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## COSPAR 2021 Virtual Day Four 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 PM amendments

- We have updated each tile 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. As per the instructions sent directly to you, we have suggested ways to connect visually via live chat too!
- We have published this at a Glance 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!
- All participants have early entry times for all the sessions moving forward (increased from 15 to 30 mins). We believe that this will assist in getting those who are not assigned as the speaker (chairs, moderators, etc) access into the Platform earlier.
- On the matter of viewing the questions, the speaker (or whomever is Chairing) can share their screen.
- From the Monday AM Block 1 we have updated the sessions so that the question and answer box is a generic chat box, therefore the moderator doesn't have to worry about accepting or publishing questions and everyone can see what questions are coming through.

### 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 the Networking Lounge is for meeting each other.

#### #1 Question:

How is it possible to see which of the sessions will be LIVE with a LIVE Q&A and which one would just have a text Q&A ?

#### #1 Answer:

You can check if a session has video or text Q&A on the program summary on the What's On Today page of the website <https://www.cospar2021.org/whats-on-today> and it's there but we have also made each icon clear.

#### #2 Question:

In case I want to have this information for future sessions like the one Tuesday and Wednesday is possible?

#### #2 Answer:

The Program tiles are now embedded within the Platform ( coloured boxes) which will identify sessions with "Live video Q&A" and sessions with "Live chat Q&A" to assist all participants.

## 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 Sunday 31 January 2021

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

- There were 2,060 attendees across the two sessions in total (across the sessions)
- Over 917 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 1,953. This is a wonderful statistic!
- From the PM session there was a significant reduction in questions (90%) from the AM session which meant you are reading the AM updates and now benefiting from the Platform

The top Presentations for the day (average overall by attendees) was

- The Earth-Moon System: Our Past, Present, and Future - Session 1

The Opening Ceremony is on Demand and has received some very positive feedback, we loved to hear that this format works for you.

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

Yours sincerely,  
COSPAR 2021 Secretariat



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