

We have followed the development of the virus outbreak carefully, and as most of you will have observed there have been cases reported in most countries in Europe and other continents, and communities outside China have been isolated and quarantined to control the spread of the virus.

Norway has had its first cases reported, and the Norwegian authorities have announced that WHO has asked Norway to take “aggressive measures” to prevent a significant outbreak of the coronavirus in the country.

Gard and the LECC organising committee have considered the latest developments, and I regret to announce that we have made a unanimous decision to cancel the conference this year as we do not want to expose all of you to the consequences of a potential coronavirus incident at the conference, however small the chances of that to happen - or would be perceived by anybody - to be.

We are truly sorry for this development and the inconvenience it causes you.

The 25th Anniversary Conference will now be held on 9-12 March 2021.