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86th Annual Meeting of the German Cardiac Society (DGK) cancelled

Due to the rapidly increasing rate of infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and in order to slow the spread of the virus, all major events in the state of Baden-Württemberg are being cancelled. This also affects the 86th Annual Meeting of the DGK, which was due to take place from 15 to 18 April in Mannheim.

Since the spread of the virus the board and management of the DGK, together with conference organiser m:con and the responsible health authorities, has been working hard to deal with current events. The possibility of going ahead with the 86th Annual Meeting of the DGK for the benefit of medical and scientific exchange was also discussed. Together with our partners, we have spent a long time exploring alternative dates and locations for our conference.

Due to the evolving situation regarding the spread of SARS-CoV-2 in Germany, the City of Mannheim has decided to cancel all major events until further notice, including our Annual Meeting.

We were all very much looking forward to attending the Annual Meeting with cardiology participants from Germany and around the world. Even though we very much regret that the conference must now be cancelled, we consider that it was important and right to take this decision because for us concern for the health of our members and participants in our events as well as of their patients is of utmost importance. We welcome all measures that may slow down the further spread of the virus, protect risk groups and maintain an effective health care system in Germany.

Participants and industry partners who have already registered or pre-registered will be contacted forthwith by our partner m:con - mannheim:congress GmbH. Speakers and chairpersons will receive a message from our conference team next week.

We would like to thank everyone who has put a lot of work and commitment into the preparations and hope to welcome the cardiological community to our DGK Heartdays (DGK Herztage) in October and to the 2021 Annual Meeting.

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