

Important Notice for the IACA Membership

The IACA Board recognizes the global COVID-19 health crisis, resulting economic insecurity, and social disruption have created challenges and uncertainty for IACA members that may impact professional travel. Article 10 of the IACA Statutes grants the Board authority to confirm the date and place of the Congress. As such, we have been in discussion with the IACA Organizing Committee for the 2021 Congress in Cuba to find solutions to the current global contexts and its effect on the upcoming Congress and General Meeting. After careful review of global travel restrictions, health, and economic considerations, the Board has unanimously decided to postpone the 2021 Congress to 2022.

The Board's decision took into consideration the Cuba Organizing Committee's request for postponement and its agreement to remain fully responsible for organizing the IACA Congress at Matanzas in 2022. The Board voted to maintain 2-year intervals between IACA Congresses. The subsequent Congress will therefore be held in 2024. As you may know, elections for a majority of the IACA Board were scheduled for the 2021 Congress General Meeting. Because IACA as an organization has insufficient capacity to ensure secure online voting in 2021, it was decided current Board members will stay over with interim status until the General Meeting can be conducted at the 2022 Congress.

The Cuba Organizing Committee and its chair, Dr. Yadira Chinique de Armas, will remain unchanged, and effort will be made to schedule the 2022 during the same general period, late July to early August. The Organizing Committee will be announcing the proposed new dates and venue details in the near future. For those institutions that were considering to nominate for the 2023 IACA Congress, we hope that you will understand the unique global circumstances prompting the Board's decision, and we hope you will consider to nominate for 2024.

We hereby hope to have properly informed everyone. Please spread the word to those IACA members (or others interested) who may not have seen this announcement. Should you have any further questions, see our IACA website, FB page, or contact us directly.

Please feel free to contact the Board with any concerns you may have. Wishing everyone good health and strength in these uncertain times, as we hope to see you all in 2022, at Matanzas, Cuba.

Dr. Jay B. Haviser, IACA President