

WFEO Secretariat – Update on the Covid-19 situation

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Dear WFEO Members and Associates,

As a result of the rapidly developing Covid-19 outbreak, and in accordance with the recommendations given by the World Health Organization (WHO), the French Government has taken new mitigation measures to limit every unnecessary travel and activities, after having closed all schools and universities.

Since Tuesday 17, 12am CET, the country is under lockdown for at least two weeks.

Everyone is asked to work from home when it is possible.

UNESCO has also requested all staff in Paris to telework when possible, until further notice. It is the same in New York for UN staff.

Under these circumstances, <u>WFEO Secretariat remains at work</u>, with every staff member having secured access to email and necessary resources and documentation.

Of course, our availability may be restricted depending on family constraints.

Although our Paris meetings have been cancelled as well as the <u>World Engineering Day</u> main celebration, we have done a lot to maintain the activity of the Federation in its best interest and the one of the international engineering community.

As stated in our <u>4th March declaration on the Covid-19 epidemics</u>, engineers are needed now more than ever !

To all those of you who are facing the consequences of the virus propagation, we wish you all success in the fight against it, and a good recovery to any of you, your friends, colleagues or relatives who may have been infected.

With our best regards,

WFEO Secretariat.

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