IAAH Congress Updates
Workshop and Abstract Deadline Extended to June 1st, 2020
Decisions about delay or cancellation to be addressed in May or June

Dear IAAH Participants,

In the last month, the Corona virus pandemic has transformed our communities and our profession in ways few would have anticipated. Scientific meetings have been cancelled, public gatherings banned, and restaurants, cafes and national borders have been closed. We are being asked to self-isolate and self-quarantine, creating both spatial and social distancing, with the goal of ‘flattening the curve’ of the epidemic. This is challenging for all of us and our families, as it is for the adolescents we serve around the world.

The IAAH Congress in Lima, Peru, is scheduled for November, 2020. Will there be effective treatment or a preventive vaccine by then? Will things be back to “normal”? Most predictions suggest that our current situation may extend beyond that date. The IAAH Council and your meeting planners have discussed this at some length. If we can travel again, this would be a great time to bring people together. In a brave and wonderful display of optimism, many of you have submitted abstracts and workshop proposals. We also have a superb line-up of global expert speakers, spanning many, many content areas.

We have been excited at the number of abstracts and workshop proposals that have been submitted. However many of you have been in the middle of COVID-19 response planning and the feasibility of holding the meeting is still uncertain.

*We have extended the deadline for workshop and abstract submissions from March 20th to June 1st, 2020.* Additionally, we have added the theme of Global and/or Local COVID-19 and its Effects on Youth – to the call for abstracts.

The planning committee will review those proposals that were submitted for March 20th, and will conduct a second review discussion early in June.

The IAAH Congress Scientific Committee will continue to carefully review the feasibility of holding our meeting in 2020. We believe that the situation will become much clearer over the next two months. In the meantime, on behalf of the IAAH Council, we hope all of you keep up your good work, and stay safe. We hope to see you in Lima in November 2020; however, if we are all still unable to travel, we will likely postpone the meeting to the second half of 2021.

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