

PRESS RELEASE

66th EDSA Meeting Strasbourg – Cancellation

Dear EDSA members,

The Board of the European Dental Students' Association (EDSA), together with the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the 66th EDSA Meeting in Strasbourg, France, have taken the decision to cancel the 66th EDSA Meeting in Strasbourg, France.

The decision was not taken easily, but was considered necessary due to the unpredictable fluctuation of the global COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on dental schools, education, mobility and the safety of the community.

The uncertainty of the future development of the situation has led to the cancellation or postponement of many international and European events in the final trimester of 2020.

Unprecedented times call for the unprecedented measures, meaning that EDSA, as part of the healthcare community, will proceed with care and prioritise the safety of its members and dental students in its further actions.

We would like to use this opportunity to kindly thank the Organising Committee of the 66th EDSA Meeting in Strasbourg, France, for their commitment to EDSA, despite the hardship of being in the epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe. The Organising Committee have invested a lot of effort in the preparation process, but have also taken a very responsible decision in regards to the cancellation of the meeting. The Board of EDSA and the Strasbourg LOC had deliberate discussions on the possible solutions and reached together the decision to cancel the event.

The EDSA August meeting and the organisation of the 66th EDSA Meeting will be discussed during the Board of Delegates online Meeting on the 23rd of May 2020. Rest assured that an EDSA meeting will be delivered either online or on-site as soon as possible, where the scheduled points such as annual reports and elections will be on the agenda.

The final decision regarding the next EDSA meeting, either online or physical, will be made in the beginning of June and announced publicly.

Despite the global pandemic, EDSA is working for you constantly, we will be informing you on the EDSA initiatives and we will be lobbying for well-delivered dental studies during this epidemiological crisis, as well as the wellbeing and mental health of dental students.

To all of the Dental Students from Europe and globally, we wish you to stay safe and healthy, and we sincerely hope that we will have the pleasure to address you in person in the near future.

Should you require any help or have further enquiries, the team will be able to assist you at exco@edsaweb.org.

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