

Dear IUVSTA Stakeholder,

Dear colleague,

Dear friend,

Given the latest news in France, in Europe, all around us, given some preliminary emails from the registered participants, and after discussion in an extraordinary officers meeting last Friday, I am informing you on behalf of IUVSTA that the best compromise for our next ECM in Annecy is to cancel the face-to-face meeting in favor of a video teleconference.

SFV will refund all registered participants the registration fee. I know that each of us now has the duty to cancel your other trip expenses, and we are all sorry for that but the time is more-or-less favorable to do so. These other trip expenses are the responsibility of you, the traveler. Depending on the companies policies, most of the time you will have no cancellation fees, but please act quickly!.

As regards the IUVSTA Statutes and Regulations, however, we have to hold a General Meeting stating on the 2019 account and the 2020 budget, as well as an ECM. We will hold two conferences by video/audio connections on internet, on Friday March 20, and Saturday March 21, from 1 to 5 pm CET. (see table below):

<b>UTC-time</b>	<b>Washington DC</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Duration/purpose</b>
<a href="#">Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 13:00:00</a>	Thu 9:00 am *	Thu 2:00 pm	1 hrs. Test connection
<a href="#">Friday, March 20, 2020 at 11:45:00</a>	Fri 7:45 am *	Fri 12:45 pm	5 hrs/Finance & STD
<a href="#">Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11:45:00</a>	Sat 7:45 am *	Sat 12:45 pm	5 hrs./ ECM & GM

Details about these two meetings will be given later, in particular the (short) program and how to connect. Brief reports will be welcome for all items.

Here, I invite all councilors, all division chairs and all committee chairs to clear their agenda on such time windows, knowing that it will be late or very late in Asia and Australia, and that it will be very early in America.

It will be also an interesting test for future meeting management, if we succeed.

On a more personal basis, I would like to tell you that it has been a difficult decision to take as there was a great attendance and enthusiasm for this meeting in Annecy where you were all welcome. Nature has its rights, and national policies have to be executed in the context.

It can also be considered as an opportunity to test new ways to meet and to take the time to think on how the world is going.

Thus I admit this unexpected solution for ECM132, hoping that you will all understand the circumstances, and expecting better days in all countries.

Discussions are also going with the hotel in Annecy, another good compromise could also be to bid for ECM134 in the same place, with the same satellite meetings.

I am now looking forward to meeting you by internet next week and in face in under better circumstances.

regards.

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