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4th World Bronchiectasis & NTM Conference goes virtual on 16 – 19 December 2020

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Dear Faculty Member, dear Abstract Submitter, dear Participant, dear Partner,

As you well know, due to the Covid-19 Epidemic we have been forced to change our plan regarding the organisation of the 4th World Bronchiectasis & NTM Conference several times this year, first postponing the conference from July to December, then moving it from Barcelona to Nice. This because face to face interaction remains a preferable way to discuss in the small but very dynamic community dealing with Bronchiectasis, NTM and their comorbidities.

Unfortunately, while the travel bans with Extra European countries are still in place in most cases, Europe too, after removing frontiers barriers this late spring, is starting to put in place, travel restrictions among countries again. This added to the indications given by many institutions to avoid unnecessary travel, especially for healthcare professionals, has forced the Organising and Scientific Committees to reconsider the format of the 4th WBNC.

In order to make available to the Bronchiectasis & NTM Community the latest outcomes and the possibility to debate on the hot topics of the moment, the Scientific Committee started therefore to work to adapt the **overall programme to a virtual format**.

The live sessions will take place on the same dates planned for the conference, and precisely from 17th to 19th December 2020. It is also being considered to add one day, the 16th December for the "Meet the Experts" interactive sessions.

Rising Stars, Oral Presentations and Posters live discussions will be also preserved.

Detailed information regarding the revised scientific programme will be available soon on the conference website.

In the meanwhile, we kindly remind you that the **Call for Abstracts & Rising Stars** deadline remains <u>September 21st, 2020</u> and we invite you to submit and to encourage the submission of the valuable works produced in the last 2 years.

Remaining at your entire disposal for any further information or assistance you may need, we sincerely thank you for your understanding and resilience.

Warm Regards,

On behalf of the Scientific Committee Chairmen and Members,

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