



## London 2020 Newsletter No. 18: 2 May 2020

### What is everyone doing today?

Like many of you, I woke up this morning with somewhat mixed feelings. On one hand I'm hugely disappointed that we are not all gathering today at the Business Design Centre (BDC) in Islington for the opening of London 2020: but on the other hand we can all enjoy the feeling of anticipation of looking forward to London 2022 for a couple more years!

Today is a milestone in the life of the revised exhibition as well. There have been two special newsletters since No. 17, labelled 17a that went to all stand holders, and 17b which went to all National Commissioners. Both of these letters required a response by today, confirming whether or not people wanted to continue with the existing plans, but with a different date.

I would like to thank everyone who has answered positively – and urge the few stand holders or National Commissioners who have not yet replied to contact Mike Kentzer ([boothliaison@london2020.co](mailto:boothliaison@london2020.co)) (for stand holders) or to John Jackson ([commissionergeneral@london2020.co](mailto:commissionergeneral@london2020.co)).

We need to start again now making firm plans, both logistical and financial, hence the deadline of today for letting us know what you wanted to do. If we do not hear from you, then we will assume that you are not making a claim for a refund.

Individual exhibitors should have been contacted by their National Commissioners; if this has not happened yet, please approach your own local commissioner before contacting the Commissioner General.

It is still hoped that the London 2020 Literature Class will happen on 30 September to 3 October 2020. I would like to stress that this will still be a full FIP class, with FIP recognised medals being awarded. This event will run alongside the UK National Exhibition (Stampex) at the BDC. As I am sure everyone will understand, this cannot be confirmed until we know whether Stampex will go ahead.

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