Cancellation of The Garrod Symposium: Unique Populations, Unique IEMs

Event Dates: May 7 – 9, 2020
Location: London, ON

A message from The Garrod Association & UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education

After carefully considering the evolving situation with COVID-19, and keeping in mind the Public Health Agency of Canada’s advice on mass gatherings during the outbreak, we have made the difficult and unprecedented decision to cancel the The Garrod Symposium, scheduled for May 7 – 9, 2020.

We made this decision relying on the experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Additionally, in the past 48 hours, there have been rising concerns that even though Canada is still deemed “low risk”, travel to any large group gatherings is not advised from a public and personal health perspective (this is also what the CDC is urging). We believe cancellation is the only responsible course of action to protect the health and well-being of attendees.

This is the first time we had to cancel an initiative and share your disappointment; we are trying to reschedule the event to May 6-8, 2021 in London, ON (same venue: Delta Hotels by Marriott London Armouries). Please mark your calendar for this new date and we will provide you more up-to-date information in the next two weeks, including the possibility of a smaller virtual meeting for trainee abstract presentations for 2020.

We hope you can understand our decision and will look forward to seeing you next year.

What Does This Mean for You?

Registration Refunds and/or Credits

We will provide full refunds for all registrations and exhibits and sponsorships. Alternatively, you can apply the costs that you have incurred to the 2021 initiative. This is the preferred method but we understand if you wish a full refund at this point.
There is no need to contact the IPCE to initiate your reimbursement. We will contact you in the next few weeks to start this process. Please note that reimbursements will be done through your original method of payment. We will process refunds as quickly as possible, but please be patient as they may take a few weeks to complete.

Travel and Hotel Cancellations

Travel and hotel arrangements made for the event are your responsibility to cancel. We have seen that most airlines are giving full refunds during this time and that the hotel is fully refundable at this point.

Program Speakers

At present it seems that 2021 theme will remain same. We understand that the speakers may be different due to some conflicts with their schedule. We will be in touch fall of 2020 to re-confirm your speaking engagements.

Abstracts

At present the symposium is cancelled. There is a possibility of a virtual half-day Garrod research day, where these abstracts can be presented by Zoom. We will contact you individually in regards to this in the next week.

Sponsors and Exhibitors

We will contact you individually in regards to this in the next week.

Questions?

Please contact jo.ipce@ubc.ca if you have questions that are not addressed above. Thank you.