



14th World Conference on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion
Sunday 8 to Wednesday 11 November 2020
Adelaide Convention Centre
South Australia, Australia

14th World Conference on Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion 2020 **Statement from the International Organizing Committee, the World Health Organization and Public Health Association of Australia**

Safety 2020 Postponed to 2022

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), the International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the World Conferences, and the World Health Organization (WHO) have made the difficult decision to postpone the 14th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion 2020 (Safety 2020) as originally planned in Adelaide Australia, from Sunday 8 to Wednesday 11 November 2020, to **Sunday 27 to Wednesday 30 November 2022**.

We have maintained regular contact with Australian public health authorities to ascertain the best advice about the risk to participants and the wider spread of COVID-19 associated with holding the Conference in 2020. In addition, with the disruptions caused by COVID-19 to the economy, travel and people's health means that hosting the Conference in 2021 is not a feasible option and, after considering all the options, it was decided to postpone the event to 2022, the next year the event is due to be held.

The PHAA, IOC and WHO do not make this decision lightly, we understand the individual impacts of postponing the event to 2022, and appreciate everyone's time, support and engagement in creating a high calibre program and extra satellite activities. And we look forward to continue to work with you and welcoming you to Adelaide, Australia in 2022.

However, we also want to maintain momentum of Safety 2020 and ensure that there is an opportunity between events to engage, network and continue knowledge sharing for the global safety community. We are therefore also exploring the options of establishing a **virtual pre-conference global event in 2021**, to be held in early 2021. More details on this development will be shared in the coming weeks.

Abstract Submissions

We received over 680 abstract submissions for Safety 2020, all of which have undergone the review process. We therefore want to ensure that there is an option to present your work, and we will be contacting each submitter to work through the options of a global pre-conference virtual event. We are also exploring the options for a second round of abstracts for those who may wish to participate but were unable to submit.

For 2022, a new abstract submission timeline will be established and submissions will open in 2021. We will keep you posted as this develops.

Workshops and Satellite Events

Thank you to those that have submitted EOIs to host a workshop and satellite event. We will establish a new timeline and details for the conference workshops and satellite events for 2022 and be in touch in the coming weeks with more details.

We also encourage you to save the 2022 dates and explore the options for hosting an activity around Safety 2022.



Supporters and Exhibitors

We hope that supporters and exhibitors will continue to support the conference and engage in 2022. We will be in contact with each sponsor and exhibitor signed up for 2020 and discuss the options with you. We will also be exploring new ways of delivering support and exhibition packages as we lead up to 2022 and will work through these options with you.

Registrations

For those who have registered for Safety 2020, we will be in contact with you in regards to your registrations.

The online registration portal will close for the time being, and re-open in 2021 for the 2022 dates.

Next Steps

The PHAA, IOC, WHO, and National Organising Committees will work through the various stages of postponing the event and release more information as it becomes available on the new event dates and in regards to a virtual global pre-conference event.

Furthermore, our intention is to be in touch with you regularly with updates as we work through these many complex issues.

We thank you for your understanding and support and look forward to continuing to engage with you in the lead up to Safety 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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