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## **IKT2020 Europe Update**

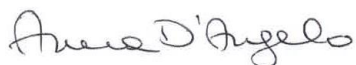
The recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Europe has raised several concerns in regards to the AAPA IKT2020 in May 2020. Covid-19 has now spread to 34 countries and territories across Europe and as of 9 March 2020 more than 100 000 cases of COVID-19 have been reported worldwide.

The risk assessment on the coronavirus situation published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention is moderate to high, with more countries expected to report more cases and clusters. As of 5 March, 4197 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK and 112 deaths have been reported (for more information: [coronavirus](#)).

At this stage is very difficult to make a prediction on the development of this situation and the potential impacts on the international travel. Therefore, after careful consideration and consultation with the AAPA Board, it has been decided to defer the IKT2020 to a later date to avoid unnecessary risks.

Unfortunately, since the 7th Eurasphalt & Eurobitume Congress will be held on 12-14 May 2020 in Madrid, AAPA staff will not be able to attend.

Further information will be provided by the end of March.



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