YET ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT for the
9th **World Rett Syndrome Congress which was due to take place**
in Surfers Paradise (Gold Coast), Australia, in 2022.

Expected NEW date - Late September, October 2024

RSAA decides that the current worldwide COVID-19 virus situation is presently too unstable to stage the Congress in 2022

It is with much regret that the Committee of the Rett Syndrome Association of Australia (RSAA) advises of its decision to once again postpone its staging of the 9th World Rett Syndrome Congress. By waiting until early December this year, RSAA felt that it would be in a much better position to assess the impact of the worldwide COVID-19 virus situation on continuing with the event next year as planned. Given the instability still in place or evolving, the decision to postpone was made. Our apologies if this announcement has caused difficulties to anyone.

So we are biding our time and hope that by revising the Congress date to late September/October 2024, a situation will then exist that is much more conducive to making the World Congress a successful occasion at which people from around the world can attend in person.

World Congress website   **https://rettworldcongress.org**

As the time interval until the revised Congress date is now just under 3 years, the registration facility on the website will be closed for the time being. In addition, the 'Call for abstracts' process has been deferred until early 2024.

Meanwhile in the short term

All being well, it is worth noting that there will be a conference specific to Rett syndrome taking place soon at which persons can actually attend. Organised by the International Rett Syndrome Foundation (IRSF) (rettsyndrome.org), the ASCEND 2022 Rett Syndrome National Summit is set to take place in Nashville, Tennessee, from Wednesday 27 April to Saturday 30 April 2022 and will feature a number of presenters who had been invited to speak at the World Congress. More information about ASCEND 2022 can be obtained by clicking on   **https://www.rettsyndrome.org/summit/**

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