ELCC 2020 Congress Cancelled

In consideration of the latest updates on the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the IASLC and ESMO leadership have made the difficult but unavoidable decision to cancel the 2020 European Lung Cancer Congress (ELCC 2020), which was scheduled to take place April 15-18, 2020, in Geneva, Switzerland.

This cancellation was based on critical elements such as the complete ban by the Swiss Federal Authorities on events of any size, travel restrictions placed on many countries and, most importantly, the toll currently being placed on our health care community, which is being forced to work extraordinary shifts in order to provide care for their patients.

This decision also underlines our commitment to containing the virus and preventing further sickness and loss of life, as per WHO recommendations. We recognize that many people have already contributed a great deal of time and energy to helping prepare for this event, and we share this sense of disappointment and apologize for the inconvenience it may cause.

Delegates will be contacted by the ESMO office over the next few days regarding their registrations and refunds. IASLC and ESMO, together with our partner organizations ESTRO, ESTS and ETOP, represent a vast community of medical professionals, many of whom are now working increased hours to support cancer patients and mitigate the potential impact of the COVID-19 virus. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to these individuals, their families and their patients who have been impacted by the disease.

The health, safety and security of all participants and staff at IASLC events is of utmost importance to us. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates regarding future IASLC events and activities.

For any questions, please contact the IASLC offices at info@iaslc.org or membership@iaslc.org.