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Colleagues,

It's with a very heavy heart that I inform you that we are canceling the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pharmacognosy. As you can imagine, this is due to the ongoing problems with COVID in the United States. Crafting this email makes me extremely upset, as I was so looking forward to seeing all of you in July. It is my great hope that you and your family members are doing well during this time of uncertainty.

However, you can expect further information on two other opportunities for us to 'convene' in 2021. First, we are in the midst of planning a series of virtual mini-symposia for the summer.

In addition, we are striving to plan an in person interim meeting, likely in the late fall of 2021. Both of these are in the early stages of development, so expect more information in the coming weeks.

Finally, I want to conclude by thanking Arun Rajgopal and his team that were organizing the 2021 meeting. It's no fun to work this hard, only to pull the plug with just a few months to go. They have graciously agreed to host the meeting in Grand Rapids in 2025, so we'll all get a chance to see this beautiful part of Michigan in the coming years. Thanks also go to our business manager, Laura Stoll, who has worked diligently to orchestrate this cancelation.

Sincerely,

Nick

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