

# BAUS 2020 FAQ

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## IS BAUS 2020 ANNUAL MEETING CANCELLED OR POSTPONED?

BAUS 2020 originally scheduled for 15-17 June was re-scheduled to 9-11 November 2020. The current plan is for BAUS 2020 to proceed as planned at the ICC Birmingham in November, whilst virtual attendance will be available.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF BAUS 2020 CANNOT PHYSICALLY TAKE PLACE AT THE ICC BIRMINGHAM?

We will continue to monitor the National & Global situation and there is a possibility that we may have to change the format of the meeting to be fully virtual if the physical meeting at the ICC Birmingham is unable to take place. Please be assured we will endeavour to give as much notice to all relevant parties in this event via the BAUS website and via BAUS social media channels.

## WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY?

In the event of the cancellation of BAUS 2020, we will refund any registration fees. We will also refund registration fees for those who are unable to travel from an area affected by the COVID 19 virus outbreak or if there are travel restrictions imposed by their Governments and/or the UK Government. Documentary evidence to support this may be required. However, BAUS is not responsible for any travel or other costs that may have been incurred.

In the event of the cancellation of the physical element of the meeting at the ICC Birmingham, physical registrations will be automatically transferred to virtual registrations and any difference in cost will be refunded.





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## **WHEN WILL REGISTRATION FOR BAUS 2020 OPEN?**

We are currently finalising physical & virtual registration information. Further information will be available shortly.

## **CAN I CLAIM BACK MY TRAVEL EXPENSES?**

BAUS is not responsible for any travel or other costs that may have been incurred. If you are a speaker with entitlements for complimentary travel and accommodation, we politely ask that you do not commit to any travel expenditure until closer to the meeting.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM AN EPOSTER PRESENTER?**

All ePoster presenters have been emailed with updates. MULTILEARNING, who will be running the ePosters at BAUS 2020 have been in contact with all presenters from 16th June with instructions on how to submit your ePoster and to provide further information on the audio narration feature that authors can embed into their presentation.

## **WHEN WILL ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS FOR BAUS 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OPEN?**

Abstract submission for BAUS 2021 will open in November, as usual.

## **ARE YOU ACCEPTING NEW ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS FOR BAUS 2020 ANNUAL MEETING?**

Abstract submission for BAUS 2020 closed in January and we are not accepting any more abstracts for this event. BAUS Sections of Oncology & Endourology are incorporating their section meetings into BAUS 2020. They are currently finalising their programmes and they may wish to organise additional abstract sessions, therefore opening abstract submission in some form. If they do open abstract submission, this will be announced on the BAUS website and twitter account.

## **ARE THE TEACHING AND SKILLS COURSES GOING AHEAD?**

The current plan is for all Teaching and Skills courses to take place as planned at BAUS 2020. This may change depending on whether the National & Global situation changes closer to the meeting. Social distancing requirements and limited capacities in Halls may reduce the number of delegates we can accept onto the courses.



## WHAT HYGIENE & SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES WILL BAUS PUT IN PLACE?

BAUS will be guided by social distancing measures imposed by the UK Government and relevant health authorities. BAUS will follow social distancing measures and hygiene regulations imposed by ICC Birmingham. Additionally, BAUS could introduce its own measures where fit and will fully update all parties when regulations are known. An update on the ICC Birmingham's plan for reopening, providing more details is below.



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## TRAVEL TO ICC BIRMINGHAM

Our understanding is that customer journeys will be adapted using the latest technology to ensure touch free journeys from car parks and train stations into venues with designated walking routes, marked with visible social distancing signage and messaging, plus alternative, sanitised door push opening products will be put in place.

## WHAT ARE THE ICC BIRMINGHAM'S PLAN FOR REOPENING?

The ICC Birmingham have developed their 'Venue Protect 4-Step Approach', designed with everyone's safety and wellbeing in mind.

The 'Venue Protect 4-Step Approach' is designed around 4 key principles:

1. Supporting Testing and Tracing
2. Social Distancing Measures
3. Enhance Venue Sanitation
4. Communication

A short video of the steps that the ICC is taking to create a safe and controlled environment can be found here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WqlqnNVjho&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WqlqnNVjho&feature=youtu.be)





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## 1.SUPPORTING TESTING AND TRACING

**Using data and technology to help ensure audiences are known where possible and free from symptoms.**

As the hosts of organised events with ticketing and registration already in place in most cases, our audiences are 'known' meaning that contact tracing is usually possible if needed.

- Pre-registration for all events
- Temperature screening
- Onsite support



## 2.SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES

**Providing space for the safe movement of people around the venue.**

Advice on social distancing will be on prominent display in all areas of the venue, asking that visitors maintain a safe distance from others and providing signposts where we have put measures in place to ensure social distancing can be adhered to.

- New directional signage & one-way systems
- Limited numbers onsite & staggered entry
- New rules for use of toilets, cloakrooms and F&B outlets



## 3.ENHANCED VENUE SANITISATION

**Increased cleaning of high contact areas within the venue.**

Public areas will be cleaned frequently throughout the day with particular focus on frequent contact surfaces and reminders to visitors to regularly wash or sanitise their hands.

- Extensive event space cleaning
- Focus on high touch point areas
- Hand sanitiser stations
- Washroom attendants
- Sanitised A/V equipment



## 4.COMMUNICATION

**Clear and helpful guidelines and updates to ensure safe compliance of these principles.**

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and our customers is our number one priority and our communications will reflect this.

Details of what to expect when visiting the ICC:

- Dedicated teams to support customers
- PPE measures in place
- Touch-free customer journeys
- Adapted F&B Offering

