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## Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

### Cancellation of the OGIC 2020 Games

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Dear friends

It is with sadness that I have to inform you, that after careful consideration and in light of the worsening crisis, we have decided to cancel this year's games. All OGIC and team manager meetings are also cancelled until further notice.

We were hoping to delay this decision for as long as possible, to see whether the measures introduced by HM Government would have an effect and lead to an improvement in the situation. However, following the announcement on Tuesday, by England Athletics, that all face to face activities were to be cancelled until at least the end of April and yesterday's announcement by HM Government to close all schools in the UK, until further notice, I felt that we could no longer delay in taking the inevitable decision.

As I have always said, our primary concern is and always will be, for the wellbeing of everyone involved but nonetheless, this being OGIC's 40th year, this has been a difficult decision for us to take but, when all is considered, I believe it to be the right one.

Hopefully, over the coming months, the crisis will ease and life will return back to a semblance of normality. When this happens we will need to take the decision, in consultation with the teams, on whether to hold the games next year or wait until 2022. There will be much for us to consider before making this choice, not least our financial position, that of the teams and just as importantly, that of our sponsors, who are currently facing immense financial pressures.

We will continue to keep you updated on the situation, either through these communiques or our newsletter but in the meantime, on behalf of the OGIC and myself, I would like to thank you for all your support and understanding during these difficult times.

Take care everyone, stay safe and as they say in Italy "Andrà tutto bene"

Kind regards

**Cav. Adrian Morini**  
President



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