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Topics

Plenary Proposals

Selection / Invitation Process

Conclusion

Plenary Proposals

Track conveners have suggested additional plenaries

Now at 53 proposals - excellent!

- T1: 19
- T2: 14
- T3: 16

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xVP6dbyTAVTBKE0e7b-gnGFrVgycHTxxR3HSpOQ0bQk/edit?usp=sharing>

Selection, Invitation Process

Informally polled senior people, representative for possible plenary speakers

"If you were invited to a workshop plenary in September, would you accept?"

Resounding "no" due to current travel conditions; commitment impossible

Suggested Course of (Non-) Action

Cannot invite now: high risk of refusals

No point in selecting plenaries at this point, would rather maintain full list for when needed

Plenaries selection to take place when global travel conditions permit designated plenary speakers to accept plenary

Impact of undefined Plenary Program

Excellent plenary program is a prerequisite for successful ACAT

- For ACAT much more than for other conferences!

Abstract submission (for parallels) affected by

- hesitation to travel
- lack of visible plenary program

Abstract Status

Abstract submission scheduled to close on April 7

Followed by Easter break

Currently 4 abstracts

- 1 T1
- 3 T3

Conclusion

No expectation for short-term, global improvement of perceived impact of virus

- Deterioration foreseen as virus spreads
- US CDC: "current global circumstances suggest it is likely that this virus will cause a pandemic"

Cannot define plenary program in near future