

Dear Research Fellows, dear Colleagues, dear Students

On 4 March 2020, the novel coronavirus was confirmed in Hungary. Based on the proposal of the Hungarian operational staff, the Hungarian government has introduced a special legal order on 11 March 2020. Dr. Ferenc Miszlivetz, Head of the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg, a background institute of the government, hereby issues the following statement:

1. Researchers, staff, and students who have been abroad over the past two weeks, or who have been in direct contact with people who have travelled to China, South Korea, Italy or Iran are required to report to the iASK secretariate immediately. All travel outside of Hungary needs to be reported to the iASK secretariate.
2. We require that researchers, staff, and students who have travelled abroad in the past 2 weeks, or who may have come in contact with those who did stay away from their workplaces and work at home for two weeks upon returning to Hungary.
3. Please inform your colleagues about the requirements listed above.
4. Any researcher or staff member who volunteers for self-quarantine or otherwise becomes subject to official quarantine must report the reason for the absence and also the beginning and end of the quarantine period. The iASK secretariate is available for any questions you may have regarding doctors and testing should you become ill, so please contact them if needed. The Hungarian government information can be found in English here: <https://mediaklikk.hu/video/angol-nyelvu-hirek-2020-03-11-i-adas/>.
5. If you have any difficulties regarding self-quarantine, please notify the secretariate.
6. Staff members, researchers for whom the novel coronavirus carries a higher than usual risk due to their age or state of health are warned to stay away from all academic and community events. Social distancing is also advised. Please find information on social distancing here: <https://time.com/5800442/social-distancing-coronavirus/>
7. We remind everyone to adhere to basic hygiene rules (the washing of hands is essential), including keeping away from the community when ill, and practicing social distancing.
8. We declare that during the state of emergency FTI-iASK remains committed to active participation in the international scientific community and remains a participant in international organisations. However, in the spirit of social and individual responsibility, the Institute invites everyone to restrict their international journeys to support the global efforts to fight the virus.
9. All researchers and staff are encouraged to follow and observe the instructions on this website in Hungarian: <https://koronavirus.gov.hu/>. or in English:

<http://abouthungary.hu/news-in-brief/coronavirus-update-hungarian-government-orders-state-of-emergency/>

We would also like to highlight the need for calm in this situation. We will get through this together as a mutually supportive community.

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