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RE: ESSKA postpones Congress till 2021, 11-14 May due to Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear SIAGASCOT Presidents Milano and Arnaldi,

Following on from the official communication earlier today about the postponement of our Milan Congress, I just wanted to reach out to the two of you personally, as the Presidents of our Affiliated Society in Italy.

Before anything else, let me first extend my sympathies and express my solidarity to all of you in Italy. My heart goes out to all our colleagues and friends who are on the front lines in response to this pandemic.

We have seen the impact and disruption that this crisis has caused, and will continue to cause, in the coming months. And of course we recognise that this ongoing situation is a challenge for everyone. This was fundamental in our decision to postpone the Milan Congress to May 2021, to a time when we are sure that Italy and the rest of the world has gotten through this most difficult time.

Once this critical period has passed, our Scientific team will be in contact with you/your speakers regarding the Scientific Programme, and our Congress Organiser will reach out to you regarding the invitations to the various social events.

While we understand that this is not a priority for your society at the moment, we ask that you eventually share the news of the Milan Congress postponement with your members via email, your website, Facebook, etc. As of Friday we will upload a variety of banners to the [Congress website](#) which you can use for such communications, and at a later stage we will send some to you directly. In the meantime, I invite you to contact [Graham Woolwine](#) or [Jenny Ennis](#) if there is anything else you might need.

We truly look forward to seeing you in Milan in 2021 when we celebrate together a new start with happiness and a positive approach.

Sincerely and with best wishes,

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