

## **59th Annual Conference – Noida – Postponement**

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Central Office of Indian Academy of Pediatrics!!

As you all are aware, we are already in the midst of a massive 3rd wave of Covid 19, this time it's Omicron variant. The foremost Question in the minds of all the prospective Delegates and Faculty Members of upcoming National Pedicon at Noida is -

What is the Status of the Conference? Whether it will be held or not?

Though several other specialties are going ahead with their already planned conferences, IAP is taking a bold, morally upright and a very responsible stand, overcoming all other considerations like huge financial losses and the tremendous logistic upheaval by virtue of change in Conference plan, leave alone the individual losses at the ends of delegate members who have plan to travel either singly or with family. The Organizing Team of Noida has been working tirelessly for more than two years and is under tremendous strain already, but they are still ready to bear the brunt with a smile on their faces.

Friends, IAP is not oblivious to the rapidly evolving unprecedented circumstances and was constantly seeking expert advice on this issue. With due respect to the Feedback of the Members and the advice from Epidemiologists, Virologists, Covid experts, Public Health authorities, and in light of the recent directives from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh state dated 4th January 2022, Central IAP has decided to POSTPONE THE NOIDA PEDICON to a later date, tentatively between last Week of March or First Week of April.

Let everyone be assured that come what may, the consideration of safety of each of our Member and credibility of our great organization, built so painstakingly over the decades, by our elder stalwarts is supreme for us. The Organizing Team is fully ready with all the preparations and the postponement is sure to have huge Financial and Logistic implications but the Team Noida are with us and together we are moving ahead boldly and firmly on the right path with our heads held high, acting timely and in the larger interests of our esteemed members and the society.

We are confident that we will receive the support of all in these unprecedented times. There may be losses to many of us in terms of travel bookings etc. but nothing is more important than the wellbeing of our fraternity. With the spirit of camaraderie, we are confident that we will have a Grand Conference by the end of this wave and have the pleasure of meeting each other physically in Noida. The final dates will be informed to you at the earliest possible, considering the course of the pandemic and the logistics from the organiser's end.

Till then please take care of yourself and your family members. Wish you all, Best of Health.

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