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Dear Chapter Presidents

Today the E-AHPBA Council supported the decision of the Association's Executive to convert the 2021 E-AHPBA 14th Biennial Congress to a **fully virtual** meeting. The ongoing pandemic has led to many changes in our personal, professional and academic lives. Having consulted widely it became apparent that we could not foresee a situation in which we could safely meet this September in Bilbao. This is a great disappointment to us. However, there is a desire throughout our membership that our biennial meeting proceed. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce today that we are planning E-AHPBA 2021 Bilbao as an entirely online event. Professor Marc Besselink and his colleagues in the Scientific Programme Committee are developing an outstanding scientific programme. As you cannot come to Bilbao, we will bring Bilbao 2021 to you!

We would ask for the Chapters support in sharing this message with your members and networks. It is so important in these times that we come together, even if virtually, and push forward and highlight the wonderful work and research that is still ongoing within the HPB Community in our region. Please encourage your members to submit their work by the new abstract submission deadline of Tuesday 9th March 2021. Registration and Programme details will follow.

We have included a message below and image below, which we encourage you to share far and wide. Please engage with us on Twitter (@EAHPBA) and use the hashtag #EAHPBA2021 to help promotion.

As always, your loyalty and commitment are truly appreciated and we cannot wait to see you at E-AHPBA 2021, our virtual congress from Bilbao.

If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Take care and stay safe,

Professor Kevin Conlon

E-AHPBA President