

New PhD Student Stoked About Possibility of Virtual Hookup at First Online Science Meeting



Everywhere and Nowhere. Meeting attendant 3741843 reports being "totally psyched" about attending their first (online) scientific conference starting Monday June 21, 2021. "I've been hearing so much about this meeting for so long - it's supposedly just one giant non-stop party with some really cool science mixed in," said the eager first-year graduate student. The fact that the 23rd International *C. elegans*

Conference will be held entirely via the internet has not visibly deterred 3741843's enthusiasm for the event. "I've already downloaded the app and have a pretty tight schedule worked out. Hopefully it won't be a problem getting from the WormBase workshop to the diversity initiatives presentation in time." Although 3741843 concedes that the main reason for attending the meeting will be to pick up relevant information, talk to venders, and partake in stimulating scientific exchanges, the potential for fun social interactions has not been lost either. "I can imagine having a really cool conversation with someone at their (virtual) poster and then maybe running into them at one of the more intimate Remo Meet Up rooms. From there, who knows where things might go?" The GSA-sponsored meeting will conclude on Thursday June 24 and registration is still open to those interested. "I've heard some mind-blowing stories about the last-night party," 3741843 confessed. Apparently, the PI's all get totally wrecked and start crazy dancing. Then before you know it everyone's exchanging name tags, so everything gets all kind of strange and anonymous. In that kind of uninhibited atmosphere how can things not happen. Right?"

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