



International
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Press release regarding COVID-19 / Coronavirus

Since its foundation on the 24th February 1951 the IBA - International Bartenders Association has been working with great dedication and without borders, to ensure the best conditions and professional recognition of all bartenders around the world.

Due to the global threat of the Covid-19, the International Bartenders Association cannot justify hosting the IBA European Meeting and European Cocktail Championship initially scheduled on April 27th in Madeira, Portugal. Therefore we will be postponing indefinitely these events until it is considered safe to do so.

In times like these we need to make sure, we contain this threat. Bars and bartenders around Europe and the World are facing unprecedented challenges, where bars & restaurants are forced closing by the local government. While this is a hard and difficult decision, we hope and wish for our members to enforce all precautions given by local authorities and stay safe.

We refer to all local governments information and guidelines as well as following the World Health Organisation - www.who.int .

Our thoughts and hopes goes out to the bars & bartenders around the world, we need to show solidarity and work together.

This decision was taken unanimously by all member of the board.

Sincerely,

Pepe Dioni

President, International Bartenders Association.