ICCA calls its members to be united and pragmatic in challenging times

The COVID-19 virus has spread further globally, with 81,109 cases confirmed across 37 countries (WHO). ICCA is in touch with all members affected and will make every effort to help and support them.

We encourage our member-suppliers and associations to be pragmatic in these challenging times but to also share positive messages where possible. Big events are continuing to take place in their destinations, despite worries and complications brought from the COVID-19 outbreak. To boost the meetings industry during this difficult period, we should send out encouraging messages to show we are united, resilient and confident as an industry.

Although we are in a period of uncertainty, we must look forward and proceed as best we can, working together to ensure all member-suppliers and association’s well-being and safety is at the forefront of our decision making, while trying to continue with upcoming activities.

We should be prepared for negative messaging about the need for people to meet face-to-face, but where this is not possible, we must collaborate and bring solutions to maintain the exchange of information, as we believe the international meetings industry can have a role in finding the solution to the outbreak.

We have further analysed the impact of meetings and sectors and I am sure this will be beneficial to our members.

Let’s remain united and work together to overcome the challenges that COVID-19 presents.

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ICCA Data: Meetings affected by COVID-19

ICCA’s Research Division are monitoring the status of all 1,058 meetings in the ICCA Association Database currently scheduled in Asia Pacific for 2020:

[Table]

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65 meetings scheduled for Asia Pacific are affected by COVID-19 (4.9%) - last week we measured 44 meetings (4.1%). Of these 65 meetings, 52 are postponed, 11 cancelled and 2 relocated.

Outside Asia Pacific, 10 meetings are affected; 4 are postponed (1 in Africa and 3 in Europe), 2 cancelled (1 in Europe and 1 in North America). 4 relocated (2 in Europe and 2 in North America).

Of the 75 meetings affected globally, below is the subject breakdown.

**Meeting subjects affected by COVID - 19**

- **Medical Sciences**: 18 (24%)
- **Science**: 15 (20%)
- **Technology**: 8 (10.7%)
- **Industry**: 7 (9.3%)
- **Commerce**: 7 (9.3%)
- **Education**: 4 (5.3%)
- **Economics**: 4 (5.3%)
- **Other**: 8 (11%)

*This data includes all confirmed meetings in Asia Pacific (Asia + Oceania) scheduled in 2020 as recorded in the ICCA Association Database on 26 February 2020*

**ICCA members show support to all countries affected by COVID-19**
See our COVID-19 outbreak: Status updates page for regular updates on the COVID-19 outbreak. Latest updates:

Choking travel won’t stop the coronavirus spreading warns World Travel & Tourism Council  
A joint statement on COVID-19 - UNWTO and WHO call for responsibility and coordination

News from Wuhan

Noor Ahmad Hamid @NoorICCA · 33m
News from groundzero Wuhan.

@ICCAWorld member, the Optic Valley Convention & Exhibition Center reported their venue being turned into cabin hospital. Out of 875 admitted, already 166 being discharged. Today alone 79 more were released. Let's hope for more +VE news #COVID19
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