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To: IWTO Heads of Delegation

Cc: IWTO Secretariat

From: Mr. Wolf Edmayr

RE: Member Circular no.14 - IWTO Congress 2020



Dear IWTO Member,

We hope you are well and staying safe during this global health crisis.

At the extraordinary Executive Committee Teleconference meeting held today, members took the difficult decision to cancel the in-person IWTO Congress in Brussels, currently planned for 21-23 May 2020. The travel restrictions currently in place would prohibit many members from reaching Brussels and would also imply a quarantine period on their return to their home countries. The financial impact of this global epidemic is reaching critical proportions and travel budgets will certainly be reviewed.

We will move Committee, Working Group and General Assembly meetings to a digital platform and aim to offer this at the current planned dates. This is in compliance with our statutes. A virtual option of the planned presentations will be considered and offered if possible.

The circumstances we find ourselves in are extraordinary and associations like ours have to find the best way to endure this storm and continue to offer members value in future. Your understanding and support will be highly appreciated.

We send our best wishes to everybody and urge you to keep yourself and your families safe during this crisis. We support all initiatives to 'flatten the curve' of infections, give our stretched health care systems a chance to recover and bring businesses back online.

We need to work together to make sure this pandemic passes as soon as possible.

Take care and best wishes,

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