Dear colleagues, dear SoHT members,

The organizing committee of the SoHT - GTFI - Joint Meeting, Verona 2020 is constantly following the international situation related to the outbreak of the corona virus, COVID-19, with specific attention to Europe and particularly Italy.

It is beyond doubt that our main concern is ensuring safety for all participants though endeavouring to bring the SoHT - GTFI community to Verona.

During recent weeks the situation has evolved in Italy and in Europe towards an enlargement of the infections and a consequent adoption at international level of restrictions on travels and events leading to gathering of people.

Considering the relatively long time remaining to monitor the evolution of this problem before the start of the Joint Meeting, our current position is based on the most up-to-date information.

**At the moment the SoHT - GTFI - Joint Meeting, Verona 2020 remains on the calendar for 3rd-5th of June 2020.**

This decision may evolve along with the temporary rules stated by the national and international authorities regarding gatherings of people and organization of events in the coming time. For this reason, we ask that you continue monitoring your email for updates, and the SoHT - GTFI - Joint Meeting 2020 website for updates at the link:


Be confident that we will take all the necessary safety precautions and pay due diligence to keep participants at minimal risk, taking also into consideration the possibility of postponing the meeting to a safer time.

Of course, the organizing committee of the SoHT - GTFI - Joint Meeting 2020 will strictly follow the advice of public health authorities such as the World Health Organisation (WHO) and national Ministries.

We remain at your disposal, and will provide updates both via email and via SoHT - GTFI - Joint Meeting 2020 website as new information becomes available.

Yours

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