

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING OIREACTAS RINCE na hEIREANN 2022

At the meeting of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, held over the weekend of 17th - 19th December 2021, the latest developments and restrictions arising from the Omicron variant, was discussed in greatest detail.

Current Covid-19 situation in Ireland

- Indoor Cultural events must stop at 8pm;
- Restaurants and Pubs must close at 8pm;
- 50% capacity in the INEC – maximum seating capacity 1,000.
- 50% capacity in the Recall Hall – maximum seating capacity 100.
- Travellers: required to provide a negative PCR test, taken within 72 hours of arrival AND daily antigen tests for the first five days after arrival. (Attendees to fund these themselves as Ireland does not provide free testing).
- ALL Attendees MUST be fully vaccinated – both doses received a full 14 days prior to arrival

Based on these restrictions, the evidence to date, the modelling numbers forecast, and most importantly of all, the duty of care and responsibility to our dancers, families and committee colleagues, the meeting accepted that Oireachtas Rince na hEireann simply cannot proceed as planned in February.

The meeting further agreed that the Oireachtas Committee should investigate the possibility of re-scheduling the event to later in the year if suitable dates and facilities can be secured.

In the meantime, arrangements for the return of all fees are being made. We are also in contact with the hotel regarding the accommodation situation. We would ask everyone for their patience and understanding whilst this massive task is undertaken, especially as the Holiday Season is imminent and the office will be closed.

Whilst the meeting fully recognised that this announcement would generate yet another devastating blow to the dancing community, given the current Covid-19 crises around the world, such a decision was inevitable.

Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022

Due to the very fast and ever-changing decisions that are being forced by Omicron together with the current uncertainty regarding the exact severity of this virus mutation, it was agreed that it is too early to make any decision regarding Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022. In the meantime, the situation will continue to be closely monitored. A final decision will be made at the 6th February meeting of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.

Yvonne Kelly,

Oireachtas Chairperson