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The 19th ICID and the Evolving 2019-nCoV Outbreak

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It is with an understanding of the critical roles our delegates, speakers, and Malaysian hosts have in addressing the current novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak that we inform you that the 19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID) will be postponed to later this year. "The prevention of further spread and the effective containment of 2019-nCoV is our top priority," says Marc Mendelson, President of ISID. "The people who attend the ICID are critical to the national, regional, and international response to the epidemic and are needed at home in order to engage with and protect their own communities."

The International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID) and the Malaysian Society of Infectious Diseases and Chemotherapy (MSIDC), which organize the 19th ICID, are committed to the region and the community, as are the participants in the event. The Congress will be rescheduled to a later date in 2020. The attendee response to the 19th ICID has been amazing and we are grateful for their awareness of the value of this event. However, our leadership understands that our community is necessary in action right now.

To our colleagues at the frontline of this evolving outbreak, we stand in solidarity with you. Please bear with us while we work on the details of the postponement and accept our sincere apologies for the inconveniences caused to you. We look forward to welcoming you in Kuala Lumpur later this year.

Sincerely,

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