Grupo de Trabajadores en Moscas de los Frutos del Hemisferio Occidental
Tephritid Workers from the Western Hemisphere

San Miguel de Tucumán, 12 de marzo de 2020

TWWH Community

As you were informed, with much regret we had to postpone our long-awaited congress. With the advances of the Covid-19 and the recent declaration of pandemic by the WHO, measures are imposed to restrict movement of people and the organization of meetings, including conferences. This decision responds to the need to join the worldwide effort to minimize the impact of this new disease.

Today we would like to contact all those involved in this meeting to inform that the firm intention is that the congress takes place as soon as the situation improves.

To the Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) and all the Colombian institutions that support this meeting: Asohofrucol, the National Fund for Horticultural Development, SOCOLEN and the Colombian government, we want to express our sincere thanks. It is an honor for us that Colombia is our host country. We fully understand the decision made for the health of all.

We thank the attendees for your decision to participate and we hope to continue counting on you. We are aware of the efforts you make to attend these conferences. Many of you count with limited funds and even many of you must use personal funds. Our special recognition to the students and young researchers who made a great effort to participate.

We also want to express our gratitude to the institutions, specially IAEA, and companies that with their financial support promote the meeting. We desire to continue counting on your support.

To the TAO and TEAM communities that followed the events of the last days and supported us in the decision taken.

We hope everyone understands that while we will not be exchanging our experience and making progress in solving problems caused by fruit flies next week, we will be seeing each other soon.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest and most sincere thanks to Dr. Emilio Arévalo-Peñaranda and to the entire team at ICA for the excellent work they have done and for the high commitment with which they have undertaken this task. This unexpected
Grupo de Trabajadores en Moscas de los Frutos del Hemisferio Occidental
Tephritid Workers from the Western Hemisphere

situation has only shown high professionalism and quality of work; something that is highly valued by all of us.

Our warmest regards

María Teresa Vera, Dina Orozco, Jorge Toledo, Ken Bloem, Eric Jang, Wilda Ramírez, Diego Segura, Janisete Silva, Pablo Liedo, Walther Enkerlin, JairVirginio

TWWH Steering Committee