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Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic is proving to be a serious challenge to our communities and resources. The IPPS Board of Directors has been following the situation closely and we want you to know that your safety and well-being are our top priority. At this time, the IPPS Annual Scientific Meeting, scheduled to take place in October, is being evaluated and we are developing a back-up plan in case the meeting has to be rescheduled. Over the next 60 days we will make a decision as to whether to proceed with the annual meeting; our intent is to hold the meeting only if it is safe to do so. Currently, the IPPS is planning the following actions:

1. We are exploring various online platforms and alternate registration processes for holding an entirely virtual meeting. The goal would be to have a virtual meeting that offers the same educational and networking opportunities as the in-person meeting.
2. Registration deadlines, including early bird registration, will be extended. If the meeting is converted to a virtual meeting, the registration platform will be changed accordingly.
3. The [abstract](#) and [topical seminar](#) submission deadlines will be extended to allow investigators to overcome delays imposed by work and travel restrictions. Selected abstracts will be published in PAIN Reports

As we are all aware, the situation surrounding COVID-19 is rapidly changing. The IPPS Board will work diligently to implement necessary changes and keep the members up to date.

Thank you for your patience and please stay safe!

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IPPS, Board Chair