

Dear Members of the ODC Division,

We hope you are healthy and safe in these challenging times! As you may know, the annual AOM meeting goes virtual, August 6th – 11th. The meeting will be centrally coordinated by AOM through an online platform. This platform will be available to every accepted paper session, symposia and PDW. The program will have both synchronous and asynchronous components.

- ***Synchronous sessions*** are those that will be held live (around 10% of our ODC regular program). Papers, symposia and PDWs will shortly receive invitations to participate in the synchronous portion of the program. The ODC Doctoral Consortium, as well as the Division's Business Meeting and our plenary session with Professor Andrew Van de Ven as distinguished speaker will be synchronous. Take note that synchronous sessions will be running at differing times to accommodate as many members as possible.
- ***Asynchronous sessions***: Approximately 90% of accepted papers, symposia and PDW will be invited to be part of asynchronous sessions (pre-recorded videos and presentations, pre-posted slides, and so on).
- ***Flexible Participation***. It is not everyone in papers sessions, symposia or PDW who has to participate in order to take part of the synchronously or asynchronously virtual program. If there are fewer papers/presentations than originally scheduled the timing will be adjusted accordingly.
- ***Networking***. As usual, there will be possibilities for networking during the meeting. AOM is putting together "virtual hallways" and "registry hubs" to meet people with similar interests and to familiarize yourselves with the Division and its members!
- ***Fees***. There will be a registration fee for attending the virtual conference (\$200 for academic members and \$100 for students). This allows you access into the conference via the platform - synchronous and asynchronous. There is no fee to post presentations or papers for the asynchronous portion of the program – but without registering you won't be able to access any other asynchronous papers or take part in any synchronous activities.
- ***Volunteers***. We will need volunteers to "chair" digital sessions, both live and asynchronous. These volunteers will be our ambassadors for the new format, and I hope that some of you will step up to bring enthusiasm and innovation to help guide and encourage people who may have concerns about a virtual conference. These requests will come soon.

In the next few days, you will receive an invitation to participate in either the synchronous or asynchronous program. If you have questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact us.

Looking forward meeting you virtually and keep safe!

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