

Dear Presidents, Dear Colleagues,

All of us are going through unprecedented times and the EUROSAL community is contemplating whether the XI EUROSAL Congress is going to take place.

The Congress organizational team has been monitoring the situation concerning the COVID-19 pandemic very closely. Our commitment and responsibility towards all delegates and their accompanying persons is crucial, their health is our highest priority. With anxiety we have been following the situation in other countries, a lot of them close to our hearts because of our families, friends, colleagues, and places we love to visit and spend time in.

The situation is also getting critical in our country, borders, hotels, schools and universities are closed, work is advised to be done at home, and only the most essential shops are open nowadays. It is a situation no one would have imagined a few weeks ago. We know that many other countries have taken similar measures to protect their citizens and stop spreading the virus.

This brings us to consider how to best react with regard to organising the Congress. Holding it on the original term 31 May – 4 June 2020 is impossible at this moment. The postponement is inevitable. We believe that it will add assurance that participants will be safe to come and enjoy the event.

We realise this is an unprecedented situation and we thank you all very much for understanding.

We will inform you about the new term of the Congress as soon as possible.

Best regards

Miloslav Kala

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miloslav Kala', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.