

# Spring 2020 Conference Update Postponement FAQs

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The BASCD conference organisers have considerable follow-up work in response to the unprecedented cancellation of the April 2020 of the conference. We ask for your patience as we work through the process to resolve any questions. Please check the BASCD website periodically for additional information.

## **Why is the conference being postponed?**

BASCD has been closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease). Based on the latest advice from the UK Government and public health agencies, it is clear that postponing to Spring 2021 is the right course of action not least of all because many BASCD members are working hard to help deal with the current public health crisis.

## **Will registrations be refunded?**

Anyone who has paid a registration fee will be refunded as soon as we are able to however, we would be very grateful for your patience in this matter given current difficulties. You do not need to contact us to request a refund, this will be done automatically and we will be in touch with individual members if further information is required.

## **Will attendees, speakers and exhibitors be refunded for travel or accommodation expenses?**

Unfortunately, BASCD is not in a position to reimburse attendees for travel or hotel costs (which were not part of the conference registration package). Attendees should cancel any personal arrangements made, such as travel and accommodation.

## **What about the Poster and Members presentations?**

If your abstract was accepted for presentation at BASCD 2020, you will receive a certificate from the conference organisers acknowledging that your work was accepted for presentation. If you wish to transfer your presentation to the Spring 2021 conference, we will be delighted to extend acceptance of your work to that meeting and we will be in touch with you individually about this. Awards for the poster prizes will not be offered in 2020 but will be offered again in 2021.

## **Will there be a BASCD conference later this year?**

At this moment we are keeping options open for the one-day meeting in London (currently scheduled as a joint meeting with BSG, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020) to go ahead but will consider the situation with COVID-19 in the coming months.

## **Will the BASCD AGM scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2020 go ahead?**

The AGM will not go ahead on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April but as we have a constitutional requirement for an AGM we will be exploring whether we can do something which meets this need remotely.