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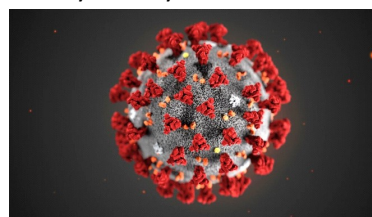
Editorial

The global spread of an unknown and deadly enemy

by Andrzej Jagusiewicz, president of EFCA

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

The 2020 has just started when everyone was observing the global spread of the unknown and deadly enemy « coronavirus ».



All of a sudden we have become exposed to its ultrafine particles. But how they are different from our core business dealing with classic UfPs.

Although the meeting calendar seemed at that time still distant it has become with the development of the outbreak quite unreal. And when the Director of WHO called the situation as Pandemia, then face-to-face meetings have gone and postponed to unpredictable future.

The first signal came from Asia quite early, the postponement of the conference « Better Air Quality-BAQ », organized by Clean Air Asia on 21-25 September in Chengdu (China), where EFCA is sitting in the Organizing Committee. A very precautionary principle.

Then, when I was preparing my first presentation on behalf of EFCA on odor regulations in the EU, replacing either a speaker from the European Parliament or the European Commission, at the international conference on odor nuisance to be held in Lodz (Poland), the organizers in consultation with the Chief Inspector of

Environmental Protection also gave up. No new date so far.

Finally, recently the staff of the Air Convention's secretariat as well as the whole staff of the United Nations Commission for Europe, hosting it, has been sent home to telework. The incoming session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on 25-29 May, where EFCA traditionally participates, was consequently postponed to December 2020 and will be held back-to-back with the session of the Executive Body. In one working week two important UNECE meetings will be organized. Of course only if the pandemic is over.

The same fate concerns other meetings less or more important, but included in our meeting calendar. Needless to quote more.

To conclude, we are all now concerned about our health and devote our energy at best to fight the mortal coronavirus. I am convinced that we will win the combat and return to our normal activities but I can't predict when.

My wish is that the meeting of Task Force on Technological and Economic Issues under the Air Convention with EFCA partnership will be held as scheduled from 22 to 23 October 2020 in Warsaw and that we will have on that occasion our Assembly. Then we could officially make a nice farewell to our prominent treasurer and member of the Executive Committee, Honorable Joop van Ham, he fully merits.

That's why in consultation with the Executive Committee I announce the freeze of our activities for three months from beginning of March to end of May 2020 and reserve to provide you with further notice depending on the sanitary situation.

Needless to write that I wish you all good resistance to coronavirus and hope that we will stay together and combat it efficiently in our countries, regions, cities, offices and homes.

Good luck!

Calendar

Working Group on Strategies and Review, Fifty-eighth session

26 - 29 May 2020 Geneva; Switzerland

<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=52975>

Postponed to December 2020

28th International Conference on Modelling, Monitoring and Management of Air Pollution

8 – 10 June 2020 Seville; Spain

<https://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2020/air-pollution-2020>

No explicit information

11th VERT Forum Technologies and Policies towards Zero-Emission Combustion Engines

17th of September 2020, Dübendorf; Switzerland near Zürich

<https://www.vert-dpf.eu/j3/index.php/start-page/events>

Postponed from 18th March 2020

6th meeting of the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (TFTEI)

22 - 23 October 2020, Warsaw; Poland

<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53854>

No explicit information

24th ETH-Conference on Combustion Generated Nanoparticles

21- 24 June 2021 at ETH, Zürich, Switzerland

<https://www.nanoparticles.ch/>

Originally planned for 2020, is postponed by one year

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