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SUBJECT: World Trauma Congress Cancellation

After much discussion and thoughtful deliberation, we have unfortunately made the decision to officially cancel the 2021 World Trauma Congress as an in person meeting as initially planned. The decision has been based on the current and ongoing COVID-19 crisis. There is still a high degree of uncertainty on what 2021 looks like from an international travel and participation perspective and we want to ensure that we are protecting the physical and financial wellbeing of all our communities involved.

Because of the importance of the World Trauma Congress to the global trauma community and the work that the World Coalition for Trauma Care has done in the last 8 years, The World Trauma Congress will now occur in a virtual format much like many other scientific meetings have transitioned to. The WTC will now be sponsored by the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma on February 17-21, 2021. More information about the 2021 WTC can be found at <https://www.aast.org/world-trauma-congress>. Unfortunately, abstracts will have to be resubmitted through the AAST abstract submission system, which will be open from June 22 - September 15, 2020.

The Australasian Trauma Society is still committed to delivering quality content and education over the coming 18 months. We are delighted to confirm that we will now be holding our Bi-National ATS Meeting at the Brisbane Convention Centre, 9 – 12 September 2021. The ATS are also working on delivering a virtual meeting later this year in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting and we will certainly keep you informed of these developments.

Once again, we thank you for your support and while we are disappointed that we won't be proceeding with our in-person meeting in Brisbane we are confident there will be further opportunities to reconnect over the coming months.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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