



# Session Information for WSC 2020 Virtual

Information for Attendees

WSC 2020 will feature several different types of sessions, each with unique characteristics.

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**Technical Sessions (includes Vendor Track, excludes Tutorials)**

**Tutorials**

**Workshops (including Vendor Workshops)**

**PhD Colloquium**

**Posters (Poster Madness)**

**Posters (Poster Sessions)**

**User Group & Business Meetings**

**Plenary/Keynotes/Panel Keynote**

**Exhibit Hall**

*Technical Sessions (includes Vendor Track, excludes Tutorials)* – All technical sessions will consist of a 15 minute pre-recorded presentation and a 15 minute live Q&A session. (Vendor tracks consist of 20-minute pre-recorded presentations and 25 minutes of live Q&A.) In the virtual platform, these will appear as two different sessions since one is set up to contain a pre-recorded video and the other is set up as a live Webinar. Both sessions will appear in the agenda in back to back time slots, under the same parent session.

*Tutorials* – Tutorials are scheduled for the full 90-minute time period. Presenters had the option to pre-record the tutorial and then go to live Q&A, or to conduct the tutorial live. All live parts of the tutorial/Q&A will be conducted as meeting type sessions, which is a Zoom meeting embedded in the platform, where not only the speaker/presenter can talk but the audience members can also talk during the session.

*Workshops (including Vendor Workshops)* – All workshops will be conducted as meeting type sessions, which is a Zoom meeting embedded in the platform, where not only the speaker/presenter can talk but the audience members can also talk during the session. Please note that the Data Farming Workshop and the Simulation 101 Workshop required pre-registration and an additional fee. If you would like to add this to your registration please email [informs@informs.org](mailto:informs@informs.org) or login to your [myaccount.informs.org](http://myaccount.informs.org) to modify your registration.

*PhD Colloquium* - The PhD Colloquium will be conducted as a meeting type session, which is a Zoom meeting embedded in the platform, where not only the speaker/presenter can talk but the audience members can also talk during the session.

*Posters (Poster Madness)* – The Poster Madness session will be conducted as live webinar sessions, where the panelists and moderator will be live and sharing their video cameras.

*Posters (Poster Sessions)* – The Poster sessions are an opportunity for participants to view an image of a PDF. The authors can answer questions about their posters via the chat window. Conversations will only occur via the chat window, however if you would like to

speak directly to anyone, schedule a one-on-one meeting with people who are particularly interested in your work.

*User Group & Business Meetings* – All user group meetings and business meetings will be conducted as a meeting type session, which is a Zoom meeting embedded in the platform, where not only the speaker/presenter can talk but the audience members can also talk during the session.

*Plenary/Keynotes/Panel Keynote* – Plenary & Keynote talks will be live webinar sessions where the audience members will not be able to talk but will be able to submit questions via the chat window.

*Exhibit Hall* – Take the opportunity to explore vendors of simulation software, applications and services, and with representatives of simulation-related professional societies. Virtual displays and demonstrations allow you to examine and compare many different products and services. Once inside a “booth” you can use the chat window, request additional information or schedule a one-on-one meeting under the Schedule Meeting function.

All prerecorded session, plus any live session that is recorded during the conference will be available for viewing in the platform for up to 12 months.

We are excited to bring this new virtual experience to our community. We realize that there will be a number of questions since this platform and experience is brand new, so there will be a help desk available during the conference in case you encounter any issues.