

## Due to the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 situation we unfortunately had to cancel IVBM 2020.

The International Virus Bioinformatics Meeting 2020 was supposed to take place from 05–06 March 2020 in Bern, Switzerland.

However, Switzerland has banned all events with more than 1000 people and even smaller events need permission from the Canton after risk assessment. In consultation with the cantonal authorities, the University of Bern has decided that congresses with significant international participation and major public events must be cancelled.

You can find the details in the official statements of the [University of Bern](#) (28.02.2020, 18.00: “*Congresses with significant international participation and major public events are generally cancelled.*”) and the [Canton of Bern](#) (28.02.2020: “*For the time being, events with less than 1000 people, which have international participation, must also be avoided.*”) (links unfortunately only in German).

The Organizing Committee has discussed all options and feels that cancelling the meeting is indeed the best decision under the current circumstances. Nevertheless, we are seeking for options to reschedule the meeting and we hope that we will see you then! We will keep you updated with further decisions.

**We are very sorry for any inconvenience.**

## Recent Selected Publications on SARS-CoV-2 by EVBC Members

Transmission of 2019-nCoV Infection from an Asymptomatic Contact in Germany. *N Engl J Med* [10.1056/NEJMc2001468](#)

Detection of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by real-time RT-PCR. *Euro Surveill* [10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2020.25.3.2000045](#)

Persistence of coronaviruses on inanimate surfaces and its inactivation with biocidal agents. *J Hosp Infect* [10.1016/j.jhin.2020.01.022](#)

Laboratory readiness and response for novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in expert laboratories in 30 EU/EEA countries, January 2020. *Euro Surveill* [10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2020.25.6.2000082](#)

Statement in support of the scientists, public health professionals, and medical professionals of China combatting COVID-19. *Lancet* [10.1016/S0140-6736\(20\)30418-9](#)

### Preprints

Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus: The species and its viruses – a statement of the Coronavirus Study Group *bioRxiv* [10.1101/2020.02.07.937862](#)

The novel coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV) uses the SARS-coronavirus receptor ACE2 and the cellular protease TMPRSS2 for entry into target cells *bioRxiv* [10.1101/2020.01.31.929042](#)

Rapid reconstruction of SARS-CoV-2 using a synthetic genomics platform *bioRxiv* [10.1101/2020.02.21.959817](#)

Candidate targets for immune responses to 2019-Novel Coronavirus (nCoV): sequence homology- and bioinformatic-based predictions *bioRxiv* [10.1101/2020.02.12.946087](#)

