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Dear members, dear friends,

we are currently experiencing an unprecedented health crisis with the coronavirus (COVID-19). This has a huge impact on our societies, economies, health care systems, working environments, research projects and personal lives. Our thoughts go out to our members and the people who have been affected by this extraordinary situation.

As you know, the IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition and Centennial meeting scheduled for March 18-21, 2020 in Washington, DC, USA was cancelled.

Therefore, PER-IADR is taking some important and proactive measurements that we would like to share with you.

- PER-IADR will express its solidarity with the colleagues that could not present at IADR Washington, by allowing to present their research at the 2020 PER-IADR Congress in Marseille. PER-IADR will exceptionally accept previously published (in print or any electronic format) but not presented abstracts for the 2020 PER-IADR congress in Marseille.
- PER-IADR will extend the abstract submission deadline from April 23, 2020 to May 15, 2020 to allow researchers to complete their research project intended to be presented at the PER-IADR meeting, which may now have been suspended. Note that no additional extensions will be possible.
- We additionally consider adapting the meeting-cancellation policy to limit the financial risk for registered meeting attendants. Once agreement has been reached with our meeting-organisation partners, the potentially modified meeting-cancellation policy will be posted on the PER-IADR meeting website as well as announced in our future newsletter.

As a health association, we consider each other's health to be our primary concern and we advise you to strictly follow your country's restrictions and other recommendations published regularly by health organisations to minimise the spreading of the Coronavirus, such as the guidelines listed below:

- <u>'Protect yourself' guidelines</u>, the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- <u>'Communities get ready' guidelines</u>, the Center for Disease Control (CDC)

We are counting on your contribution in minimising the further spreading of the virus, and we hope to see you all in Marseille, France at the PER-IADR Oral Health Research Congress (September 10-12, 2020).

Yours sincerely,

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