



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to unfold, we have been considering the impact this pandemic will have on the 2020 International Bridge Conference (IBC) with a keen focus on keeping our stakeholders safe and healthy. Currently there is strong direction from the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to avoid travel and public gatherings to the extent possible. In recent days, many IBC participating countries, professional organizations, and attendee companies have implemented significant travel restrictions that prevent them from attending any type of large public event. We are in unprecedented times, and things are very fluid with new governmental directives coming in nearly every single day.

To that end, the IBC Executive Committee in concert with the ESWP have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 IBC until Fall, 2020, with hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will be over and the global socioeconomic condition will be on the mend. We are working closely with the David L. Lawrence Convention Center as well as the Westin Convention Center Hotel to coordinate the new proposed conference dates, while also considering other bridge industry events. Please check our website at <https://eswp.com/bridge/bridge-home/> frequently for updates, as well as our social media messaging.

Thank you for your understanding and all you are doing to keep your communities safe. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and wish you, your family and our communities good health during this challenging time. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any IBC or ESWP team member if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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