

ACA 71st Annual Meeting: Update

Dear ACA Members, Meeting Attendees & Friends:

On behalf of Council, we must report the news that the 71st Annual Meeting (#aca2021) of the American Crystallographic Association will be fully virtual from July 30, 2021 to August 4, 2021.

Our highest priority is, and always has been, the health and safety of our attendees, staff, and the communities in which our meetings will take place. Due to the ongoing pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings associated with COVID-19, #aca2021 will take place as a completely virtual event. While we are disappointed to miss all that Baltimore has to offer, we feel this is best for the health of our members, attendees, and staff.

But there is some good news! With the experience of our successful 2020 meeting under our belt, the ACA Meeting Committee has been hard at work with this contingency in mind, and we are excited to still be able to bring to you an energized and immersive digital conference experience. The [meeting website](#) is live and we will be opening registration and issuing a Call for Papers in the very near future.

We understand that the social connections made at an in-person meeting are important and we are hard at work developing creative ways to foster social interaction among our participants. At the same time, the virtual format allows individuals who cannot travel, the chance to participate. In the coming weeks, the ACA will be reaching out to our sponsors and exhibitors to make sure that #aca2021 includes meaningful opportunities for our sponsors, and to showcase our exhibitors.

Save the dates and stay tuned to the ACA website and social media for more specific information about the platform, sessions, and chances to get involved at #aca2021.

Sincerely,

David Rose, ACA President 2021

Kristin H. Stevens, ACA Executive Director