

## Email sent to corresponding and presenting authors of each accepted lightning talk on April 11, 2021

Hello!

Thank you for your submission to Networks 2021 and your patience as we work to put together the best conference possible. We were pleased to have received abstract from authors from 60 countries and to have accepted a wide variety of talks on topics in the field of networks research. In case you missed the first email - your talk («Submission\_ID»: «Title») was accepted as a five minute lightning talk.

We have a few pieces of housekeeping for you, the currently listed corresponding or presenting author, and we ask that you attend to three matters by April 26:

- 1) [Review your title, speaker, author, and abstract information](#) to assure it is ready for our program. (Details below.)
- 2) [Fill out this form](#) to indicate times you are \*unable\* to present your talk on the week of July 5-10 (Details below.)
- 3) If you did not receive a short submission acceptance email earlier this week from Networks 2021 and cannot locate it in spam or junk folders, but you did receive this email, their email server may be blocking email from the OpenConf domain, which will pose an issue for future communications. If this affects you, please email us at [iuni@iu.edu](mailto:iuni@iu.edu) so we can find a solution. I am sending you this email from this, my personal account, as I am hoping this will avoid the same issue.

### Please note there will be a few more deadlines and details you will hear about in the weeks to come:

- 1) Each \*presenting\* author should be [registered to the conference](#) by the end of the early bird registration deadline of June 1 in order to maintain the speaking slot.
- 2) All lightning talks must be prerecorded and submitted to conference organizers by Monday, June 28 at 09:00 (am) EDT (New York). Lightning talks will be edited together and broadcast by conference staff.

The deadline for uploading lightning talk will be two weeks before the main conference begins, which will give our conference staff a chance to quickly review and make sure audio and video work properly. We will be posting your lightning talk to the Whova platform so that it is viewable before and after your official talk. This will allow conference participants an opportunity to engage in your work asynchronously, and converse with you through the platform individually.

Please note that this page on our website (<https://networks2021.net/faqs/lightningfaq>) will be kept up to date with new information and links to assist you.

### Review Your Talk Title, Abstract, and Author Information

Please visit the OpenConf site (<https://www.openconf.org/networks2021>) to review your talk information.

Please make sure your **abstract field** has a text-only entry that is no more than 500 words (preferably 200-300). Please do not refer to a pdf or image in this text. You may want to remove complex formulas or significantly shorten your abstract from the version you submitted for review. You will have an option in the Whova conference platform to upload images or a pdf if you wish.

You may also update your title and your author information. Please note that you should not change the nature of your presentation - you were accepted based on this work, so the work you do to update or edit should not change topic, data sources, or primary focus.

### Scheduling your session

Our next large task will be making session timing assignments. Due to our commitments to offer maximum flexibility to our speakers from around the globe, this will be a multi-stage process.

Networks 2021 main conference (in which all the parallel session will be scheduled) will be held on Monday, July 5 through Saturday, July 10 (dates are New York time zone). This will follow two weeks of preconference activities (primarily satellites and workshops). The main conference will consist of parallel sessions with 15-minute oral contributions, plenary talks and panels, and poster sessions. Because Networks 2021 is completely virtual, and our participants are located around the world, we will be varying our session times throughout the week to give all participants a chance to participate meaningfully during waking hours. In addition, to try to limit Zoom fatigue, we will try to limit all live activities to about 6 hours each day.

Published “conference time” is in Eastern Daylight Savings Time (New York time). We will plan parallel sessions (4-6 talks each) staggered during the following time frames on Monday July 5 through Saturday July 10:

First block: 08:00-11:00 New York/14:00-17:00 Rome/20:00-23:00 Shanghai

Second block: 11:00-14:00 New York/17:00-20:00 Rome/23:00-02:00 Shanghai (next day)

Third block: 19:00-22:00 New York/01:00-04:00 Rome (next day)/07:00-10:00 Shanghai (next day)

To compare time zones, [visit here](#). To let us know if there are specific dates and times you will be unavailable to give your presentation, [please visit this form and share your availability](#). If you do not fill out this form, we will assume you are available during all blocks.

We will do our best to accommodate your needs and will send a draft of scheduled sessions by May 10 if not earlier. If that time is still not possible, you will have a chance to let us know.

Even though we will be broadcasting your prerecorded talk, we expect you to be present and logged into your lightning session. You will be able to answer Q&A questions during your talk (and before and after) using the Zoom Q&A function.

Please remember *that talks may not be repeated across satellites and the main conference*, so if you choose to convert this lightning talk to a satellite talk, you should withdraw it from the main conference.

Thanks again for choosing to submit to Networks 2021 and for bearing with us as we work through the (many!) details of this large global virtual conference!

More to follow!

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