How to submit an IPS 2020 Abstract

Confused about submitting a paper abstract or poster to the IPS 2020 Conference? You are not alone.

Once you reach the Call for Abstracts page (https://www.ips-planetarium.org/page/IPS2020CallforAbstracts) and have read the submission guidelines, the most important next step is to sign up for the IPS 2020 - Big Sky Forum. (Those words are the link to the forum site.) https://ips2020edmonton.createaforum.com/index.php

First, and most importantly: Sign up for the Forum!

Look at the conference categories and click on the one that best matches your paper.

In the category are subjects (topics) that have already been suggested. Click on the subject line to read what has been proposed. (If there are no posts, then feel free to create one.)

If you are interested in adding your paper to a subject already proposed, then reply to the message and tell the proposer. This would be a good place to paste your abstract or a fleshed-out version of your paper proposal.

The conversation then moves to talk between yourselves – the proposer and the two or three or four others in this particular session. The conversation can take place through forum posts; through emails sent through the forum program; or through personal email.

If you aren’t interested in any of those subjects, then start your own by clicking on New Topic under your category of choice and proceeding from there.

Submit your abstract

Once the session has been filled, only one person* submits the session proposal on behalf of the others.

*The submitter can be (1) the person who proposed the subject. This does not mean the submitter necessarily has to present a paper, only that they are doing the paperwork. The submitter also can (2) be one of the session’s group of presenters.

Question:
What if none of the categories fit my paper and I select other, and then there are no other papers similar enough to make a session. What do I do then?

Answer:
Please submit your proposal. The program selection committee will endeavor to match you with fellow presenters when suitable.