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ATTN: Dr. Gyula Ostoros
Chairman
Hungarian Respiratory Society

Dear Dr. Gyula Ostoros,

We regret to inform you that the American Thoracic Society has decided to cancel the International Conference, originally scheduled for May 15-20, 2020 in Philadelphia, due to the COVID-19 epidemic and ensuing public health crisis currently facing the global community.

As this public health crisis continues, please keep a few things in mind. First, the ATS remains steadfast in its commitment to global respiratory health in this moment of crisis. We are dedicated to supporting you, your community, and fellow respiratory health professionals in the joint mission of fighting this pandemic.

Secondly, please inform your members that ATS will provide 100% refunds to all attendees who have registered for the conference. We are working to make refunds for registrations and hotel rooms that were booked through the ATS housing partner a seamless process and will be issuing options soon. Also, please note that complimentary registrations issued to peer societies who participated in the ATS National and Regional Respiratory Societies Survey will transfer to ATS 2021.

Lastly, your members can find additional information about ATS COVID-19-related resources at:

<https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/disease-related-resources/novel-coronavirus.php>

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions as to how ATS can support your society during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Karen Collishaw, CAE
Executive Director
American Thoracic Society

