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Subject: Important Information Regarding the WPATH 2020
Scientific Symposium

Dear WPATH members and supporters:

With the continued COVID-19 global health concerns, it is with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of our LIVE IN-PERSON symposium that was scheduled from November 6 – 10, 2020. With this unprecedented and ever-changing global public health emergency we feel it would be impossible for us to hold the conference at this time; doing so would cause undue concern, uncertainty, and cost to all of us and to WPATH.

We are exploring options for making online scientific and educational programs available in late 2020. Further details will be forthcoming after our Board of Directors meeting in May. We are hopeful that virtual sessions will allow us to continue in our mission to promote evidence-based medicine in transgender health, to learn from our colleagues, earn continuing education credits and ensure that scientific discoveries and evidence-based practices are shared among our colleagues. While we regret not being able to hold a live in-person meeting, we are working toward designing a learning experience that will be meaningful, professional, and engaging for all of us.

We will be extending the deadline for abstract submissions as we develop our new program.

Please continue to submit abstracts and ideas through our website. The 2020 Steering Committee is working hard to put together a program that might incorporate plenary sessions, abstract presentations, panel discussions, and as much online engagement as possible. If you would like to share any ideas and/or resources for WPATH leadership to consider, please email wpath@wpath.org.

We plan to hold our next live in-person Scientific Symposium in 2022!

Please take care of yourselves during these uncertain times and be on the lookout over the next few months on how to register for our educational offering.

Kindest regards,

WPATH Board of Directors and WPATH 2020 Steering Committee