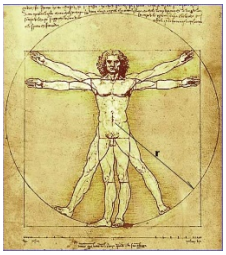

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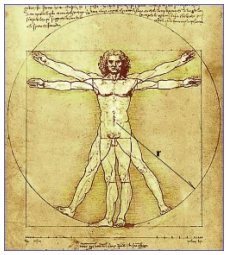

Dear Participants, Judges, Chairs at History of Medicine Days,

We hope this communication is finding you all well.

The program committee of the 29th History of Medicine Days (March 20-21, 2020) in Calgary has been monitoring the spread of COVID-19, and its implications for our annual meeting:

Given the advice received from the Deans' Offices, the information sent by the UofC Provost to our campus community, along with the Internet publications from the Health Ministry of Alberta, we have unfortunately and very sadly had to decide on cancelling/postponing our conference this year. This includes all presentations, exhibits, lunches, and the awards dinner.

Our decision is also in line with information received from many of the universities and institutions throughout the country, which have advised against traveling to Alberta at the moment – including the institution of our keynote speaker for this year.

The decision to cancel this large scholarly meeting was not made light-heartedly. Yet the interest of the health and safety of our participants and audience is mandating it. And it is likewise our relative contribution to the overall efforts in containing the virus spread and protecting our community of health professionals in any way.

We very much regret having to decide this, given the amount of preparation, planning, and investments of time and funding that have gone into the meeting organization so far. Yet we hope that it will be possible to invite everyone back to what will likely be an increased 3-day meeting in March 2021.

We would like to ask all presenters to notify Donna Weich (HMD@ucalgary.ca) if they would want to have their presentation stand for a postponed meeting for 2021, and we also hasten to emphasize that all accepted presentations (after the recent review process) retain their eligibility for being sent for potential inclusion in the Proceedings Volumes.

We are definitely looking forward to seeing everyone back in March, 2021 and hope that the COVID-19 situation will have improved by then.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this cancellation of our event, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Please remain healthy and stay tuned for any further updates,

Frank W. Stahnisch Donna Weich 2020 HMDs Program Committee

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