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Dear Tangent members,

The news about coronavirus and covid-19 infections are filling the media and causing concern globally. Quite rightly so, of course.

We must appreciate that the health and safety of our members as well as their loved ones are the main priority and all decisions taken in Tangent operations should always start with this in mind. The age of our members varies from 40 to very elderly and as we know, the elderly people are more at risk. We must further realize that an infected person acts as a carrier of the virus and it may spread to our close friends and families, many of whom may be at even higher risk than ourselves.

At TCI, we have our AGM scheduled for the beginning of June, in Verona. The organizing team in Verona is, of course, devastated about the situation. No decision about cancelling has been made and they are investigating the final possible deadline for that. They are looking into the end of April now. We will keep you informed about the progress.

Should the TCI AGM not take place face to face in Verona, we will be looking into implementing a virtual meeting to ensure that our work continues. This will be communicated latest by the 16th of May, 2020 and we will then look for ways to enable a virtual meeting.

The TCI board will have a meeting this Saturday, the 14th of March, and we will go through the different scenarios and options for arranging the AGM. We may need to also have to have a different agenda for the meeting depending on whether the meeting can take place face to face or virtually. We shall inform you of our decisions as soon as possible.

On the national Tangent operations, with the information currently available, we recommend the following:

- All national boards are recommended to assess the situation in their country and if they see it needed, they should inform their members with guidance on national way of operating. Reconsider having large national gatherings, such as national AGM's, but you must of course follow the national authorities' guidance on this decision.
- Do not book any more unnecessary international trips and for any trips already planned, consider moving the flights to a later stage in line with communications from the organizers of an event, or get a refund on the money spent.
- Should any physical meetings get cancelled, consider implementing virtual meetings.

If you are cancelling a national event due to worries of arranging an event, or due to authority recommendations, we would recommend you to provide your registered attendees with written documentation of the decision, in order to help them with possible negotiations with insurance companies or alike, for potential monetary refund.

Ladies, stay safe, wash your hands and take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Yours in Continued Friendship

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