

# ANNOUNCEMENT

DEAR SPONSORS, SPEAKERS, DELEGATES, CHAIRS, OBSERVERS, FACULTY ADVISORS, PRESS TEAM AND LOGISTICS TEAM,

IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT WE ARE TO ANNOUNCE THE SUSPENSION OF THE LISBON INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR A YET UNKNOWN DATE. THIS DECISION WILL MOST LIKELY NOT COME AS A SURPRISE TO MOST OF YOU, THAT HAVE BEEN CONTACTING US FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE WORLD WITH THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. THIS DECISION COMES AFTER THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HERE IN PORTUGAL, AS WELL AS THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE PORTUGUESE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF HEALTH AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON THAT EXPLICITLY WARN AGAINST THE HOLDING OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND CONFERENCES SUCH AS LISBOMUN. THEREFORE, DUE TO THE CANCELLATION FROM OUR VENUE AND ATTENDING TO THE FACT THAT MANY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO LISBON IN MARCH OUT OF SAFETY AND HEALTH REASONS – WITH RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, THE LISBOMUN CONFERENCE WILL BE MOVED TO A DIFFERENT DATE.

MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS. OUR TEAM IS WORKING HARD TO FIND THE BEST SOLUTIONS FOR YOU AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN E-MAIL BRIEFLY WITH ALL THE OPTIONS WE CAN CURRENTLY OFFER, WE KINDLY ASK YOU TO READ ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE SENT TO YOU VERY CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN. WE COUNT ON EVERYONE'S COLLABORATION DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED.

OUR TEAM IS DEVASTATED TO HAVE TO TAKE THIS DECISION. WE HAVE INVESTED COUNTLESS HOURS IN THIS PROJECT THAT IS VERY DEAR TO US. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF US ARE GRADUATING OR MOVING AFTER THE END OF THIS SEMESTER AND AS OF RIGHT NOW IT IS UNCERTAIN IF ALL 12 MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT, SELECTED IN MAY 2019, WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE WHEN A NEW DATE IS SELECTED. THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION, THAT IS TRULY OUT OF OUR HANDS, DEEPLY SADDENS US.

NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT AND ARE COMMITTED TO YOU. LISBOMUN WILL TAKE PLACE AND WE CAN GUARANTEE THE HIGH STANDARDS YOU WERE COUNTING ON – FROM A DISTINCT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE, TO IMPECCABLE VENUES AND MEMORABLE SOCIAL EVENTS. WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON FINDING THE DATES THAT BEST SUIT YOU. NOTHING WOULD MAKE US HAPPIER THAN TO HAVE YOU AT LISBOMUN 2020,



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