

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Dear colleagues,

We are all concerned by the spread of COVID-19 and know that many of us have questions about the impact it may have on future ERC courses and activities.

We are aware that in many cases recommendations of local/national health authorities have forced course organizers to postpone or cancel their ERC courses and that this situation is likely to extend across all nations. Currently, a seat per participant is charged in the following situations: 1) the day after the course for those participants who are registered, and 2) if the participant is deleted from the course and they used content or were provided with a paper manual.

If you need to postpone or cancel a course because of the COVID-19 crisis, we can assure you that for those participants, course organizers will not be charged in the same course type in the next 12 months.

If the crisis lasts for more that 12 months after the seat was charged, we will ensure that the office will postpone its due date.

Concerning the certificates, we will also extend the validity for 1 year if the due date is set to expire in 2020. We will do this for all course formats, and for all levels of instructors, instructor potentials, educators and course directors.

Your well-being remains our priority and we strongly advise you to follow international and national recommended precautions, including having hand sanitizing solution available throughout the venue for all your activities, including ERC courses.

We are in regular contact with the national health authorities and are continuously reassessing the possible risks. As new information becomes available, we will immediately update our advice accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Jerry Nolan

**ERC Chair**