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COVID-19 – Message from the CIPMM President, Carolyn Montague (March 20th, 2020)

The CIPMM Executive held an urgent conference call meeting this week regarding the COVID-19 impact on the CIPMM operations, upcoming events and programs, and to develop strategies in response to the COVID-19. CIPMM has been taking various precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our members, registrants, volunteers and stakeholders. CIPMM is committed to doing its part to stop the spread of COVID-19, while uncompromisingly upholding the safety of our members, attendees, support staff and volunteers. A pandemic can create uncertainty and result in stress in organizations and among many volunteers and members that help support our activities. As a community, we are all facing similar challenges and clearly, it is no longer business as usual for all of us.

As this situation continues to evolve and further to Ontario's declaration of a State of Emergency, we are taking measures to keep the public and our support team and volunteers safe. We will continue to monitor the developments relating to COVID-19 as well as take direction from provincial and Canadian health authorities to provide the best support to our events and our daily operations. The CIPMM Secretariat office will be closed until further notice, and all CIPMM team will be working remotely. We will continue answering your emails and getting back to your voicemails. We appreciate your patience during this difficult time.

Here are some updates on the CIPMM activities:

- CIPMM Board meetings and Committees' meetings will be held via teleconferences only in March – May 2020.
- CIPMM Regional Workshop in Vancouver, originally scheduled for April 8th, has been moved to September 30th, 2020. We will be updating the website with new date and information. We are currently working with the speakers to determine their availability to present on September 30th, and will be updating the Preliminary Agenda accordingly. The flexible cancellation policy for this event is in place in recognition of the current situation regarding COVID-19.
- CIPMM Networking Event on April 15th, scheduled after the CAB meeting, has been postponed. Stay tuned for an update in the near future.
- CIPMM Lunch and Learn session on “ Logistics and Materiel Management” on April 22nd has been postponed. Stay tuned for an update in the near future.
- CIPMM National Workshop on June 2-4, 2020 has been postponed and the new date will be announced soon. We are working with the venue, our partners and suppliers on the alternative date for later in the year. Stay tuned for more details and information. We will be contacting directly all the affected registrants in the near future.

All other scheduled CIPMM events in the fall remain as planned at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will notify you of alternative arrangements if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together through this rapidly changing situation.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in touch with us,

Carolyn Montague
CIPMM President