

Conference Update on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The Seventh Interagency Conference on Research in the Watersheds has been postponed due to the COVID-19 Virus and will be re-scheduled for a later date

Dear Conference Participant:

After extensive deliberation and careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 ICRW7 scheduled to take place on March 30 – April 2, due to the spread of and health concerns associated with, COVID-19.

The ICRW Steering Committee has been closely monitoring updates and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as federal, state, and local governments. In the last week, we've learned of increasing numbers of travel advisories and restrictions being placed on health care providers and hospitals, corporations, and other institutions in the U.S. and globally. Due to elevated risks to our participants and the general public we have concluded that it is inadvisable to hold the conference at this time.

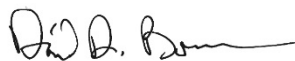
We are actively working to reschedule the ICRW7 for a later date. Dates that are being considered are October 2020 or March 2021. If you have preferences, please let us know. We were looking forward to high attendance at the event and anticipate that the rescheduled event will be just as successful. Please look for our announcement of a new date in the weeks ahead.

Next Steps:

1. Please cancel your travel arrangements immediately. Although we are planning to use the same hotels in later months, they are not able to transfer hotel reservations to a later date.
2. If you have pre-registered all registration fees will be refunded.
3. If you are a presenter and your abstract has been accepted, please know that we hope to keep the technical program the same, albeit with possible agenda modifications within the rescheduled conference dates.

Thank you for your understanding in this complex situation. We apologize for any inconvenience that this has created. The health and safety of all our attendees, your families, our staff and volunteers, and the community at large are of utmost importance to us. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me personally at david.bosch@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Bosch, ICRW7 Chair