



Why is the CRS Annual Meeting now a virtual conference?

The Annual Meeting has moved to a virtual conference in consideration of the health and well-being of the CRS network. With the current conditions of COVID-19 and travel restrictions, a virtual annual meeting is the best option for you to attend the largest virtual conference dedicated to drug delivery.

How will the Virtual Annual Meeting differ from the traditional in-person Annual Meeting?

While the virtual Annual Meeting will not have physical interaction, the virtual conference platform is designed to promote interaction through live Q&A in sessions, messaging and chats with other delegates, extended discussion periods, posters and on-demand talks available at any time. The meeting will also feature keynote lectures, plenary sessions, an exhibition hall, post-conference workshops and technical sessions featuring world-leading speakers presenting cutting-edge research. Participation in the virtual Annual Meeting avoids the time and cost of travel, and registration fees are much lower.

What other things can I do at the virtual Annual Meeting that are not available to me at a physical meeting?

Posters will be available any time, and there will be on-demand programming that allows you to hear session talks that you may have missed as well as access to many more talks that are available only in the on-demand format. These on-demand posters and talks will be available up to two weeks before, during and two weeks after the conference. You will have the opportunity to post information on a personal page that is searchable and connected to your poster or talk. Chats can take place to provide commentary during talks and as comments associated with posters throughout the conference.

What is the overall conference format?

Technical sessions will mostly start with two invited speakers – one from industry and one from academia – followed by four talks selected from among the submitted abstracts and an extended discussion period led by a leader in the field. The two plenary sessions will each feature a keynote lecture, opening or closing session and a special event. The exhibition hall will be open between technical sessions and plenary sessions. Depending on your time zone, the plenary sessions will occur before or after the technical sessions. The two formats are shown here:

| Format A | Format B |
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| Plenary session (2 hours) - Keynote lecture - Opening or closing session - Special event | |
| Exhibition hall (1 hour) | |
| Technical session (2 hours) | Technical session (2 hours) |
| Exhibition hall (1 hour) | Exhibition hall (1 hour) |
| Technical session (2 hours) | Technical session (2 hours) |
| End of day | Exhibition hall (1 hour) |
| | Plenary session (2 hours) - Keynote lecture - Opening or closing session - Special event |
| | End of day |

Click [here](#) to see conference schedules specifically for your time zone

What is the difference between a live session and a repeat session?

All talks will be available during live sessions, repeat sessions and on-demand anytime. During live sessions, speakers will be available at the end of the talk for Q&A and in most sessions, there will be a live discussion period led by a thought leader in the field. Repeat sessions will include all content, including questions and discussion, from the live session, and will feature live chats among delegates at the repeat session. These multiple ways to access the conference gives you flexibility to participate at the times most convenient to you.

Are there special events at the virtual Annual Meeting?

Yes. In addition to two keynote talks, 26 technical sessions, an exhibition hall and post-conference workshops, the virtual Annual Meeting will feature a plenary session on The Magic of Bob Langer, a special session in honor of Kinam Park, technical session devoted to COVID-19 research and leading researchers in Japan, and a session featuring major CRS award winners.

Will there be an exhibition hall? How will that work?

Yes! There will be a virtual exhibit hall where you can learn about and connect with exhibitors. The hall will be easily accessible through the virtual conference platform and is open during the entire conference. Please stop by to see our exhibitors and even play virtual bingo to potentially win a 2021 conference registration!

Will there be Workshops?

Yes! Workshops will be held on Wednesday and Thursday (July 1 and 2). In past years there was an additional fee to attend workshops, but they will be included with your conference registration this year!

How can I learn more about the virtual online conference platform?

All the features for the virtual Annual Meeting are included on the conference website. Click [here](#) to register, review invited speakers and view the meeting program in your local time zone.

At what time should I attend the conference?

The virtual Annual Meeting will take place around the clock, so that you can participate at the times that suit you best. Here are four example programs to consider.

- **The LIVE Program for Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia** runs, for example, at 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM in Central Europe Daylight Time and 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM in China
- **The LIVE Program for the Americas** runs, for example, at 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time in USA
- **The Western Americas Program** runs, for example, at 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time in USA
- **The Western Pacific Program** runs, for example, at 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Australia Eastern Standard Time

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How can I interact directly with speakers, poster presenters and other conference delegates during the meeting?

The virtual Annual Meeting will have many ways to interact with other delegates. During the technical sessions, you can participate in Q&A periods after each talk, as well as an extended discussion periods at the end of most sessions. You can chat with other delegates in real time during talks, and post comments for discussion afterwards. You can post information on your fully-searchable personal page and find other delegates with similar interests.

What events will there be of specific interest to industry delegates?

There will be Industry roundtables, Exhibition hall, post conference workshops and 24 more technical sessions that all feature industry speakers.

What events will there be for Young Scientists?

The YSC has an exciting line-up of Young Scientist Events in the week leading up to the virtual Annual meeting. Networking with luminaries, entrepreneurial mentorships, tips for submitting papers and even trivia to name a few!

What do I need to know if I am presenting a technical session talk (i.e., Invited Talk or Session Talk)?

You need to record your talk in advance and upload it to the virtual online conference platform following the oral presentation guidelines provided by CRS headquarters. Then, during your session, you need to be present for questions after your talk and to participate in the discussion period if there is one in your session.

What do I need to know if I am presenting an On-demand Talk?

You need to record your talk in advance and upload it to the virtual online conference platform following the oral presentation guidelines provided by CRS headquarters. You can sign up to participate in an On-demand Talk Meetup to network with others with similar technical interests.

What do I need to know if I am presenting a poster?

You need to prepare your poster in advance and upload it to the virtual online conference platform following the poster presentation guidelines provided by CRS headquarters. You can sign up to participate in a Poster Presenter Meetup to network with others with similar technical interests.

What are the deadlines that I need to remember?

JUNE 5, 2020 – Late-Breaking & COVID-19 abstract submission closes

JUNE 15, 2020 – Posters, On-Demand Talks and Meet-Ups begin in the virtual Annual Meeting platform

JUNE 26, 2020 – virtual Annual Meeting registration closes

JUNE 29, 2020 – virtual Annual Meeting begins

Do I need special software or apps to participate in the conference?

As an attendee, you will need to download and install Zoom. If you do not already have Zoom installed, upon entering a Zoom session, the software will download automatically. If you would like to download Zoom ahead of time, you can do so [here](#). All Zoom system requirements can be found [here](#).

What are the differences between an Invited Talk, Session Talk, On-demand Talk and Poster Presentation?

Invited talks are given world leaders in their field who have been invited to give extended talks at the beginning of each session. **Session Talks** have been selected from the top abstracts submitted by conference delegates. **On-demand Talks** and **Posters** will be available online at any time during the conference, as well as up to two weeks before and two weeks after.

What is the format of the plenary session?

There will be two plenary sessions, each two hours long. They will each feature a one-hour keynote lecture, a 30-minute opening or closing session and a 30-minute special event.

What is the format of the technical sessions?

There will be four technical session blocks of two hours' duration, each with 6 or 7 technical sessions for a total of 26 sessions in all. Most sessions will start with two invited talks of 20 minutes each, plus 5 minutes for questions. Four session talks selected from among the abstracts will follow, and the session will conclude with a 20-minute discussion period led by a leader in the field. Some sessions, such as those led by Focus Groups, industry roundtables and other special sessions, will follow different formats.

What is the format of the on-demand talks?

On-demand talks will be given by those abstracts identified as among the best submitted. They will be 10 minutes long and can be viewed at any time up to two weeks before, during and two weeks after the conference. Online comments and discussion will be available for each talk.

What is the format of the poster presentations?

Posters will be given from among the abstracts selected for presentation at the conference. They will follow the traditional poster format and can be viewed at any time. Online comments and discussion will be available for each poster.