their subscription for 2020 will have this carried forward to 2021.

### **6. Committee Activities**

Many activities will be curtailed for 2020 until the situation improves. Activities that have already been planned will be revisited on a case by case basis and either postponed or cancelled. In the meantime, Committee Chairs are encouraged to:

- a) Explore opportunities to conduct activities on-line such as webinars, video clips of procedures etc.
- b) Utilise this downtime to plan for activities in 2021

### **7. Secretariat**

Our Secretariat will continue to function and keep you posted on developments via the AOFOG Newsletter and website.

Colleagues, we have been plunged into an unprecedented era where uncertainty and unpredictability seem to be the order of the day. To ensure that AOFOG is able to weather the storm and come out stronger in 2021, we have had the unenviable task of making these recommendations.

We welcome any feedback / suggestions from all of you but if none are forthcoming by 10 May 2020, all of these recommendations will take effect

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Kind regards



**Prof Kazunori Ochiai**  
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**Dr Rohana Haththotuwa**  
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