

## **IARS, AUA, and SOCCA 2022 Annual Meeting Update (as of 1/24/22)**

After much consideration, the International Anesthesia Research Society, the Association of University Anesthesiologists, and the Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists have decided to shift our in-person 2022 Annual Meetings to a fully virtual format.

The virtual meetings will be held over the same dates as planned - March 17-20, 2022. The meetings will begin at 10:00 am EST each day. This virtual experience will allow attendees to take advantage of flexible learning, featuring the same high-quality educational sessions the annual meetings are known for. Participants will have access to educational content for three months after the meeting.

We are very disappointed to make this change. However, the health and safety of our members, attendees, and the communities in which our meetings are held remains our priority. As the Omicron variant continues to surge, many employers have implemented travel restrictions for healthcare professionals. The high transmissibility of the virus is continuing to push the limits of health safety, travel, and other infrastructures around the world. Due to this situation and the potential impact on the safety of our attendees, we feel it is necessary to shift to a fully virtual format to provide the best experience to attendees.

### **Important Information for Housing & Travel**

- If you booked a hotel room using our discount group code or through the IARS, AUA, and SOCCA booking link, your reservation will be cancelled automatically in the coming weeks. Please look for an email from the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Resort.
- If you made hotel reservations outside of the room block, it is your responsibility to contact the Hilton to cancel your reservation.
- If you booked flights or car rentals or made other arrangements, please be sure to cancel those promptly.

Registration for the virtual meetings will be open in the next two weeks. Invited speakers and abstract presenters will receive detailed information for their presentations in the coming days.

Updated meeting programs are available via <https://meetings.iars.org/program-education/>

Please continue to check our website, [meetings.iars.org](https://meetings.iars.org), for the latest updates, and contact [meetings@iars.org](mailto:meetings@iars.org) with other questions.