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37th International Congress of the ISBT - change in format

In view of the ongoing global Coronavirus situation, and with safety as our top priority, the ISBT Board together with the Malaysian Blood Transfusion Society (MBTS) has taken the decision to transform the 37th International Congress of the ISBT, that was planned to take place in Kuala Lumpur on June 4-8, 2022, to a virtual international conference – ISBT 2022.

Demands on health services continue to be high, with many travel restrictions and quarantine requirements still in place worldwide, including in Malaysia, and further waves of COVID-19 outbreaks also remain unpredictable. Under these circumstances, we do not feel it would be possible or appropriate to hold a large-scale international event. This has been a difficult decision, made with regret, but the safety of our delegates, speakers, and exhibitors is paramount.

While we are several months away from the June congress dates, we are making this decision now to provide clarity to everyone involved.

Abstract submission is open now and we look forward to welcoming you all to the virtual congress, with a full scientific programme and much more besides.

It is with great regret that we accept that we will not be able to get together in person in KL this year. ISBT would like to acknowledge all the hard work and commitment of the MBTS Local Organising Committee and look forward to collaborating again on an ISBT congress in Malaysia at the earliest possible opportunity.

Best wishes,

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Jenny White
Executive Director ISBT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erica Wood', is positioned above the name and title of Erica Wood.

Erica Wood
President ISBT