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Dear **CRS Members and Annual Meeting Followers**,

First and foremost, we would like to wish you and your families well and to let you know that you are in our thoughts during these difficult times. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of our lives in many different ways.

As your society, the CRS is committed to supporting you and to strengthening our unity through the weeks and months ahead. Our community is strong and we would like to thank our Focus Groups, Chapters, Young Scientists, Publications, and Partners for their contributions to our increased connectivity over the recent weeks. We look forward to their continued interaction. CRS members are making a difference and positively impacting the health and balance of the community in many respects including by donating equipment and badly needed supplies (surgical masks, sanitizer, etc.)

Consideration for everyone's health and wellbeing is foremost in our minds, as well as the inclusion of all our attendees and the 1,000+ abstract presenters whose science is to be shared. For this reason, and considering the current conditions, **the Board of Directors voted to add a virtual meeting for 2020 that will coincide with, or replace, the planned Las Vegas meeting. Dates are forthcoming and are planned to align with the in-person meeting's dates.** They will be confirmed shortly.

We understand that flexibility is key during a time of uncertainty regarding the coronavirus. **CRS will, thereby, waive the registration cancellation fee of \$250 if you decide to not attend the in-person Las Vegas event based on concerns around your health, the health of others, or travel restrictions.**

We will continue to update you via the website <https://2020.controlledreleasesociety.org>, and e-communications. **Please contact CRS Headquarters directly with questions regarding the virtual meeting, its dates, registration portal, and refund policies at 856.380.6910, or [meetings@controlledreleasesociety.org](mailto:meetings@controlledreleasesociety.org).**

We look forward to a historic event that will pave the way for many successful ones to come.

Be well and be safe.

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