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Dear Colleagues, Tourist Guides, WFTGA Partners and Friends,

**Re: ANNOUNCEMENT – 19<sup>th</sup> WFTGA Convention Postponement**

This announcement serves to inform you that the World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations Executive Board and our Hosts, the Serbian National Tourist Guide Association, hereby announce the postponement of the 19<sup>th</sup> WFTGA Convention which was scheduled to take place in February 2021.

The current global Pandemic (Covid-19) outbreak has made it impossible to predict the future of travel and the uncertainty of cross-border movement restrictions of both local and foreign visitors remain high. Given that on average our convention attendance comprises of members from over 50 countries this is an essential consideration.

As part of the decision, we entered a consultative process and conducted 'best practice research' with other International Associations and Meeting planners. We considered every possible concern including financial, contractual, health and so forth. This was a difficult decision for the team to make because the event is so important and one which we all look forward to attending.

The 19<sup>th</sup> WFTGA Convention will now take place in February 2022. Further information relating to the dates/timelines, registration and way forward will be shared in the near future. We will communicate separately with our WFTGA Members and appointed Delegates on the way forward regarding WFTGA Association business.

Enquiries relating to the expression of interest in hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> WFTGA Convention in 2024 may be directed to [conventions@wftga.org](mailto:conventions@wftga.org)

We have conducted a similar process relating to our WFTGA International Training Centres and can confirm that no in-person training will be conducted during 2020 at our centres.

We understand that the decision to postpone our Convention will cause disappointment and inconveniences, however, the situation that everyone across the globe finds themselves in is unprecedented. We look forward to the day when we can meet in person again.

Further queries regarding this announcement may be directed to [president@wftga.org](mailto:president@wftga.org)

*Yours in Tourist Guiding,*



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**On behalf of the WFTGA Executive Board and the 19<sup>th</sup> Convention Hosts, the Serbian National Tourist Guide Association**

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