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Re: FCIA Position Regarding ECA '20 and COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, FCIA has received a few questions about the upcoming ECA '20 event in Kansas City, MO.

FCIA leadership and staff are watching the situation closely with keen eye for the health and welfare of FCIA's attendees, staff, and speakers.

FCIA leadership understand that several events in the USA have been cancelled due to the influx of worldwide attendees. As such, FCIA has been in contact with the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza who assures us that the hotel has procedures in place to handle us during this time.

FCIA recommends that attendees refer to important world and national disease resources for personal precautions when travelling and being in groups, and to make their own decisions to travel or not:

- World Health Organization –
 - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>
- Centers for Disease Control –
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- Johns Hopkins University coronavirus 'dashboard' map –
 - Map <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

As stated, FCIA's ECA '20 event is still scheduled.

Should the situation change dramatically, FCIA staff will notify the membership of the situation as soon as an update is available.

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