

Newsletter – January 2021

1. International Conference, Oxford, POSTPONED

The optimism that the organising committee felt in November about holding the planned International Meeting of the Society in Oxford in 2021 has evaporated with the rise in COVID cases in the UK over Christmas and the emergence of new strains of the virus. There seems no likelihood that a full conference with attendance from all Sections of the Society worldwide will be able to go ahead in the UK in September 2021. Pembroke College are allowing us to postpone to another year without penalty if we decide quickly which year we want. The final decision rests with the Board of Directors and we should know their decision shortly. The expectation is that this conference will move to 2024.

2. Membership for 2021

The Society needs your participation more than ever in these times. If you are already a member please visit www.isrpeurope.com to renew your membership by credit card payment. Our Treasurer has resolved the problem with the service provider that some may have experienced at the New Year.

If you wish to join for the first time the best route is via the main website, www.isrp.com. You need to create a personal data field there as a member of the European Section to obtain access to the Society databases. When payment is requested ask to pay “off-line”. You will be directed to www.isrpeurope.com. where you register with the section and submit payment to us.

If you cannot use online credit card facilities for payment contact me and I can send an invoice so you can pay via our bank. I will be sending out invoices shortly to those who paid by this route last year.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION European Section

3. Events for 2021 – call for Presentations and Participants

It is unlikely that face to face meetings will take place in Europe in 2021. We are planning further webinars for the Spring and Autumn. The first will also be our AGM. If you would like to present at one of these then let me know. We are particularly looking for contributions from members and others about their experiences in providing and using RPE in the current pandemic.

We are also looking for short “what I do” contributions from members where you can pass on the sort of information about yourself, your company, your expertise, your products etc that would otherwise be part of the general conversation with other members at face to face events.

4. Vacancy for Vice Chair of European Section

We still have a vacancy for a Vice Chair to support David Crouch. This was mentioned at the AGM but nobody present volunteered. The holder of the post has sometimes succeeded to the position of Chair in the past but not always. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact me.

Note that there was no December Newsletter.

Mike Williams at Secretary@isrpeurope.com
Secretary isrp European Section.

January 16th 2021