



PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Venice, 12 October 2022

Dear “Oceans from Space” V participants,

The time for our meeting in Venice is approaching fast; all Symposium logistics have been arranged; the Final Program has been published; and Extended Abstracts are being printed. In the following, some final information for all who will be presenting a poster, delivering a talk, or chairing a session.

Posters will be displayed on 65 cm wide x 180 cm high stalls. The stalls are indeed a bit small, but this is the best compromise we could find, given the restrictions imposed by our venue and the prohibitive cost of transportation (over water) in Venice. The Poster Session will take place every day, Monday to Friday, from 12:30 to 14:30, in the Sala del Conversi. All presenters should leave their poster on display for the whole week, and attend it every day. Posters should limit as much as possible lengthy text, and preferably rely on graphics and pictures to convey their key messages.

Oral presentations have been allotted (strictly) 15 minutes of time, and keynote addresses 20. The time is indeed not much, but focusing on the real key points, limiting slides to less than 10, using a few catchy words and several pictures, being visionary, provocative and discussion-prone, the message can be delivered well. Keeping talks brief, in small coherent groups, will save time for dialogue, discussions, panel debates and round tables, which have been abundantly spread throughout the program. Moreover, it will give everyone a chance to listen to and be listened by all.

Session **Co-Chairs** should administer wisely the time for each speaker, keeping in mind that ample time for Q&A is foreseen during dedicated periods at the end of each session. Further, they should take an active role in stimulating the debate, in particular at the end of Round Tables, when all presenters will be called to exchange views on the topics at hand. If Co-Chairs will ensure that speakers respect time limits, and that audiences engage in the ensuing discussions, the Symposium will succeed in stirring up interest, broadening perspectives and giving rise to fresh, novel ideas.

Finally, please note that both poster and oral presentations will participate in the same evaluation procedure, for the assignment of **Best/Distinguished Contribution** awards. All participants will receive a ballot, on which their evaluations (done indifferently on the basis of direct attendance or Extended Abstract content, in particular for the talks of Friday afternoon) will be recorded. All ballots should be delivered at the Secretariat desk not later than 12:30, on Friday Oct 28th. Awards will be announced during the following Closing Session of the Symposium, on the same day.

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