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## **CWIG PRESIDENT LETTER**

**Dear CWIG members and Meeting attendees,**

**Hope all of you are well and safe wherever you are residing around the world.**

**In the face of the global crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic, our primary concern must focus on safety and responsibility of every one during our next annual meeting.**

**The CWIG president and the organizing committee have been constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it pertains to the 2020 Dubai CWIG meeting. In the Middle East, the number of positive tested people is still increasing day by day. Public services are still in lockdown, most of the hotels are closed. The majority of meetings scheduled for the Middle East have been canceled so far. Even the global mega event EXPO 2020 is postponed and is now expected to start in October 2021. Additionally, many of potential sponsoring companies decided to cancel all their activities for 2020.**

**Under these circumstances and in these difficult days, we finally made the painful decision « [to cancel the 2020 CWIG meeting](#) ».**

**Following the current new concepts, we are considering to plan a CWIG webinar meeting. We will let you know as soon as a final decision is made by our Executive Board (EB). EB members are working hard to prepare a webinar presenting an update on all aspects of chest wall deformities, providing access to the meeting to all time zones around the world.**

**Most important today is to overcome this pandemia.**

**Please stay safe, stay healthy!**

**Best regards**

**Frank-Martin HAECKER  
President of CWIG & Treasurer**

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