

Jakarta, March 12 2021

Dear APOTS President & Executive Committee,

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation development, it is with deepest regrets that we must announce the painful decision to further postpone the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Ophthalmic Trauma Society (APOTS) Meeting, which was initially scheduled for July 2021 in Bali, Indonesia. The safety of everyone involved in the meeting: all the ophthalmologists, allied health colleagues, corporate partners, and the public health; is our utmost priority. All registration, sponsorship and exhibition fees will be refunded, and we will coordinate further on the refund mechanism with all the involved parties.


With all the ongoing efforts to hasten the end of the pandemic, including the vaccination program being held globally, we are quite optimistic that the pandemic will come to an end sometime soon in the future, however, since there is no certainty of the timing, we are proposing the best options for the 5<sup>th</sup> APOTS Meeting:

1. To postpone the physical meeting entirely until this public health crisis is under control, at the very least in 2022 or further, which later will be organized by the Indonesian APOTS Team
2. To modify the meeting into a one-year term of thematic virtual meetings, organized by APOTS central, among which the Indonesian Team could partake as one of the meeting's hosts.

We would appreciate your thoughts as the President and Executive Committee of Asia Pacific Ophthalmic Trauma Society (APOTS) for this matter.

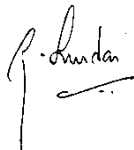
Last but not least, we are profoundly grateful for your continuing support despite all the obstacles in making this meeting possible.

Best Regards,



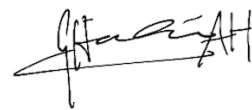
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