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Dear Colleague,

As you already might have seen, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual EuGMS Congresses will be postponed for one year, moving Athens to 2021, London to 2022 and Helsinki to 2023.

This year the EuGMS 2020 e-Congress “**COVID-19: LESSONS AND CHALLENGES FOR HEALTH CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS**” will figure the main geriatric themes and the COVID-19 impact on older people’s health. For more information please visit: <https://eugms2020.online/>

We encourage you to **submit your abstracts** about [main geriatric topics](#) or through the [new call for COVID-19 abstracts](#) we have just activated. For both calls the deadline is June 10, 2020.

Please **share this invitation** to all the members of your National Society and include information about the EuGMS 2020 e-Congress in your website. You can download [here](#) all the visuals of the e-Congress and ask our Secretariat for any further material.

Within the scope of the event, it obviously would be interesting to know in which way the EuGMS member societies addressed the COVID-19 crisis in the terms of providing tailored instructions for the optimal care of older people or in the terms of the main action points that your national society formulated and undertook regarding the COVID-19 crisis.

Hereby we cordially invite you to **contribute to the EuGMS 2020 e-Congress** with a short video presentation (7 to 10 minutes maximum) where you answer the following questions:

1. Was there in your country/national society a standpoint/decision tree with regard to admission of suspected COVID-19 positive nursing home residents to hospital?
2. Has the pandemic changed the coordination of care for nursing home residents in your country and if yes whether do you consider this change as an improvement?
3. What were ethical considerations regarding proportionality of critical care for people of 70 years and older and in particular for people of 80 years and older?

Please feel free to invite a colleague /younger geriatrician as a guest in your presentation.

Our PCO will soon send you the link to a platform where you will be able to upload both your video and slides and Mrs Benedetta Bellotti at our [Secretariat](#) is at your complete disposal for any further information.

We would be grateful if you, at your earliest convenience, could confirm your participation.

Sincerely,

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