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## Message Regarding DSI Upcoming Conferences

The Decision Sciences Institute has been closely monitoring the global and domestic situation regarding the novel coronavirus. With the inability to accurately assess the potential reach of the virus, our desire to protect the health and safety of our members and our communities, and the potential consequences of bringing together a large group of people from around the world, each of our upcoming conferences are being evaluated. As of today, here is the status for each conference:

### **Southwest DSI Annual Conference March 11 – 14**

As this conference includes multiple organizations and is executed by the Federation of Business Disciplines, DSI does not have the ability to cancel. However, DSI will offer a full SWDSI conference registration refund to any SWDSI attendee who does not wish to attend the conference due to the COVID-19 virus, should they not receive one from the FBD. This will not include any FBD fees paid. Request for refund must be received by the DSI Home Office and FBD by the opening of the conference – no later than 5 pm central time Wednesday, March 11.

### **Northeast DSI Annual Conference March 26 – 28**

The DSI and NEDSI Board of Directors have decided to cancel the NEDSI Annual Conference this year. We deeply regret having to make this decision and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. DSI will refund all conference registration fees. Registrants can expect to see their refund on the credit card statement now.

### **Western DSI Annual Conference April 7 - 10**

The DSI and WDSI Board of Directors have decided to cancel the WDSI Annual Conference this year. We deeply regret having to make this decision and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. DSI will refund all conference registration fees. Registrants can expect to see their refund on the credit card statement now.

### **European DSI Annual Conference May 24 – 27**

The DSI and EDSI Board have decided to cancel the EDSI Annual Conference this year. We deeply regret having to make this decision and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The DSI Board of Directors, regional Boards and all conference program teams thank you for your understanding as we work through these challenging times.

We hope to see everyone at a future DSI conference. Plans for the DSI 2020 Annual Conference in San Francisco November 21 – 23 continue to move forward. We will continue to monitor this global pandemic and post updates as they occur.

If you have any questions, please contact the Decision Sciences Institute home office at [info@decisionsciences.org](mailto:info@decisionsciences.org) or call 713.743.4815.

