Dear RegPep2020 confirmed speakers:

Dear RegPep community:

It has been 8 weeks since we last wrote to you - we wish you and your family and loved ones safety and health.

As we all see every day, the world has changed due to COVID19 - our society faces tough political and economic and even societal challenges, due to the public health threat of coronavirus. At this historic moment, we need collective, well considered prospective, emerging from the international scientific community, to develop new approaches to preparing ourselves and our students, to face an uncertain future. At the same time, more important than ever, we need to continue our academic and scientific endeavor even under these difficult circumstances.

The RegPep2020 LOC and IRPS council continue to monitor the COVID19 situation worldwide and locally with Mexican government health and science authorities, and at the present, we continue to plan and move forward with the RegPep2020, the 23rd Biennial Meeting.

As the reopening of Mexico is planned currently for June 1st, we have extended the speaker confirmation and early-bird registration to 10th of June 2020, and have also extended the deadline for travel award applications.

We understand that there may be government/university restrictions on travel specific to individual countries/universities, and that a rational plan for convening our meeting that puts a premium on safety is expected as well. We remain hopeful that travel restrictions will ease over the summer for a significant portion of our confirmed speakers, in particular for September. If the meeting will be held as planned, we remain committed to set infrastructure for social distancing and medical/testing services - we will be communicating the details in the coming weeks.

If we are forced to cancel the meeting after the confirmation deadline, due to government or health restrictions, the registered delegates will receive a reimbursement of your deposit.

We thank you for your engagement with the RegPep community and look forward to seeing you in September.

Very best regards,

Ruud Buijs (Chair of RegPep2020)
Limei Zhang and Lee Eiden (Co-Presidents of IRPS and RegPep2020 ex-officio Co-Chairs)