

VENUE AND DATES

- Originally planned as an in-person conference on July 13-17, 2020, in downtown Chicago.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person conference was postponed one year to July 26-30, 2021, same venue/same program.
- The end result was a virtual conference on July 26-29, 2021. The virtual conference was held on the Whova virtual conference platform.



NUMBERS

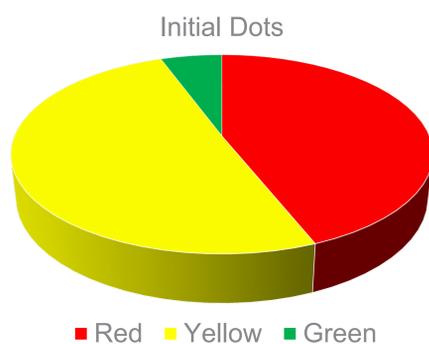
- Over 450 registered attendees, highest in MEDSI history!
- Authors from 18 different countries and 40 facilities
- Over 20 college students
- 22 exhibitors
- 169 submitted abstracts / 103 papers
 - 8 keynote/invited oral
 - 24 contributed oral

MULTIPLE PLATFORMS

- JACoW SPMS (proceedings)
 - For abstract, paper, poster, oral slides, and presentation video submissions for publishing JACoW proceedings
- Cvent (website and registration)
 - MEDSI2020 main website and registration & payment system
- Whova (virtual conference platform)
 - Nice platform to organize oral, poster, and industrial exhibitions all in one place, easy to navigate
 - Posters have pre-recorded short videos plus live stream
 - Exhibition includes photos, videos, and live stream

LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

- Moving from in-person to virtual brought many challenges.
- Computers and software for remote editors were not straightforward. Argonne uses individual licenses for Microsoft and Acrobat, so this added a complication for remote editing for non-Argonne employee(s).
- Submission deadlines were extended several times, and the whole process took longer than originally anticipated.
- MEDSI is fairly new to JACoW (2016), so many authors are still learning to use the SPMS submission process and the document template.



COMMITTEES

- Local Organizing Committee – Yifei Jaski, Conference Chair
- International Organizing Committee – Brad Mountford, Chair
- International Scientific Committee – Keihan Tavakoli, Chair
- Local Scientific Committee – Yifei Jaski, Chair

EDITING TEAM

- Kelly Jaje
- Cathy Eyberger
- Maria Power
- Volker Schaa

Thank you!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- As this was my first experience as a proceeding's editor, I had many questions!
 - Volker Schaa was invaluable.
 - Cathy Eyberger has many years experience with JACoW editing and was close by to answer some questions in person.
 - Yifei Jaski, Conference Chair, was very supportive.
 - Other JACoW members were very helpful and responsive when I reached out with issues and questions.

MORE INFORMATION

- Conference website: <https://www.anl.gov/medsi2020>
- Proceedings: <https://accelconf.web.cern.ch//medsi2020/>
- Kelly Jaje – jaje@anl.gov
- MEDSI2023 – Host/Location TBD