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Dear CLTA members,

The CLTA 2020 Conference Committee has been closely monitoring and discussing the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Your health and well-being are our top concerns. It is with deeply regret that we inform you of the **cancellation** of the CLTA 2020 Conference.

This decision was made based on the most recent reports of the situation, including increasing travel restrictions and elevated warnings from various states, the CDC, and the WHO. It also reflects the vast majority of our members' votes in our recent survey (398 responses, with 88.2% voting to cancel the conference).

We deeply regret that we will not be able to host our annual meeting as planned this April. The conference committee is actively working on next steps. Due to the lack of technicians, a host site, and other technical issues we will not be hosting the conference virtually. We are grateful for your patience as we explore plans, and we will post updates and new information on our website <<http://clta-us.org/clta-annual-conference/>> as soon as it becomes available.

For all presenters and registrants, we intend to keep all presentations on the program until our next CLTA meeting can be held. If you have questions about the program, do feel free to contact the program chairs by e-mailing <AnnualMeetingCLTA@gmail.com>. Due to uncertainties regarding future meeting dates and location, we understand it if some of you may need to cancel your registration. If so, please contact the CLTA headquarters to apply for a refund by emailing <clta@andrew.cmu.edu> by April 3rd 2020. If you choose not to cancel your registration, we will happily apply your registration to the future conference date.

We recognize that the cancellation of our meeting in April may cause inconveniences, but we hope to have made the announcement promptly enough for you to make changes to your travel plans. We are deeply grateful for the high level of intended participation that we have witnessed from registrations this year (There are over 350 registrants, plus over 10 exhibition tables reserved), and we thank you for your support and understanding.

With our warmest wishes,

CLTA 2020 Annual Conference Organizing Committee:

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