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IVOA INTEROP WELCOME

VIRTUAL MEETING MAY 4-8, 2020

JANET EVANS

WELCOME TO THE FIRST VIRTUAL INTEROP MEETING

- On behalf of the IVOA -- Welcome to the Northern Spring Meeting 2020
- We have a record breaking xxx registered participants
- Many old friends are joining us and some new ones - Welcome to all !!
- The Interop Program has been posted and is available:
<https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/InterOpMay2020>

SCHEDULE

- Here's how we organized the schedule, we picked times around 3 areas of the globe – Victoria BC, Central Europe, and Sydney/Beijing
- At least 2 of the session fit during the day/evening, with one falling into the overnight for each location
- We don't expect everyone to attend every session – pick what interests you and works with your schedule
- There is one Plenary on Radio Astronomy scheduled for Tuesday @13:30 UTC
- All of the Working and Interest group sessions welcome your feedback and discussion!!
- We have breaks folded in ... we apologize for not providing coffee and snacks – the downside of a virtual meeting !!

SESSIONS

- Questions will be asked using the Zoom 'hand waving' feature (under the participants listing)
- For messaging used the Zoom 'chat' window (also under the participants listing)
 - Particularly good for questions or comments
- A person will be assigned as monitor to each session who will be managing interactions
 - Manage the mute button, call on folks to speak, generally coordinate interactions for the speaker
- Etherpad will be used for session notes. A link will be provided at the start of each technical session
 - There is a note taker assigned to each session
 - You are welcomed to add notes or ask questions that will be answered during the session
- Best practice to 'mute' unless talking and turn 'cameras off' during a presentation
- Plan is to keep most presentations short. We encourage discussion and questions
 - Come prepared to chat !!

CONTACT

- If you have a technical problem and need help resolving it ... please email virtual2020@ivoa.net !!
 - We have a set of folks watching email who will try to help answer questions and offer advise.
- Thank you ALL participants and I wish you a Good meeting !!!