

## **SFG Spring 2020 Meeting – postponed until further notice**

We have decided that our SFG Spring 2020 Meeting on Thurs 23 April at Stirling University will be **postponed** due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, as a precautionary measure.

Helping to protect the health and wellbeing of our SFG members is top priority. It is in the best interest to support national guidance regarding increasing restrictions on public meetings and non-essential travel to minimise potential risk to people through community spread. We are also keen to support SFG colleagues at our life partner institute as they take key steps to reduce disruption to student teaching and exams during the coming weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our [Hydro Nation Scholars](#) Guest SFG Coordinators for all their excellent behind-the-scenes efforts in bringing together an inspiring themed agenda and professionalism shown in responding to this decision so quickly. All SFG agenda contributors have been informed ahead of this e-circular announcement and we are very appreciative of their support.

We understand this might come as disappointing news and apologise for any inconvenience. We also hope this advance notice will alleviate potential concerns anyone had about attending in the first place. This SFG event will likely be re-scheduled to a date sometime in the Autumn. Further details will be circulated to everyone as this pandemic situation and its prevalence in Scotland becomes clearer. Please take good care in the meantime!

## **SFG Action Team Projects Update – keeping the momentum going**

We will continue to offer the best support possible to promote membership collaboration across our four SFG Action Teams – Sustainable Minds (AT #1), Citizen Science in Freshwaters (AT #2), SFG's Innovation Hub (AT #3) and the Climate Emergency Mission (AT #4). The outcomes from each project serve a critically important purpose. We are combining SFG's amazing brainpower and using our capabilities in different ways to problem-solve fundamental issues related to freshwaters, its people and our future.

We are 100% committed to **keeping the momentum going** on all of these ATs amongst the present uncertainty and persevering with them as much as realistically possible. This may involve relying more on technology and other means to reduce the need for face to face interaction amid the COVID-19 outbreak. Our ATs will seek to engage remotely and creatively across the SFG community with membership requests to channel into this work as we navigate through a challenging global situation.

We would like to recognise the inspiring efforts of everyone involved in bringing these visions to life and our members who have actively contributed to new SFG initiatives along the way. It is deeply appreciated and helps shape a legacy that future generations will be proud of. More communication to follow soon!

Very best wishes,

Pauline & the SFG Team

