Notification of Postponement of BASK/COKS/ACPA Annual Scientific Meeting

Mathematics Institute, Oxford

16th – 17th April 2020

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Dear ACPA Member

I have received a communication form Professor Andrew Price (BASK President) following an extra-ordinary BASK Executive Meeting surrounding the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) situation in the United Kingdom and the effect on this regarding the upcoming planned Annual Scientific Meeting.

The following conclusions were arrived at:

1. The Main BASK Meeting is at high risk of postponement – the BASK Executive are taking advice, with further a further Executive decision being confirmed on Thursday 12th March
2. In view of uncertainty and therefore difficulty in planning travel and accommodation for delegates it was suggested that ACPA component of meeting be postponed.
3. The Combined Orthopaedic Society (COKS – delegates from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa) component of meeting is postponed due to travel restrictions for overseas delegates

Those ACPA members who had already registered to attend this meeting should have already been notified by the BASK Events Team of the cancellation of the meeting. The Events Team will issue a FULL REFUND for your registration fee and your place at the dinner if you booked to attend, your refund will be paid back to the card you used online to register. It is further stressed that you cancel any accommodation arrangements that you may have made.

On behalf of ACPA I have personally thanked both Professor Price (the BASK Executive) and Hazel Choules (BASK Events Team) for their ongoing support ACPA and their co-operation and hard work in helping ACPA to organise this meeting. It is however extremely sad that this has occurred.

Whilst it is extremely disappointing that this eventuality has been reached, I believe that this decision has been made in the best interests and safety of all delegates and staff who were due to attend. No one knows exactly what will happen over the next weeks and months, the situation may well get worse before it gets better. So, for the BASK Executive to make the decision to cancel now would, I have no doubt, be the best option for everyone involved.

The ACPA Executive will continue to update you with regard to any Association plans as we transcend this difficult time.

Mark Goodson

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