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Dear American Society of Pharmacognosy Members and our International Colleagues,

My hope is that this letter again finds you all safe and secure and that the current coronavirus pandemic has not directly affected you or your loved ones.

The American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP) has been closely monitoring the effects of COVID-19 throughout the world and has also been constantly re-evaluating the wisdom of holding the International Congress on Natural Products Research as scheduled on July 25-30 in San Francisco, California. We have been in direct consultation with all of the participating international Societies [Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research (GA); Association Francophone pour l'Enseignement et la Recherche en Pharmacognosie (AFERP); Korean Society of Pharmacognosy (KSP); Phytochemical Society of Europe (PSE); Japanese Society of Pharmacognosy (JSP); Italian Society of Phytochemistry and the Science of Medicinal, Food and Fragrant Plants (SIF)] as well as the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco.

At this time, due to the present COVID-19 social distancing and international travel restrictions, we are sorry to say that the decision has been made to cancel the 2020 ICNPR meeting in San Francisco.

Unfortunately, also due to the uncertainty of future public health restrictions and pre-existing scheduled meetings of the participating societies, we are not re-scheduling the ICNPR 2020 for a later date but cancelling the meeting outright. The ASP, GA, AFERP, KSP, JSP, PSE and SIF all re-affirm our commitment to international cooperation and collaborative research in natural products.

All registrations for the 2020 ICNPR will be fully refunded. All registrants who have made reservations at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco may cancel them at no cost through July 20th 2020.

In an effort to help us all remain socially and scientifically connected, the ASP will be hosting bi-weekly ZOOM seminars in the natural product sciences throughout the Summer. Information on these seminars can be found at: <https://www.pharmacognosy.us/natural-product-sciences-webinar/>.



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We hope that these, and other mechanisms for our continued collaboration, will help to further the goals of the ICNPR 2020 until we meet again internationally in 2024.

Please stay safe, physically protected, and socially connected.

With my sincere best wishes,

Barry R. O'Keefe

President, American Society of Pharmacognosy

For all ICNPR 2020 participating societies:

Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research

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