

Siena, April 28th 2020

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

even before the first horrific phase of the COVID-19 has run its course, scientists are worried about the second wave of the disease.

It could crash worse than the first, killing tens of thousands of people who did such a good job of sheltering in place they remain virgin ground for the virus. Or it could be a mere swell, with so many people having been infected without symptoms that levels of immunity are higher than realized.

There is no crystal ball to look to, because so many crucial pieces of information remain missing.

Are people who've had COVID-19 immune? How long does immunity last? Will the virus play out like influenza and the common cold, peaking during cooler months and falling during warmer ones? Is its deadly path undeterred whatever the weather?

Until there's a vaccine it's unfortunately not unlikely that we may see a second wave or even a third wave.

I think we have to be realistic and after these reflections it's really with regret that, with utmost displeasure, we have decided to postpone the 17 SIVEC Meeting from 7,8,9 september 2020 to **6,7,8, september 2021**

Friendly,

Carlo Setacci

