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Postponement of the 2020 International Council Meeting

Dear International Councilors,

First of all, I thank you for your enthusiastic cooperation in ICD activities, and I would like to express my sympathy for the damage caused by this COVID-19 crisis. All ICD Fellows are worried about this impact on each other, and according to the research on the information collected by the College Office, some Sections have been affected financially and even in their basic activities. We, Executive Committee (EC) members and the College Office, have held emergency meetings to discuss the crises in each Section by the world pandemic phenomenon. And, it was announced that the Centennial Celebration Events originally scheduled for November 2020 in Nagoya, Japan, are postponed to September 20-22, 2021, in the same place and venue. Please do understand that this postponement is unavoidable due to the world pandemic, and the decision is made by not only myself and EC members, but also our sponsors, partners and the ICD Committees. I have strong confidence that we would be able to celebrate not only our ICD glory and pride of our centennial past, but also our bright future and overcome the pandemic at the celebration held next year in Nagoya.

We are also facing the very important and difficult issues of how to manage our most important and highest resolution body, the International Council (IC) Meeting 2020, during this pandemic disaster. We have also been considering how to manage, lead and carry the ICD organization and the Council during such world confusions and crises, comparable to World War. I know there may be quite many opinions between IC members. However, thinking about the existing situations and facts, we need a reasonable and practical path to overcome the difficult situations.

After discussing between EC members and referring to Bylaws and others, I, the President of ICD, made the decision at my discretion and responsibility that the ICD postpones the 2020 International Council meeting to September 20-21, 2021, together with the Centennial Celebration Events in Nagoya, Japan. This decision is supported by all EC Officers, and fortunately all of them, Dr. Richard Smith, President-elect, Dr. Ho-Youl Chang, Vice President and Dr. Keith Suchy, Treasurer and Dr. Dov Sydney, Editor, would keep serving together with me as officers until the International Council meets in Nagoya in 2021. Please give us the opportunity to keep serving the ICD until then.

Please give me a deep understanding of my tough decisions, and send me any comments you may have: senregi@movie.ocn.ne.jp. Let us go forward to overcome COVID-19, the world pandemic, and to celebrate our very precious past 100 years and the next bright 100 years together with gathering at the International Council meeting in 2021 in Nagoya, Japan, to be united as "One Team".

Sincerely yours,

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