

Newsletter 2020/2

Dear colleagues

The corona pandemic complicates the planning of meetings this year, including our Annual Meeting in St. Gallen. At this point in time it is unclear whether or not the meeting can take place on November 13, 2020, as planned. Nonetheless, the necessary preparations have been made. The premises have been booked a long time ago, and the programme is ready: Again, we have been able to engage excellent speakers with very interesting topics.

By mid-June, the Swiss Federal Council is expected to decide on the rules for meetings in fall 2020. At that time, we will take our final decision on holding the Annual Meeting or cancelling it this year. You will hear from us as soon as the final decision has been made. For the time being, we are confident that the Meeting can take place and kindly ask you: Save the date!

At the same time, we continuously get on with our work and efforts for establishing an official and standardised occupational title and a definition of professional duties, responsibilities and competencies. A meeting with officials of the Swiss Clinical Trial Organisation (SCTO) will take place in June and has the goal of working up specific and concrete points for the definition of our professional characteristics. All these efforts are time-consuming and require multiple small steps for reaching the great goal. We hope that we can report on positive advancements at our Annual Meeting.

We wish you all the best despite the extraordinary challenges and hope to see you again happily and healthy in St. Gallen.

Take care!

Board of SPCRC

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