

# COC News Flash



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## Working to support exams

Welcome to the COC News Flash. We hope you are all coping well with the challenges we are all facing throughout the world. We wish to update you on some important things of relevance for the system of TA examinations throughout Europe.

We know and wish to acknowledge that many candidates and trainers have been frustrated by the cancellation of examinations at Birmingham. As well as supporting collaboration of the worldwide TA organisations to begin investigating the possibility of online examinations, we are working with the exam organisers in Rösrath in Germany, Sete in France, Milton Keynes in the UK to support them to make exams work under these new and uncertain conditions.



## Help by offering to examine

For those of you who are qualified to be examiners, we invite as many of you as possible to consider expressing an interest to be examiners at these exam venues when the call for examiners is received. We all understand that you may express an intention to be an examiner, but then you may not be able to travel if your circumstances change. **By expressing your interest to be examiners, Local Exam Supervisors then know how many candidates can be examined.**

## Share your expertise

We also want to let all of you who are TSTA know about an opportunity to apply for the position of Chair of COC. (1 year shadow period + 3 years renewable once). The deadline for this opportunity has been extended to July 15th, 2020 to allow more interested people to consider applying. COC coordinates the process of EATA exams and being chair of COC would place you at the heart of the systems that maintain our standards of training throughout Europe. The role involves regular meetings online and travel to meetings in Europe twice a year.

We hope you will consider joining us in our work.