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Dear Dr. Dellis, dear Dr. Gkialas,

We hope this message finds you well in this challenging time as countries around the world grapple with the grave impact of COVID-19. In circumstances like this, we are evermore conscious of our responsibility toward our neighbours to lend assistance however possible, and we have seen the world come together in unprecedented solidarity and support.

Thus, we wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to you and the Hellenic Urological Association to express our ongoing support during this pandemic and share the ways in which SIU is responding to this crisis.

1. **Office of Education:** Currently, a variety of eLearning programmes are available for free on SIU Academy for SIU members, including a recently-launched Residents' Corner, several CME-accredited programmes and surgical demonstration videos that can help bridge the disruption of urological education and training. Accessible any time, any where, we are hopeful that the SIU Academy platform can make a positive difference during this difficult situation.
2. **Annual Congress:** Please note that, at present, we have no plans to alter the planning of the SIU 2020 Congress scheduled for October 17-20<sup>th</sup> in Montreal. We remain hopeful that the current challenges and threats presented by COVID-19 will be resolved in a manner that will allow us to safely continue with the event as scheduled. In the meantime, we are planning various ways to make the event accessible to those who cannot attend.
3. **COVID-19 Special Programmes:** In addition, we are organizing special eLearning programmes that will discuss how to organize a healthcare service during a pandemic, how to manage self-isolation, how to manage urological oncology during emergency situations, and other timely content.

The SIU will continue to stand in solidarity with our partners around the world as this situation continues to evolve, and we want to know how we can best support your efforts.

How is your country dealing with this unique challenge? As a voice for international urology, how could the SIU assist in your efforts? Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and feelings on this important topic.

Yours in partnership,

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