



International Committee for Study of Bauxite, Alumina and Aluminium

Dear ICSOBA Members and Colleagues:

As information about COVID-19 continues to evolve rapidly and prospect for a major economic downturn becomes clearer everyday, we are sharing with you the steps that ICSOBA is taking to ensure the health, safety, and engagement of our members in relation to ICSOBA 2020 conference.

ICSOBA mission is to organize yearly Technology Conference with a scope covering upstream aluminium activities from mine to metal in such a way that it encourages companies to send their employees; universities and other R&D organisations to send their professors and students; consultants, suppliers and individuals to attend and contribute.

Travel restrictions and containment strategies to address COVID-19 are being adopted at all levels and are unspecific as to when they will end. Economic situation on the aftermath of the crisis is unknown. We don't think it is appropriate to cancel or postpone ICSOBA 2020 without further information. On the other end, we are fully aware a successful conference requires sufficient notice to be given to our members. Within this context, we are monitoring the situation while considering the health, safety and comfort of our members and staff as the primary guideline in our decision-making.

As of today, our position is to work hard to assure that the 2020 ICSOBA Conference proceeds.

Stay Connected:

- ICSOBA is extending deadlines for abstract submission to 31 May 2020.
- For access to information on ICSOBA 2020 Conference, please visit <https://icsoba.org/icsoba2020/>
- Most importantly, please do not hesitate to reach out ICSOBA directly if you have any question or concern regarding ICSOBA 2020 or other issues. You can contact us at info@icsoba.org

Thank you for your attention and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Claude H. Vanvoren
Chairman of the Board