



BULLETIN #1

Hamburg, end of June 2021

Dear participant in EPS 2021,

With this bulletin we like to share some information with you on the upcoming EPS 2021 HEP conference. We here in Hamburg are very excited to host this important meeting – we regret, that due to external circumstances we can only do this as a virtual meeting, but we are committed to make this still a memorable experience for you.

The main entry point into the conference is our WEB page: <http://eps-hep2021.eu> On this page you find relevant information on the conference organization, on the sessions, the conveners, and you find a link to the [central indico](#) system, which is used to run the conference schedule.

We will run EPS 2021 as a live conference – so no pre-recorded presentation, all talks will be live talks. This should give us a chance to not only listen to excellent talks, but to also interact with the speakers in a setting which tries to re-enact a real-live conference as much as possible.

We are looking forward to welcome all of you virtually in Hamburg at the end of next month.

Technical Information

We will operate the conference using the zoom conference system – most of you will have gathered a lot of experience using zoom over the last year. To give the conference as much of an interactive spirit as possible we intend to do all sessions as actual zoom meetings, rather than webinars – only if there are too many people connecting or if we run into serious trouble with zoom crashing we will switch to using a webinar. Please follow basic net etiquette – always mute your microphone, only open your mike when asked by the moderator, etc.

Most sessions will be recorded, and you will be asked at the start of each session to agree to this. We will not record discussion sessions and answers to questions. If you do not want to participate in a session which is recorded you will need to exist the zoom sessions. For the plenary sessions we will provide in addition to the zoom conference a stream, so that you have a chance to watch the talks, but you then will not be able to interact with the speaker. For the plenary and review sessions, the recordings will be posted for three months after the conference, other recordings will be deleted after the conference.



Scheduling information

The plenary part of the conference will start with a very special session where the EPS prizes 2021 will be handed out to distinguished members of our community. Each prize winner will then briefly present the work which has been recognized in the prize.

As a new feature of the conference we have introduced so called review talks – they are somewhat in between a plenary talk and a parallel session. Only two review sessions will run in parallel, featuring talks with more detail and more focused on a particular part of the community, but still of broad general interest to merit presentation to a broader audience.

The scientific highlights of the conference will of course be the plenary talks, which will provide an exciting review of the field, including a special session on the recent results from the g-2 experiment. In a special ECFA plenary session the European Strategy and in particular the ongoing strategy discussions on detectors and accelerators will be a central focus.

On the second day of the conference we will open a virtual poster exhibition, where close to 300 posters will be displayed. We will use [a virtual reality tool](#) to as closely as possible approach the feel of a real poster session, and hope of course that we do not run into technical problems. But it is worth the risk, and we are very much looking forward to this part of the conference. In the next bulletin we will discuss in more detail the system we will use, and give you some guidance how to make the most out of the poster session.

Information for speakers and poster presenters

By now all speakers and poster presenters should have been informed about acceptance of their contributions.

Together with the conveners we are now finalizing the detailed schedule of all sessions – you should be able to find your contribution scheduled in the very near future. Times allocated to talks vary by session, so please make sure that you have checked with your session about the planning. To make life easier for the conveners we like to ask you to upload your contribution to the indico of the conference yourself. If you do not have an account on the DESY indico, it is very easy to register and ask for an account. If all fails, you may ask the convener of your session to upload the talk for you.

The same is true for the poster session. Please upload your poster as a pdf file to the conference server, and rely on the conveners only if this fails. Since we need to “place” the poster in the virtual poster session (and this you cannot do yourself) please do so one week in advance of the start of the conference – please upload before July 19, 2021.

A note to speakers: since we will be recording the sessions, we will need your consent to do so. You will soon receive mail from us with a request to grant this consent – please do so at your earliest convenience. To remind you: we will only record the talks, we will not record the questions and answers. Plenary and



review talks will be kept for around 3 months after the conference, other recorded contributions will be deleted after the conference.

Social events

When we set out to organize EPS 2021 we dreamt of a number of exciting and attractive social events for all participants – and we dreamt about showing off Hamburg, our labs, and our science. This of course will not happen – but we will offer you a virtual tour of our facilities. This tour will take place on Thursday evening, after the end of the sessions. We will take you virtually through some of our major infrastructures at both the university and DESY. These tours will be virtual but in real time – so you can within the limits of virtualization – interact with the guides. Students will guide you from one part of the campus to the next, where then experts on the facilities will expect you.

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Calling all participants who are active on social media (and those who've always wanted an excuse): if you tweet/post about or during the conference, please use the hashtag #EPSHEP21!

To make up for missing coffee break chats or beer garden gatherings and make the most of the virtual format, we are also planning a series of social media challenges with themes for each day of the week. So, stay tuned, get creative, take part, like and share!