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ISBT 2020 goes virtual

In view of the level of uncertainty around the global Coronavirus situation, the ISBT Board has taken the decision to transform the 36th International Congress planned for Barcelona 12-16 December 2020 into a fully virtual event.

Demands on health services continue to be high, travel restrictions are unpredictable and concern regarding further waves of COVID-19 is increasing. Under these circumstances, we do not feel it would be possible or appropriate to hold a large-scale in person event. This has been a difficult decision, made with regret, but the safety of our delegates, speakers, and exhibitors is paramount.

Whilst we are still more than three months away from the December congress, we are making this decision now to provide clarity to everyone involved. ISBT will use this time to develop a first-class virtual congress to take place over the same dates, 12 – 16 December 2020. Whilst the format of the meeting will change to maximise engagement from delegates in a virtual environment, ISBT remain fully committed to providing the latest scientific updates and education in blood transfusion and opportunities to make connections.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and patience, through the postponement from June to December in the hope that we could have met in person, to the final transformation to a virtual congress. ISBT acknowledge the work of all involved in preparing for the 36th International meeting in Barcelona, including SETS, the Barcelona Local Organising Committee, MCI and all our industry sponsors, and we are grateful for your continuing support for the virtual congress.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J White', is positioned above the name Jenny White.

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