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**DMEA postponed and rescheduled for 16 to 18 June 2020**

DMEA 2020, previously scheduled for 21 to 23 April 2020, will take place from 16 to 18 June 2020

**Tickets and services remain valid**

Additional information for exhibitors, speakers and trade visitors can be found on our [website](#).

The German Association of Healthcare IT Vendors (bvitg) and Messe Berlin have agreed to postpone this year’s edition of DMEA – Connecting Digital Health, which will now take place from 16 to 18 June 2020. This is due to the heightened health risk and the assessment of events relating to the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). On Wednesday the WHO officially declared the global COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. Furthermore, the Berlin public health authorities have decided to cancel large events with over 1,000 participants until 19 April 2020.

"In many cases, the services of those taking part in DMEA are now required by their patients, which is why we have decided not to hold the event on the dates originally planned”, said Sebastian Zilch, managing director of bvitg. “At the same time we believe that digital solutions such as video consultations and ePrescriptions have great potential to assist medical staff in these times and improve treatment for patients. DMEA is the leading platform and most important event for exchanging information on this subject."

"We are aware that the postponement creates difficulties for everyone", said Jens Heithecker, executive vice president of Messe Berlin. "However, it is the only way we can ensure the health and safety of our exhibitors, visitors and partners. By taking this decision early we can avoid a cancellation at short notice and provide greater planning certainty and security, particularly for our exhibitors."

All services previously booked, including exhibitor passes, tickets for visitors and construction passes remain valid for the revised dates in June. Additional information and FAQs can be found on our [website](#).

The decision to postpone the event was coordinated with major industry partners and the partnering associations GMDS, BVMI, CIO-UK and KH-IT. DMEA looks forward to presenting a wide-ranging programme in June.

**About DMEA**

DMEA is Europe’s leading event for health IT which gathers decision-makers from every area of the healthcare sector – including IT specialists, physicians, hospital and nursing care executives as well as experts from politics, science and research. In 2019 a total of 11,000 trade visitors came to DMEA to find out about the latest developments and products, acquire qualifications and establish important industry contacts. DMEA 2020 will take place from 16 to 18 June 2020 in Berlin. Topics will include artificial intelligence, innovations in health IT and digitalisation of nursing care processes.

DMEA is held by the German Association of Healthcare IT Vendors (bvitg) and organised by Messe Berlin. DMEA is organised in cooperation with the following industry associations: the German Association of Healthcare IT Vendors (bvitg), the
German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS), the German Medical Informatics Professional Association (BVMI). The National Association of Hospital IT Managers (KH-IT) and the Chief Information Officers of University Hospitals (CIO-UK) provide contributions on the subject matter.

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