

THE LIVING TRADITION

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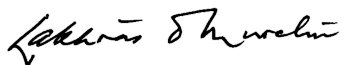
Firstly, our sincere thanks to all who are co-operating and working with us in this unfolding crisis. As you will note, the Buanchoiste are issuing on-going **Communications** to reflect the changing situation. As doing nothing is not an option, we now advance further possibilities for consideration:

- County Fleadhanna may wish to consider pushing back their dates as far as possible in the year bearing in mind Provincial and All-Ireland deadlines.
- Deferring competitions for céilí bands, grúpaí cheoil, dancing and marching bands. The Buanchoiste will consider possibilities as how these may be managed at a future date.
- The availability of premises, including schools, may be an issue but local communities are best placed to assess this.
- As indicated in **Communication** No.2, the 100 restriction for indoor events should not be an issue if no audiences are allowed at competitions. In such circumstances, social distancing – with the exclusion for the present of the competitions covered at bullet point number two – should be possible.
- Given the size of Annual Congress, with delegates from across the island and from abroad, Congress 2020 will be deferred until a later date.
- The Summer SEISIÚN scheme will not proceed this year.

We know that all members and units will work with us in our efforts to find solutions to what at times may seem like impossible situations. We all appreciate that no one person has all the answers but working in unison in this era of emergency can help us to find the best possible outputs. Doing nothing is not an option.

The Buanchoiste is monitoring the crisis on an hourly basis. They are all times cognisant of the Government directives and guidelines and responding accordingly.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.



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