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Re: Invitation 39th Conference of the ESCRS

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Dear

With this letter, RAI Amsterdam B.V. (**RAI**) would like to invite you, also on behalf of European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (the **Organiser**), to attend 39th Conference of the ESCRS (the **Event**) in the RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre from 5 till 12 October 2021. This letter of invitation is written to you to support your application for the business traveller exemption from the quarantine obligation as such applies in The Netherlands for travellers from a very high-risk area as of the date hereof.

The importance of the Event

The Event is an international medical conference which brings together, in Amsterdam, the life sciences and health sector. Cataract and refractive surgeons will be able to come into contact with colleagues at a safe distance and taking into account the latest guidelines.

The Life Sciences & Health sector is of great importance to the Dutch economy and it is an honour to be able to host one of its most important medical conferences in Amsterdam. In general, international events in RAI produce an enormous spin off to the Dutch economy. Independent research has shown that every €1 spend in RAI leads to a spend of €7 in the region. With a total revenue for RAI of almost €1.3 million, the Event is expected to bring an economic spin-off of at least €8.9 million to the region.

The importance of your attendance

As you are aware, an EU entry ban is in effect for people from countries outside the EU. This means they generally are not allowed to enter the EU or Schengen area and therefore the Netherlands and, if an exemption applies, must quarantine upon arrival. However, *business travellers* are exempted from both these

rules. For more information, please see <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/exemptions-to-the-entry-ban>.

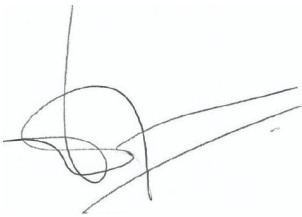
This letter of invitation is to support your application for the *business traveller* exemption based on the fact that:

1. You are entering The Netherlands for the purposes of visiting the Event, which takes place only on the dates set out above;
2. The Event contributes significantly to the Dutch economy, to the local economy of the city of Amsterdam as well as to RAI and its suppliers (see also above); and
3. Your physical presence at the Event is essential in view of your contribution (i) in terms of knowhow and (ii) to the success of the Event.

Upon arrival in the Netherlands, you will be asked to fill out a separate [Quarantine Declaration](#) on your own recognisance and to show this letter of invitation as part of your application.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you at the Event!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Riemens', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

P. Riemens
CEO RAI Amsterdam