

Dear IANPHI members,

As you may know, the IANPHI 2020 Annual Meeting, hosted by the Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz), was supposed to take place on November 30 – December 3, 2020, in Rio de Janeiro, as announced during the IANPHI 2019 Annual Meeting in Addis Ababa.

Unfortunately, due to the exceptional circumstances every country is currently going through, it was decided not to hold a face-to-face meeting this year. It is with great sadness that we announce this decision, as the Annual Meeting is a key event in the life of IANPHI, and a very appreciated and expected encounter for the network. However, the health of the populations remains the number one priority, hence the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 meeting.

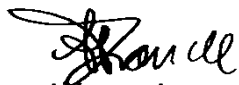
The Fundação Oswaldo Cruz expresses its willingness to host a face-to-face Annual Meeting in 2021, once the COVID-19 evolution gets better and allows safe travels and gatherings. More information on this meeting will be communicated to you, as soon as the worldwide situation allows having a better view on future possibilities.

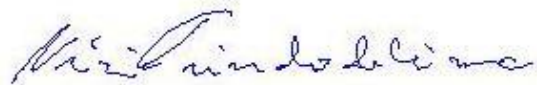
Regarding the IANPHI General Assembly, which according to the IANPHI Statutes, has to take place once a year, it was decided that it will be held electronically in 2020. The voting members will be able to vote online during the last trimester of the year, and a virtual General Assembly will be held through videoconference during the first week of December, 2020.

Furthermore, we are planning to organize an additional virtual session related to NPHIs and COVID-19 that same week, in order for the IANPHI members to share their experience. More information will be shared once the date of this session has been confirmed. The secretariat will arrange this session taking into account the different time zones, in order to allow the largest number of members to participate.

We are looking forward to see you again, virtually and face-to-face.

Yours sincerely,


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