



ESTONIAN FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE
14TH EUROPEAN MEETING FOR SPTM 2020
ENFSI MARKS WG
TALLINN, ESTONIA 5 – 7 MAY 2020



Dear Colleagues,

Tallinn, 13 March 2020

We hope you are all doing well.

We're writing to you because of several unexpected developments in Europe:

- Due to the Covid-19 situation, we have received cancellation letters from several participants as well as from presenters.
- The Estonian Health Board has decided that upcoming international events in Estonia should be postponed or cancelled. The decision was made due to the epidemiological situation in Europe and worldwide.

Following recommendations of the Estonian Government as well as the WHO regarding the Covid-19 outbreak, we are forced to make this difficult decision at this time, and are informing you that the **14th European Shoeprint and Toolmark Meeting is postponed to the second half of 2020 or first half of 2021.**

This means that the meeting scheduled for May 5-7 2020 will not take place at the promised time.

A new date and remainder of the details will be sent to you after the summer break. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the situation is going to change and become more favourable for Europe and the Marks WG.

Please accept our sincere apologies for this inconvenience.

We would also like to thank you for your participation and emails submitting registration forms, as well as your readiness to present your work at the meeting.

We do hope that you understand the overall situation and our reasons for this step, and we appreciate your pre-agreement to make changes in your schedules very much.

I wish you all a great summer, and I'm looking forward to welcoming you in Tallinn once a new date is set.

Best regards, and stay healthy

Margo & SPTM2020 organizing team