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RE: 2021 NAAB Technical Conference Update

Dear Participants, Speakers, Exhibitors, Sponsors and Peer Award Recipients,

In May, the NAAB Board of Directors reviewed the current COVID situation and based on the improving rate of vaccinations, decided to move ahead with the in-person Technical Conference. Recently, however the rising number of cases and the increasing number of deaths due to the Delta variant has raised concerns about the health and safety of participants and speakers at any in-person events for the remainder of the year.

Following a special conference call last week, the NAAB Board of Directors confirmed that the safety and health of all participants is of the utmost importance. **It is with deep regret that we announce the NAAB 28th Technical Conference on Artificial Insemination and Reproduction rescheduled for 27-29, October 2021 has been postponed.** The Annual Meeting also scheduled for October 27th will be moved to a virtual event.

Refunds and cancellations

NAAB will issue refunds to everyone that sent in registration forms and payments.

We are in discussions with the Abbey Resort regarding the postponement of the event. They have advised us that if you made your reservation within the NAAB block of rooms, they will take care of the cancellation and you will receive a full refund of your deposit. This will be handled as a block cancellation. If your reservation was outside of the NAAB block, you will likely need to call the Abbey to cancel the room reservation. Please check your credit card statement to make sure the proper credit is applied.

We trust that any airline tickets that were booked can be cancelled with either a refund or a credit that can be used when you rebook your flight to attend the event in 2022.

Annual Meeting and Awards dinner

The NAAB Annual Meeting will be changed to a virtual event, like the 2020 Annual Meeting. We will plan to keep it the same day however may need to adjust the time. More details will be sent soon. The Peer Award recognition and dinner event will be rescheduled for the 2022 Technical Conference.

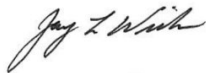
Future Event

There is an abundance of good information on the program that should be shared with the industry prior to the 2022 Technical Conference. The Technical Committee will be reviewing the material and will develop an Educational Webinar this fall. Additional information will be provided as soon as speakers, dates and times are finalized. We are excited to move forward with this educational webinar concept and look forward to reconnecting with industry colleagues.

Plans will be made to hold the 28th NAAB Technical Conference in 2022. We will need some time to review the dates and venue for the rescheduled event. More information will be shared as soon as the logistics are confirmed.

We will remain in contact with further information as the rescheduled events develop. Information and updates can also be found on the NAAB website at <https://www.naab-css.org/>

Sincerely,



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Cc: NAAB Board of Directors
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