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## General announcement regarding the 8th IWSC

To all IWSS members, Affiliates, and Congress Participants:

On behalf of the IWSS Board of Directors (BOD), the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), and the Scientific Program Committee (SPC), we wish all of you a safe stay and good health amid serious waves of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Due to the recent spurt in Covid-19 cases and delayed vaccination in many countries, the BOD, LOC, and SPC polled the members to determine the fate of the 8<sup>th</sup> IWSC. With this input, and after a series of meetings, we decided to postpone the congress one more time to **December 4-10, 2022** to conduct a face-to-face meeting in Bangkok. The submission of abstracts will be reopened later-on and instructions for the submission process will be given at that time. Those who had already submitted abstracts will have the option of updating it or submitting a new one since by that time the congress will have been delayed by two years.

Regarding the student travel grant awards, we received two batches of applications, totalling over 70 papers. We will announce the winners soon. Due to the postponements, the winners will receive recognition notwithstanding their ability to participate in the congress in December 2022. We anticipate several students to have already changed their status. The winners who can participate will be given the opportunity to update their talk or present a new talk. We will follow the same SOP as before where the Larry Burrill Award winner will be asked to present orally.

Although the 8th IWSC is postponed to December 2022, the 9th IWSC will be held on a regular schedule in 2024. To provide enough time to prepare for the 9th IWSC, the LOC of the next hosting country will be decided shortly through an online poll, with the final decision to be made by the IWSS Board.

We will continue to monitor the situation and update you on the progress of our 8th IWSC preparations periodically.

Yours sincerely,

IWSS President