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Dear Histology Colleagues,

As part of the National Society for Histotechnology's recently adopted mission of shaping the future of histotechnology through a global community of professionals committed to educating, advocating and driving patient quality, we regularly host an Annual Symposium/Convention and in person-seminars. These meetings are essential opportunities to build personal and professional connections and learn hands-on histotechnology techniques. However, as a health-care related society, we are also committed to the health and safety of our members, and we are always vigilant about monitoring the local conditions where these events are held.

We are monitoring the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation via the World Health Organization updates. COVID-19 was declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020. This situation is still developing, and we will continue to monitor it closely. The Annual Legislative Symposium March 16-17 was cancelled by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. Our Annual IHC Hands-On Training Seminar will be moved from May to August, and the second seminar will move from August to November this year.

We are continuing to confidently plan for our Annual Symposium/Convention October 16-21, 2020 in Reno, NV. We currently have no plans to postpone or cancel the meeting. Registration is still scheduled to open in May.

The Journal of Histotechnology recently published "Coronavirus disinfection in histopathology." Given the importance of this timely article by Anthony F. Henwood, [we have made it open access.](#)

State histology societies typically hold local meetings throughout the US. For the status on individual meetings, please contact the sponsoring state society directly. Many meetings are posted here on the NSH Calendar.

NSH offers distance learning via learn.nsh.org. We have many learning opportunities available from the convenience of your computer. NSH's vibrant private on-line community, [The Block](#), allows members to connect virtually and solve problems in real time.

We continue to monitor guidelines from the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other pertinent public health organizations as part of our responsibility to focus on the facts and to act with common sense and sound judgement.

We will update you as the situation evolves.

We look forward to welcoming you later this year in Reno, NV.

Sincerely,

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