



Dear participants of the 5EDA conference,

It is with the most profound regret that we must announce that we are postponing the 5EDA conference that was to be held April 1 – 4 in Bordeaux, France.

The situation with the COVID-19 is very dynamic and fast moving. Several of you have already cancelled their participation, and many of you are receiving recommendations from their governments, institutions or companies not to travel abroad or not to attend international events. Therefore, these past few days it has become obvious that holding our conference in four weeks from now was not something that we could reasonably consider any longer.

We are currently assessing the feasibility to postpone our conference in September or October of this year at the same venue. We will share with you more information on this point shortly.

We know that this decision will have financial consequences and is disappointing for most of us since we all looked forward to this event. Genespoir will refund registration fees to all attendees upon request. However, **we would like to suggest you wait until the new dates of the 5EDA are announced and then decide whether you wish to be reimbursed or to attend the postponed conference.**

We also recommend you contact your airline company to claim reimbursement of your flights. Several companies, including Air France and KLM have issued special rebooking and vouchers policies due to the coronavirus outbreak.

As you can imagine, this was not an easy decision for us to make, and we hope that we can count on your understanding and full support.

Warm regards,

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