

Corvallis, 5 November 2020

Dear Members of DHST and officers of all DHST Commissions and Sections,

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 26th ICHST has proposed to DHST Council that all scientific events of the Congress and the DHST General Assembly should be held online. DHST Council members have approved this initiative in unanimity. Council fully support the LOC's endeavor to enable us to get together in this innovative way.

DHST Council also deeply appreciates the careful work, care, and concern our colleagues in Prague have marshalled in support of the Congress and the time they have spent considering all options for the Congress.

Congress Registration fees have been revised to reflect the virtual nature of the Congress. They are as follows:

	Until 30 April 2021	From 1 May 2021
Regular registration fee	130 €	180 €
Student registration fee	95 €	140 €

These fees include:

- Online access to all parts to the scientific program via zoom (or another platform) and technical support for all parts of the program
- E-book of abstracts
- Electronically accessible overview of the program
- List of participants sent to each registered participant.

We are all disappointed that meeting in person in Prague is impossible, but this way of holding the Congress means that it will be more affordable and accessible for many colleagues. Therefore I ask you to circulate this information with dispatch and encourage your colleagues who have not yet done so to submit an abstract to the Congress. This can be done until **30 November 2020** using the following link: <https://www.ichst2021.org/call-for-stand-alone-abstracts/>

DHST Council and the LOC are discussing strategies and options to create an event enabling and maximizing participation by members and organizations in our widely distanced time zones.

Sincerely yours,



Mike Osborne, President, IUHPST/DHST