



# 43rd COSPAR Scientific Assembly

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## COSPAR 2021 Virtual Day Three Morning News

We've taken the feedback from yesterday as well as looked at the most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) you have presented to us and wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the below:

### Sunday AM amendments

- We have published for you an easy at a glance for ALL Sessions that contain live Q&A with chat and those that have live chat only functionality
- We will publish this in the Daily News tab and What's on Today for you. We will also push to you directly via direct messaging, the COSPAR website and the App!
- The Session Title Slides are in a 90 minute blocks and we hope you're reading the program for specific times. Remember, each session runs back-to-back at 8am-8.45am (AEDT) followed by 8.45am-9.30am (AEDT). All speakers are expected to be in the session when the pre-recorded material has shown. The moderator can use the chat function to keep people in the session and needs to approve the questions before they are made visible. All MSOs and Dos now have the opportunity to be moderators too!

### Most Popular FAQs

Here are some of the team responses to the questions to assist you, specifically with our responses. This will be updated as we move forward but we remind you that Help Desk is where you ask any questions and Networking is for meeting each other.

**#1 Question** – Will there be a technician in my session?

**#1 Answer** – Yes, for all live sessions there will be a technician available. Please ensure each speaker and Chair is available. If you're presenting or chairing, it's important you attend your technical session one-hour before your scheduled session start time. Please ask your technician what is possible using the Platform including sharing slides during the Q&A.

**#2 Question** – Will there be a technician in my session if it's moderated Q&A via the Chat/Text box?

**#2 Answer** – There are no technicians allocated to your session, but the expectation is that the Chair will ask a question to start off the session. Remember this is still live but via the chat box functionality.

**#3 Question** – Where can I find the Full Program?

**#3 Answer** – The Full Program can be found in the provided link. <http://www.cospar2021.org/program> The attached list has the session and speakers listed in full for Sunday (that have provided short summaries).

**#4 Question** – What happens if nothing is happening in the session that is live?

**#4 Answer** – The Pre-Records have likely finished and there were no questions. You can watch the on-demand video when it becomes available or catch another session if there are still people and sessions. You can ask a question when there is only on demand available and the chairs and speakers can respond during the Assembly even though their session is no longer "live".

### A reminder to Chairs

- Attend the technical session (if it's live), scheduled one hour before and reach out to your speakers (all sessions) in advance to ensure they will participate.
- Keep the conversation going through publishing questions and making them live and answer on demand questions too.
- Stay in your sessions during the advertised time and let people know you're there by posting a message!

### A general reminder

- The Platform is the access point for the short summaries, live Q&A and networking. Imagine it being like the Convention Centre. But at your fingertips of course.
- The App is the place you search for Posters, Full Presentations and Abstracts. It's an online tool for accessing the Program for you.
- The App link and Portal link have been sent to you already.

**You can still update your Full Length Video/Poster/YouTube Link for the App** –Send us your Full name/ ID. # and e-mail address if you've missed the earlier deadlines.

We are very thankful for our "superusers" and urge you to reach out to your colleagues about what can be achieved through the Platform!

### **Stats and Facts from Saturday 30 January 2021**

Here are some stats that you might find interesting from Day Two:

There were 2,813 attendees across the two sessions in total (across the sessions)

- Over 849 people saw the IDL Presentation - Climate Change, the Ocean, the Cryosphere and Regional Sea-level Change by John Church
- Over 553 people saw the IDL Presentation, The Status of Hayabusa II and the Results thus far from Hayabusa I and II by Hitoshi Kuninaka
- Most attendees were naturally in the scientific sessions 1,946. This is great to see!

Top three Presentations for the day (average overall by attendees)

- B0.4 Technologies for Planetary Research (Speakers 1-13)
- D2.1 Space Climate (Speakers 1-4)
- Opening Ceremony

Thank you for being part of COSPAR 2021 and don't forget to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,  
COSPAR 2021 Secretariat



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