

Dear colleagues,

in the light of the recent cancellations of the GEBF and the AERA, but above all yesterday's travel warning to North Rhine-Westphalia and the latest risk assessment of the city of Cologne with regard to major events, we have decided, after intensive consultation and in coordination with the DGfE board, to cancel the 27th DGfE Congress in Cologne.

Congresses are central formats of scientific professional societies and represent places of scientific self-assurance. We very much regret that we are not able to provide you with this offer at this time. We have also planned the congress as an opportunity to open a participation to the Stadtgesellschaft Köln. We therefore regret just as much that we cannot send our signal for a level-headed approach to the corona virus with the cancellation.

We would like to ask you to take the all necessary steps to cancel your trip. We will contact you with further information at the beginning of next week, also in coordination with the DGfE board. In the meantime, we would ask you to refrain from making any further inquiries.

We would like to thank the DGfE Board of Directors and the Rectorate of the University of Cologne for their trusting cooperation and support. Special thanks also go to all those who have given us much encouragement and who have kept their fingers crossed for us until the very end.

We very much hope to be able to welcome you in Cologne at another occasion.

For the LOK
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