

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**CANCELLING OF THE ICCH 18 CONGRESS IN SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, AUGUST,  
2022**

Dear friends, colleagues, and everyone interested in circumpolar health,

The Board of the International Union for Circumpolar Health (IUCH) has decided to **cancel** the 18th International Congress on Circumpolar Health (ICCH) that was planned to be held in Saint Petersburg, Russia, August 4-6, 2022.

Instead, the next ICCH conference will be held in Canada, in 2023 or 2024.

The cancellation of the planned ICCH conference in Saint Petersburg follows as a consequence of the recent tragic events of the war in Ukraine.

The IUCH is an international, non-governmental scientific organization with members, adhering bodies and affiliates throughout the circumpolar regions, and is an observer member of the Arctic Council. The main objective of the IUCH is to share health research findings and program successes that are unique to these regions of the world in order to reduce death, disease, and disability, and to improve the quality of life for all those living in the North.

The IUCH strongly opposes the current military actions against Ukraine. The Union declares its solidarity with scientific and educational communities in Ukraine and Russia, and remains steadfast in our commitment to ongoing collaborations with Circumpolar colleagues and communities that are impacted by the war.

The Board of the IUCH