

## **Joint Meeting Council Report, June 18, 2021**

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#### **Overview**

Virtual evolution 2021 is well underway. Attendance is good, although there will likely be a cost to the societies. Bugs in the platform are being dealt with as they appear. Planning for future evolution meetings is also progressing.

#### **Virtual evolution 2021**

We have around 215 hours of recorded content, and nearly 1,300 talks submitted.

There are some issues with the virtual meeting system on day 1 and the organizers are trying to solve them.

There were some issues with translations of subtitles, but I think they are mostly resolved - and I know it means a lot to people to be able to have transcripts, and to be able to give talks in their first language.

The talks do not necessarily start at their scheduled time due to the platform - so it doesn't work well to switch among sessions. The recommendation is to not do that, all talks will be available after and for 6 months at least on the platform.

So far there are widespread reports of outages, missing talks, talks that are cut off, and so on. Hopefully things will get better. All of the problems - as far as I am aware so far - are due to the very expensive virtual platform that we are contracted with.

If you missed a talk it will be available shortly after the session and stay for six months.

There is likely to be a budget shortfall from the meeting on the order of \$30,000 that will have to be covered by the three societies.

#### **Future meetings:**

Plans for future evolution meetings are as follows:

*2022 - Cleveland, OH*

*2023 - Albuquerque, NM*

*2024 - Montreal*

This is joint with ESEB.

*2025 - Athens GA*

*2026 - Cleveland, OH*

*2027 - TBD*