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To: delegates to UV4Plants Network Meeting in Kiel

Dear delegate,

As you are aware the Covid-19 pandemic is causing major problems with infection, and travel restrictions have been imposed by numerous countries. The situation is likely to get worse before it starts to get better.

The UV4Plants Managing Committee has carefully evaluated all the information available and has reluctantly decided that we need to postpone the Network Meeting in Kiel. We realize that delegates may lose money from cancelling travel and accommodation and suffer inconvenience, but we have no alternative given the current situation. Our major concern is for the safety of delegates, both during travel and during the meeting. Several delegates have already been forced to withdraw because of travel restrictions imposed upon them and other cancellations are likely, so even if the meeting had gone ahead the attendance would be much reduced. Also, we are aware that the meeting would be dominated by concerns about the virus.

Our plan is to reschedule the meeting for later this year, dependent on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are tentatively planning to hold the meeting in Kiel in possibly September or October, but of course firm planning is impossible until we know what the situation will be. If we can reschedule, we will carry forward the registration fees already paid by delegates who wish to attend, and we will not require a change in the abstract. We will also offer bursaries for ESR. For anyone who is unable to attend the rescheduled meeting we will reimburse the registration fee. We will provide further information about reimbursement, the proposed date of the meeting and the arrangements as soon as possible.

Best wishes,
Gareth Jenkins, President UV4Plants