



**DATE: 11 March 2020**

**SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF WTC 2020, RESCHEDULED TO 14 – 18 FEBRUARY 2021**

On behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Trauma Congress, being hosted by the Australasian Trauma Society we are announcing today the postponement of the WTC 2020 Congress which was scheduled to take place in Brisbane, 26 – 29 October 2020.

The decision, which has been made in consultation with the World Coalition for Trauma Care, has been made in recognition of the evolving global medical crisis stemming from the COVID-19 virus.

Whilst large international meetings have not been banned in Australia at this point in time, the growing level of uncertainty associated with the increasing spread of COVID-19 has resulted in a concern about the ability of sponsors, exhibitors, faculty and attendees to commit to the meeting.

The health services not only in Australia but globally have been placed on high alert and we have taken this into consideration in our commitment to the general health of the community while simultaneously preparing our institutions to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

This has been a challenging decision in an everchanging situation and we are pleased to announce that we have been able to reschedule the Congress to February 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2021, when we are confident the current situation will have stabilised and all attendees will be able to make definitive plans to attend the Congress.

In the meantime, for those delegates who have already registered for the Congress and would like to discuss their registration postponement options, please contact our Conference Organiser; [wtc2020@theassociationspecialists.com.au](mailto:wtc2020@theassociationspecialists.com.au).

We thank you for your support and patience at this time and we look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane in February 2021.

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