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Dear members, friends and colleagues.

We hope that you and your family are safe and well. The CoVid-19 pandemic continues to affect all aspects of our jobs and our lives. Perhaps the situation is not the same in all countries, it is worse in the south of Europe and a little better in the North, but it is affecting all of us.

As you know, the EATCB congress for 2020 was planned to held in Gdansk, from 21-23 of October. During the last 2 months, the Board has been continually monitoring the situation with the pandemic in Europe, considering how it is evolving, and how it may continue to evolve through the rest of the year.

Due to the current uncertainty, it is impossible to predict how the pandemic will progress, and what the situation will be in Poland and the rest of Europe in the coming months. There may be travel restrictions in place, and it may not be possible for many delegates to attend the congress.

Taking into account these factors, the Board and the President of the local organizing committee has decided to postpone this year's congress. Many other scientific associations have taken the same decision regarding their annual meetings.

We are currently discussing when and how we can re-organise the Congress, and will notify you as soon as alternative arrangements are made.

We apologise for the inconvenience this causes, however we are sure that in the current situation, you will understand our reasons.

On behalf of the EATCB board, our best regards and please take care of yourselves and your families.

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