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Future Live Conference Report Barbara Cornish, Conference Committee Chair

After discussion with Michel Kallipetis and Paul Van Osselaer, I wrote to about 20 members from different jurisdictions soliciting potential interest in putting on a multi-jurisdictional virtual conference (like the Hong Kong conference) in lieu of the Montreal conference.

The e-mail was sent prior to the formal announcement that the Montreal conference was not going ahead and that a formal decision will be mapped at the upcoming Board meeting, but with the stated recognition that it was a probability. To that end, Paul also contacted those members who were going to be involved in putting on the Montreal conference and advised them that this was, in fact, the case.

The response to that e mail has been underwhelming to say the least and I suspect much of that is related to the fact that Montreal is not yet officially “off the calendar” but also the lack of stated alternative date. Hopefully, the response will be more encouraging when I write a follow up e mail after the Board meeting and these issues will be dealt with.