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**SC68D to be held virtually**

Given the ongoing challenges with Covid-19 in many countries, including Europe, we have decided to hold this year's Scientific Committee virtually.

There is simply too much uncertainty about the next few months; committing now to an in-person meeting risks a huge financial loss if we are forced to back out of our plans due to further developments with Covid.

This is of course not the outcome we had expected this year and we are just as disappointed as you are. We feel more confident, however that after two years of virtual SC meetings, we can hold a highly productive SC meeting and make the necessary progress on our work.

We intend to hold the meeting around the same dates 26 April – 8 May although the duration may be extended. We will be back in touch regarding all the arrangements for the Virtual SC68D meeting.

We thank you for your understanding.

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