



IPCC 2020

The 24th International Pigment Cell Conference



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Dear colleagues,

As we all know, the number of patients infected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been increasing dramatically day by day across the world. Since the situation of COVID-19 outbreak is our great concern, the IPCC2020 organizing committee has been closely tracking the situation. A couple of days ago the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that current outbreak is pandemic. Considering all these situations, the IPCC2020 Organizing Committee has decided to cancel IPCC2020. We have proposed the cancellation of IPCC2020 to the council of the International Federation of Pigment Cell research Society (IFPCS), who has formally approved the proposal.

On behalf of the IPCC2020 Organizing Committee, this statement is to formally notify that IPCC2020 which was scheduled to be held on 18-21 June 2020 in Yamagata, Japan has been cancelled.

It is our deepest regret to announce that the IPCC2020 organizing committee cannot hold the conference as it was planned. However, we hope you would understand our policy that people's health and preventing the spread of COVID-19 is our top-priority.

Here are some important points that we would like you to be aware and understand.

1. We will return the registration fee already paid by the participants. However, this process will take some time. We thank you for your patience and kind understanding.
2. We are very sorry to say that we cannot compensate for cancellation fees such as flight fares and hotel charges for each participant.
3. We will generate the abstracts collected from the presenters and lecturers so far and upload them on our website.
4. **MOST IMPORTANT!!:** The IPCC Organizing Committee is incredibly grateful to all of you, for your support and co-operation.

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