

CEESA Student Event Canceled through May 1, 2020

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To: CEESA Directors

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Dear CEESA Leaders and ACADs,

The CEESA Executive Committee met today to discuss the issue of student travel due to COVID-19. This is a complex issue and we are responding in a conservative manner. While the number of cases reported in the CEESA region is low, the situation could change quickly.

We also understand that member countries are making daily decisions about courses of action and we cannot predict what may happen in the next few months.

At this time, we are canceling all CEESA student events and activities until May 1, 2020. Whilst mindful of the different travel protocols of our various locations, we are concerned that individual countries will impose a variety of measures to contain contamination, including possible restrictions at borders which could impact negatively on students. These decisions are already evident in select countries, including Austria and Romania. Unfortunately, we cannot foresee all the possible future actions at this time, which creates a level of risk we believe is impossible to mitigate.

We are not recommending changes to the CEESA Conference, or other adult events at this time. Each school and individual needs will determine if they travel to attend a CEESA training or other meeting based on school and country recommendations/requirements. Events will only be canceled or rescheduled if the host school cancels the event.

We are developing a Risk Matrix for CEESA level decision-making that could include additional recommendations and we will get that out to you by early next week. The Executive Committee will serve as the Crisis Team and will establish weekly meetings going forward to address any emerging concerns.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

CEESA Executive Committee

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