



Why has the 17th World Congress of the World Association for Infant Mental Health 2020 been postponed?

The evolving situation caused by COVID-19 around the world required an assessment of the viability of holding the 17th World Congress of the World Association for Infant Mental Health (**Congress**) this year. The WAIMH Executive Committee and Organising Committee (**Committee**) made the decision to postpone the Congress in order to reduce risk to participants and minimize financial losses of the Association.

When will the Congress now be held?

The Congress will now take place on **22 – 26 June 2021** and will remain at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

What happens to my registration for the Congress?

All current registrations for the Congress will be automatically rolled over to the Congress' new dates in 2021. Those already registered do not need to do anything to secure their attendance for 2021. All components of current registrations including pre-Congress institute registration, Congress dinner ticket, welcome reception RSVP, go event travel cards and masterclass selections will also roll over. Should there be any timing, date or scheduling updates to any of these components, you will be advised via email. For those who have not registered, the early bird registration rate will remain open via the online registration form, until the new deadline of **31 March 2021**. All registrations made through the form will now be for attendance in June 2021.

What happens to my accepted presentation at the Congress?

The Scientific Program Committee for WAIMH has now finalized the program, with all accepted abstracts assigned to sessions. This program will remain the same, with the same sessions organised in the same order. The Committee will need to make updates to the day, date and room allocation for sessions. All current accepted abstracts will remain on the program. Updated program and presentation details will be sent to all accepted presenters later this year. Those who have recently withdrawn their presentation due to the current situation will be given an opportunity to have their abstract reinstated. We understand that abstracts and presentations that are currently accepted may not be accurate or relevant next year. Authors will have the opportunity to submit revised versions of their abstracts for presentation in 2021, while retaining the theme relevant to WAIMH, as well as nominate updated presenting authors if required. Please continue to check for any email correspondence from the Congress Secretariat regarding the program.

Can I submit an abstract for the new dates if I missed the original deadline?

Those who missed out on submitting an abstract to WAIMH originally will have the opportunity to submit an abstract in a secondary call for abstracts to be announced later this year.

What happens to my accommodation booking I made for the Congress?

If you booked accommodation through the Congress Secretariat booking system, your current accommodation booking and any deposit monies paid will be held as a credit on your account. You will receive an email from the Congress Secretariat with the opportunity to select your new check in and check out dates. Your deposit payment credit will then be applied to the new booking. Our National Accommodations Manager is working closely with the accommodation providers to ensure that the nightly rates for the 2021 period are the same or similar to the current booked rates. If there is a change in the nightly rate, delegates will be contacted directly to discuss. If you booked accommodation independently, you will need to contact the providers directly to make alternative arrangements or to cancel the booking. Please continue to check for any email correspondence from the Congress Secretariat regarding accommodation.

What happens if I can't go to the Congress in 2021?

Registrations for the Congress are transferrable. We encourage those who are currently registered, but cannot attend in 2021, to transfer their registration to a colleague or friend. Should you be unable to find a suitable person to transfer your registration to, a refund will be possible. Please contact the Congress Secretariat to discuss a refund of registration and cancellation of your accommodation booking.

I applied for the Sponsor a Delegate Program. Does my application still stand?

Yes. Applications for the Sponsor a Delegate Program will be retained. Future applications will continue to be considered. If you applied for the program and are unable to attend on the new dates in 2021, please advise the Congress Secretariat that you wish to withdraw your application. The review process of current applications received will be ongoing and applicants will be contacted in due course regarding the outcome of their application.



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