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There is no way of knowing for sure. I would wait until May and see what the dynamics of the outbreak are globally and make your decision then whether or not to cancel.

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Dear Dr. Fauci

Dr. Miriam Kelty formerly of NIH referred me to you. I am on the board of directors and planning committee of the Applied Superconductivity Conference that is planned to be held in Tampa, Florida the last week of July. Over 50% of our expected 1500 attendees are from outside the continental US. Our planning committee appears to have three options:

1. Hold the conference on the original dates
2. Postpone the conference a few months
3. Cancel the conference

It would be most helpful to decision process if you can give us a prediction (anonymously of course) of how the effects of the virus will pan out.

I look forward to your reply.

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