Dear Friends, Dear Colleagues,

Set against the first warm rays of spring, we are living a surreal situation, the world is in crisis. Our hearts are with those who suffer in solitude, with those who are mourning their loved ones. We all know colleagues or friends whose lives have been seriously affected by SARS-CoV-2, either professionally, or worse, personally. We see our hospitals struggling to take care of patients and hear the dreadful news on more infections, more victims, every day. I can only wish all of you, all of us, nearby and far away, strength and resilience.

“Business as usual” is far from us. Physicians and researchers around the world are facing unexpected challenges. Nevertheless, as painful as it may sound, this is also an occasion for the dust to settle and for the essence of life to show itself more clearly. Likewise, the essence of medicine and the essence and heart of research are unveiled. We strive to cure or at least help patients, to alleviate illness and suffering, to understand disease, to understand immunology and to cure primary immunodeficiency. Let’s be humble and work together for our common mission: awareness, diagnosis, treatment and understanding of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

PID patients are extremely worried and insecure. Together with IPOPI, INGID and our sister societies we have published a joint statement to guide patients and physicians worldwide. To learn from each other and to better understand and advise, we launched a worldwide survey on COVID19 in PID which will close soon.

A second more detailed survey is now available. 
**Link to the survey:** [https://bit.ly/2Va5MCW](https://bit.ly/2Va5MCW)

If we want to do better for our patients, we will also have to continue promoting science and exchanging our best clinical practices and clinical experiences. So, meeting each other remains important, at the national, international and global level, preferably and maybe necessarily remotely. This pandemic has made it clear how extremely vulnerable our lives and activities are, and how we are all affected on many levels. The CIS annual meeting sadly could not take place, we had to postpone the ESID Summer School, one of the pillars of our society, and many other scientific meetings have been cancelled or have gone virtual.

This brings us to the Birmingham 2020 Biennial ESID-IPOPI-INGID meeting. A virus is not entirely predictable but if models are right, we may face a second wave of SARS-CoV-2 in the fall. We very much hope the predictions will not come true and that the meeting will go ahead as planned, however we are looking into alternative options for a worst-case scenario. We therefore want to encourage you to send us your scientific and clinical contributions, your patient and nursing perspectives. Abstract submission is open on the website. We hope we will get to meet in one way or another to enjoy the vibrant enthusiasm of ESID and to learn from each other, taking home the energy to do always better.

Stay in touch and stay safe.

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on behalf of ESID Board