The 17th International Geography Olympiad 2020
Task Force and Local Organising Committee

To: iGeo Country Team Leaders and the iGeo Community:

The iGeo2020 Organizing Committee and Task Force have been closely following the current COVID-19 situation around the world.

After a series of discussions, the Organizing Committee has decided to continue preparing to host iGeo2020. However, since the status of the COVID-19 situation may change in the months ahead, the final decision to host iGeo2020 will be made by 15th June 2020.

**Scenario A:** By 15th June 2020, the COVID-19 situation is controlled or is no longer an issue. We **will hold** iGeo2020.

**Scenario B:** By 15th June 2020, the risk of the COVID situation is still being determined, countries are still preventing entry to a range of visitors and international travel is restricted. iGeo2020 will be **cancelled**.

Please see registration information [here](#)

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

For those who have not completed Initial/Team Registration:
We are extending the deadline for Initial/Team Registration to **May 22nd at 11:59 PM JST**. Please complete your registration by that date. If not, your country will be disqualified from iGeo2020. If there are special circumstances that make completing registration by this time impossible, please contact us as soon as possible at info@igeo2020.org

**Participation Fees**
The deadline for the payment of participation fees has been extended to **June 26th**. **After this date, countries who withdraw from the iGeo will receive a refund of 70% of the fees.** Those who do not pay the participation fee by the deadline will also be disqualified from participating in iGeo2020.

Until 15th June 2020, we suggest:
- not to buy travel tickets or buy tickets with no cancellation fees,
- not to obtain visas,
- not to transfer the participation fee.

We hope the situation will improve swiftly and we will see you in Istanbul in August, 2020. Please contact us at info@igeo2020.org or sueguides@hotmail.co.uk

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