

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RICE BRAN OIL

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To All Directors & Special Invitees, IARBO

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Sub.: Postponement of 7th International Conference on Rice Bran Oil**

I hope this communication finds you all well, safe and healthy.

We are in the midst of challenging times, brought upon us due to the unimaginable spread of COVID-19. As we all grapple with this difficult and ever evolving situation, we wanted to reach out to you all to make sure that you are doing okay and are healthy.

You might be aware that governments across the globe have put in place several measures to address this situation. In India, the Government is taking proactive measures and is working 24 x 7 to contain the spread of the virus. The country is under complete Lockdown until May 3, 2020, as of now; and depending on the situation then, the Government shall inform its citizens about next action plan. Like various countries, the Government of India has also imposed restrictions not only on international travel but as well as domestic travel and movement of people.

In the current situation, Mr. Ashok Sethia, President of IARBO in consultation with Dr. A. R. Sharma, past president of IARBO; Mr. Atul Chaurvedi, President of SEA and other senior members, has decided that the **7th International Conference on Rice Bran Oil** scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Delhi, India, be postponed.

As the world heals, we are hopeful that the IARBO 2020 could be tentatively planned in November - December 2020 in India. This is dependent on multiple aspects, such as opening-up of travel across the world, regularization of movement of people and goods across the country, government interventions post Covid-19 era, etc. We will decide the revised dates and venue for IARBO 2020 in consultation with the IARBO Board.

We would like to maintain that the Delegate Registration that we have received so far stands valid and they shall be updated individually by email of the new dates of IARBO 2020, once the revised dates are finalized. This update may be communicated to the interested participants/members in your country.

Trust you will understand the gravity of the situation and cooperate with us for the inconvenience caused.

Wishing good health, safety and wellness for you, your family and your fellow team members!

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,  
For, **International Association of Rice Bran Oil**

Dr. B. V. Mehta  
Secretary General