



Media Release

COVID - 19 Global Pandemic - IAWP's Response - Update **58th IAWP Annual Training Conference, Indonesia, 2020**

First of all, we want to pay tribute to the police and other emergency services working tirelessly around the globe protecting their communities from the spread of this disease, many, as we know, are working without appropriate protection.

This devastating global situation has an imminent impact on our ability to conduct the 2020 Indonesia Conference as planned and agreed. Our overarching concern is for the well-being of our members and delegates already registered for our conference as well as police and law enforcement organizations who need their staff to work within their local communities now, and very likely months into the future.

The IAWP Board of Directors, the 2020 Conference Directors and the Indonesian National Police have together made the decision to postpone the 58th Annual Training Conference until September 2021 (Specific dates will be announced at the earliest opportunity).

We believe this to be in the best interests of everyone at this time as it allows for what seems significant and necessary time for post pandemic recovery of all aspects of life; medical, work, school, social, travel, etc. It also allows for economic recovery of our members as well as police and law enforcement agencies. The safety and well-being of all potential attendees was our paramount concern and with the impact on countries changing daily we needed to make a decision about the feasibility of hosting our conference.

President Deborah Friedl *"The Board of Directors of the IAWP had some very challenging decisions to make and be assured that the outcome is in the best interests of our members, conference attendees, our conference planner, sponsors, speakers, vendors and our organization."*

Police Brigadier General Krishna Murti, MSi, Head of International Police Mission Bureau of the Indonesian National Police *"The Covid-19 Pandemic is currently the world's biggest concern, as a result the Indonesian National Police and IAWP have taken into consideration that all our energies are needed to support work in eliminating this disaster. Together we have taken the decision to postpone our conference until 2021 but be assured Indonesia is looking forward to welcoming you for the 2021 Conference in Yogyakarta"*.

Police Brigadier General Ida Oetari P, MA, *"The 58th IAWP conference 2020 is postponed for worldwide humanitarian solidarity towards the pandemic COVID-19, to provide adequate time for recovery into a normal and stable situation. So, rest when you're weary; Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind, your spirit; Then we will meet again and see you in Indonesia in September 2021"*

IAWP and other networks have a valuable role to play to help everyone cope and we will continue to provide much needed peer support and mentoring to our members through these difficult times. We encourage you to reach out to your colleagues and friends, wherever they are in the world, to support each other through this crisis. **We are All in this together.**

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