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TO ALL:
NATIONAL IPA SECTIONS & PRESIDENTS

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Dear friends,

Following my letter to you all of 30 March 2020, I contact you once more to inform you that the IEB has now decided to cancel the IPA World Congress 2020. You will find attached the formal decision, taken in coordination with IPA Section Spain, who I wish to thank warmly for their constructive and proactive work and for everything they have done with regard to the organisation of the World Congress and the Friendship Week. Please note that the Friendship Week is also cancelled for this year. We agreed that the next IPA World Congress and Friendship week will take place in 2021, at the same location in Spain, as follows:

65th IPA World Congress: 5-10 October 2021

Friendship Week: 10-17 October 2021

In due time, Section Spain will circulate the relevant information regarding the new dates and the registration process. Our friends from Spain have assured us that they will do all they can to keep the same prices for the World Congress and the Friendship Week 2021.

A few further details resulting from this year's cancellation:

Participants' deposits

On behalf of IPA Section Spain, please note that participants who had already sent money for this year's congress have two options: they can either be refunded, in which case they need to contact IPA Spain and provide their bank details, or they can leave their deposit with IPA Spain for next year. Please contact IPA Spain on their official World Congress email address: wc2020@ipaespana.org.

Flight tickets

Delegates who had already purchased their flight tickets for the World Congress must contact their travel agency, airline, or their travel insurance to obtain a refund, a voucher, or a rescheduling of their flight. The attached formal decision can be of used to discuss this matter with the airlines. The IAC and/or the treasurers will be happy to assist, if needed.

IPA Decisions 2020 – voting by correspondence

Despite the fact there will be no IPA World Congress this year, a “light” agenda pack will be sent to all national sections 80 days before what should have been the first day of the congress 2020. It will include the reports of the IEB, the accounts 2019, the budget 2021, the proposal for the international levy 2021 and motions. We will set a deadline for submitting comments and questions. Then at a date still to be fixed (end of September – beginning of October), you will receive a form and instructions for voting. This way, we will ensure that the main decisions usually taken in accordance with our documents can be taken. More detailed information will follow shortly.

International Levy 2020

The current situation resulting from the covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of this year’s IPA World Congress have a significant impact on the international budget 2020. The IEB is at present determining how to ensure that the savings made this year can be fairly passed back to all sections. We have therefore asked our treasurers to draft an adjusted budget 2020 that we will first submit to the IEB for approval. Following this, we will be able to inform you about the revised international levy 2020. Our target is to lower the levy in order to assist sections, while at the same ensuring that our ongoing expenditure is covered. Those sections who have already paid their levy will have the opportunity either to be reimbursed with the difference, or to leave the extra amount with the Treasury as a credit note to be deducted from next year’s levy. All other sections will be required to pay the revised levy in accordance with IR article 22, i.e. by 13 October 2020, in order to be able to participate in the voting that will take place.

If you have any questions regarding matters raised in this letter, please don’t hesitate to contact the IAC, and we will be pleased to get into contact with you. For the time being, I would like to ask for your understanding that it will take us a few more weeks before we can provide you with more detailed information regarding the IPA decisions to take in 2020 and the international levy.

I take this opportunity to also thank IPA Greece, who kindly accepted to postpone the hosting of the IPA World Congress in their country to 2022. It is highly appreciated.

Dear friends, on behalf of the IEB, I would like to thank you all for your understanding, and I wish you all the best. This extraordinary situation is affecting us all and will remain with us for a while yet. But I am confident that the day we will finally be able to all meet again will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to celebrate of our friendship. In the meantime, stay safe, and thank you for everything you do in order to support your members and others affected by the pandemic.

Servo per Amikeco,

Best regards,

Pierre-Martin Moulin



PRESIDENT

cc IEB members