



## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

With this **Fourth Announcement** we would like to share with you a variety of **important information** about our **16<sup>th</sup> International Luminescence and Electron Spin Resonance Dating conference (LED2021)**:

1. Abstracts
2. Registration
3. Conference Format
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### 1. ABSTRACTS

We are very pleased to announce that **more than 270 abstracts** with **presenting authors from more than 30 countries** have been **accepted for presentation** at **LED2021**, making **this Conference** one of the **LARGEST** and **MOST GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE** in the **40-year history of this Conference Series!** The variety and quality of these abstracts is **FABULOUS**, and we are very excited to hear all of this excellent work this upcoming September!

As is common, more colleagues requested talks than we were able to accommodate in the **Programme**, and so some difficult decisions had to be made. In selecting submissions for an oral presentation we have sought to have a balance by **career stage** and **regional balance**.

If you submitted an abstract then **you can now find out** whether you have been allocated a **Poster Presentation** or an **Oral Presentation** by **logging into** the **LED2021 website** using the **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD** you were allocated when you submitted your abstract, and **looking at the section "My Abstract"**.

### 2. REGISTRATION

We are also very excited to announce that there will be **NO COST** to delegates to register for **LED2021!** All Conference costs will be covered from sponsorship.

For those colleagues who submitted an abstract, **you have automatically been registered for the Conference**. You will be able to verify this when you **log into the LED2021 website**: under the tab called **"Registration"**, you should see a **GREEN LABEL** saying **"Registration Complete"**.

For those colleagues who did not submit an abstract but wish to attend the **Conference**, you can submit your registration request via the **LED2021 website**. **Please note that access to the part of the website containing all presentations as well as access to the other event's digital platforms (i.e., GatherTown and ZOOM) will only be possible for REGISTERED DELEGATES**. Please note that we have a limit of 450 delegates in total on the Conference's virtual platforms.

### 3. CONFERENCE FORMAT

**LED2021** will be held using **3 digital platforms**:

- The **Conference's website** will provide on-demand access to all **Oral Presentations** and **Posters**. Both of these will be pre-recorded and available to all delegates to hear and view before the main venue.
- The main **Conference Venue** will be through **GatherTown**. You will be able to enter this **virtual space** with your own personalised **AVATAR** and move around using your computer's cursor keys. You will see other delegates walking around the Conference's space and you will be able to interact with one or multiple people at once using your webcam and microphone, almost as if it was in person. As well as an informal meeting space, **GatherTown** will also provide the venue for Posters to be displayed and discussed in informal groups.
- Finally, **ZOOM** will allow all of us to come together online for discussion of Oral Presentations and for wider gatherings / interactions / discussions. Please note that Oral Presentations will not be played live during the main venue, only the discussions will be live.

All presentations will be available for delegates to view from the **week preceding the Conference** (starting 6 September). The **LIVE Conference Sessions** will be held on **ZOOM** during the **week of the event** (13-17 September) and will be centered around the **9 broad Conference's Themes**. During these **LIVE Sessions** we will have the opportunity to ask questions to those presenters who gave Oral Talks. At the end of each **ZOOM** Session we will return to **GatherTown** where delegates will have the chance to talk informally among them and with the presenters if they wish to do so.

### 4. KEY DATES

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Deadline for <b>uploading POSTERS (PNG format) &amp; recording of ORAL TALKS (MP4 format)</b> .
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	All Posters & Talks available online via <b>Conference's website</b> for registered delegates to view in their own time & time zones.  <b>LED2021 GatherTown</b> site opens for registered delegates.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Main <b>Conference Venue</b> starts in <b>GatherTown &amp; ZOOM</b> .
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>GatherTown</b> events & <b>ZOOM</b> Sessions will run each day. <b>Programme</b> will be circulated in the near future.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Access to Posters & Talks ends.

### 5. PRESENTATION FORMAT & DEADLINES FOR UPLOADING POSTERS & TALKS

Presentations at the **Conference** will all be available online but only to **REGISTERED DELEGATES**.

**Oral Presentations** should not exceed **12 minutes in length**, must be pre-recorded and saved in **MP4 format**, and uploaded to the **LED2021** website **by 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**. Please introduce yourself at the start of your talk (e.g., "Hello, my name is Jack Sprat. My presentation will be..."), use a good quality microphone and ensure that you are in a quiet area when recording your talk so that your voice is clear.

**Posters** must be saved as a single **PNG or JPG file** (PowerPoint can easily produce these formats, as will most graphics software), and uploaded to the **LED2021** website **by 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**. **Two copies of the poster are needed**: one will be the main poster that delegates will view, and the other will be a small thumbnail version of the poster that will be used in **GatherTown** for identification purposes. As well as these two poster files, we are also asking delegates to **record a 2-minute long audio introduction** to their poster to enhance the audience's viewing experience.

In **GatherTown**, **posters work best in landscape format**. We advise all delegates with Poster Presentations to use this format.

Specific requirements for both **poster files**:

***Main Poster File:***

- Only **PNG or JPG file formats** may be used.
- Min. width: 1000 pixels (26.46 cm).
- Max. file size: 3 MB.
- No transparent background(s).

***Preview Thumbnail File:***

- This is the same poster, just made smaller so it loads quickly. As a result of making it smaller, the resolution of any images / photos may be quite poor. Do not worry. This does not matter as this is only a thumbnail image for quick ID purposes.
- Only **PNG or JPG file formats** may be used.
- File size is significantly smaller than original file (i.e., this is a copy of the **Main Poster File** that has been made smaller).
- Recommended width: half of the original file.
- Recommended height: half of the original file.

Please note that the option to upload your **Oral Presentation** or **Poster** is not currently available on the **LED2021** website. This will go live **at least 1 week prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September deadline**.

Last but not least, we will be posting videos explaining how the general **Conference Venue** will work in the coming weeks so delegates will be able to explore **GatherTown** and get used to this digital platform ahead of the main event.

Please keep checking the **LED2021** website for further information.

Do not forget to use the hashtag **#LED2021** when sharing across Social Media!

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### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Abstracts Review Results:	Now on display at LED2021 website!
Uploading Posters & Oral Talks:	3 September 2021
Start viewing Posters & Oral Talks:	6 September 2021
Online Conference:	13-17 September 2021
End of access to Posters & Oral Talks:	8 October 2021



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