

Coronavirus Update

Dear all,

Having considered the developing situation, it appears highly likely that the coronavirus pandemic will spread and accelerate in the next 2 weeks. That places the MacAD.UK event directly at the time when the Government and Chief Medical Officer consider that an escalation of measures will be necessary. This jeopardises the running of the event directly at that critical time.

We have already had several speakers report unavailability due to travel bans, and at least one of our sponsors has reported that they can no longer take part at this time.

As a result, we have regrettably decided to postpone the event until measures are in place to increase the likelihood of running a safe event in which our community can participate. The organisation have also determined that we need to give as much notice as possible to allow as many participants to alter travel plans.

The new date for MacAD 2020 is set to be on the **13th and 14th of May 2020**.

We deeply regret that this will inconvenience many, but due to the international nature of the event in a closed space, we feel this is the only course of action available to us. While statistically the risk is currently very low and we recognise that our demographic is at lower risk of harm than older audiences might be, we are concerned about any immune-compromised participants and their wider families and communities. **All tickets will remain valid for the new date**, and I regret that no refunds will be issued.

We will be monitoring the pandemic as it develops and keep you informed.

Yours sincerely

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