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Dear IAPD National Member Society President,

The President and Board of Directors of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry would like to make an important announcement concerning the invitation to submit a Bid to host the 30th Congress of IAPD:

The Biennial Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry which was set to take place from 9-12 June 2021 in Maastricht, Netherlands **will be postponed to June 2023** due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a result, the IAPD congress scheduled to take place in Cape Town, South Africa will be postponed to 2025. The decision has been made to conduct the 28th IAPD Biennial Congress in 2021 and Council Meeting virtually instead. This difficult choice was made with the safety and the best interest of our global paediatric dentistry communities firmly in mind. We trust that you understand and support this decision.

We wish to thank the National Societies who presented a letter of **'intent to bid for the IAPD Congress'**. Bidding for the opportunity to host the **31st IAPD Biennial Congress** scheduled for 2027 will open in June 2022, approximately 12 months before the congress in Maastricht, Netherlands. All National Member Societies will receive an official notification with the deadline to submit the **'letter of intent to bid'**.

We do hope that your Society will consider bidding to host the 31st Congress of our Association (2027) once the bidding process opens.

With warmest regards,

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