

ICCH18 Update: Congress postponed

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Dear Circumpolar Health colleagues,

We are contacting you with an update on the 18th International Congress on Circumpolar Health (ICCH18) planned for Yellowknife, June 18-20, 2024. Due to the high risk of drought and wildfires in the Northwest Territories this spring, the Canadian Society for Circumpolar Health (CSCH) and the International Union for Circumpolar Health (IUCH) have made the difficult decision postpone the ICCH18.

We made this choice now to ensure the wellbeing of participants, minimize logistical problems and costs, and out of respect and concern for the residents of Yellowknife and other communities in the region. The organizing committee is currently looking at options for a new date and possibly a new location. We will provide updates and details as they become available.

We recognize that this change is disruptive and we sorry for any inconvenience this may cause participants and supporting organizations. Many of you have registered for the congress, booked your travel, and submitted an abstract. For participants who have registered for the congress, a member of the organizing committee will contact you directly to offer the choice of a full refund of registration fees or to transfer your registration to the rescheduled congress.

Any abstracts that were submitted by March 15th will still undergo peer review and decisions will be sent out in April. The deadline for abstracts has been extended

until April 14th, and we welcome additional submissions. All submitted abstracts will be considered for presentations at the rescheduled congress.

The ICCH18 organizing committee along with CSCH and IUCH are working hard on an alternative plan. We are committed to hosting the congress in Canada during the next year, but want to do so under safe conditions. Thank you for your patience. Please contact info@csch.ca if you have questions or need more information. Updates will be shared via email and the website as details become available.

Sincerely,

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