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Subject: Coronavirus Information

On behalf of PCIC Europe and PCIC Middle East, we hope you, your family and colleagues are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic as we recognize this is a stressful time for us all.

No doubt you have been following progress of the measures being taken in the Middle East Region and globally to deal with the crisis. We would like to take this opportunity to update you with specifics to PCIC Middle East 2020.

Our best intentions notwithstanding, at this time we do not expect current restrictions on travel and public gatherings to subside in such a manner that enables us to promote and organize a safe, successful event.

Regrettably, but with an abundance of caution for our organizers, presenters, sponsors and conference attendees, PCIC Middle East 2020 knowledge-sharing event will be postponed one year, with tentative new dates in October/November 2021. We will confirm the exact dates as soon as possible.

- The Authors and Sponsor benefits will be automatically applied to the postponed 2021 conference in Al Khobar and/or in Abu Dhabi. This is a deviation from the cancellation policy as published on our website and only applies to the registration fees and sponsorship packages. Travel and accommodation expenses remain the responsibility of all attending parties to reschedule.
- In the case of the Sponsors, this expands their exposure and ideally enhances each sponsor's exposure as long as the sponsorship fees have been paid. A separate message has been sent to the existing sponsors.
- Papers developed based on the 2020 abstract submission will be transferred to the 2021 program, after reconfirmation by the authors. A separate message has been sent to the 2020 Middle East authors.
- In those instances where authors have withdrawn their papers, a new call for abstracts will be launched to ensure a comprehensive conference schedule.

We look forward to welcoming you at the next PCIC Middle East conference.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Please continue to take all the necessary measures for yourself, your relatives and colleagues to stay safe and be healthy.

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