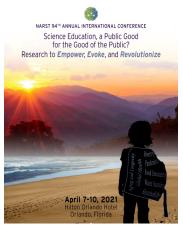We are looking forward to your presentation at the 94th **NARST Annual International Conference—Science Education, a Public Good for the Good of the Public? Research to Empower, Evoke, and Revolutionize!** The conference is scheduled for April 7-10 and will be entirely virtual. Because the virtual space has different constraints and avoidances than an in-person conference, there will be an abundance of unique instruction.

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Please read the below information carefully.

Registration Reminder:

- All presenters **must** be registered for the conference to participate. Please click here to register.
- Registration rates are now posted on the conference website.

Conference Format Reminders:

- The Schedule-at-a-Glance can be found on the conference website, for the general flow of the conference.
- The Preliminary Schedule of Presentations can be found on the conference website and lists the day and time of your presentation.
- Please note, given the switch to a virtual format, the sessions will look slightly different than usual. You are scheduled for an "Advanced Pre-recording Viewing & Live Q&A" session (see important recording information below.) Attendees will view your pre-recorded presentation in advance of the scheduled session. At the scheduled session held real-time/live, presenters will provide a verbal summary (no more than 5 minutes) of the research and engage attendees in Q&A and discussion. As in the case at an in-person conference, the exact proceedings of the 60-minute live session will be determined by the speakers and the presider of the session (e.g., Q&A after each presenter summary or Q&A after all presenter summaries).

Online Conference Platform:

- The conference will take place using an online platform called OpenWater. OpenWater utilizes zoom as its broadcasting tool. Please ensure that you have a Zoom account, as it is required for your participation. If not, please visit https://zoom.us/signup and follow the steps to create a free account.

Important Recording Information:

- There are two methods of recording your presentation we recommend: through PPT or Zoom. Both Zoom and PPT allow you to toggle your video on or off should you want to just overlay audio to your presentation without video. Instruction on both can be found in this recording guide. The session format is **"On-Demand Playback + Live Q&A"** noted on slide 4, meaning participants are expected to view the recording at their convenience and then join the designated live Q&A.

Please note: "On-Demand Playback + Live Q&A" is the same as the "Advanced Pre-recording Viewing & Live Q&A" used in the 2021 NARST preliminary schedule of presentations and 2021 NARST Conference Program and the "Live Playback & Q&A" described in the training materials is not utilized in the NARST 2021 conference for sessions.

- Your presentation should be no more than **15 minutes** in length.
- Regardless of the recording option you chose, the downloaded file must be in an **MP4** format.
- The recording is due no later than **Wednesday, March 10th**.
- A link to submit your presentation will be sent from the conference platform (OpenWater) no later than **Friday, March 5th**. This link will prompt you to upload your recording directly to your session in the platform.

Joining Your Real-Time/Live Q&A Session:

- You will be expected to join your live session **10 minutes** in advance of the session start time.
- You have been designated as a speaker in the back end of Zoom so therefore you will automatically be a co-host upon joining the zoom meeting.
- More day-of information including joining your session and important Zoom functionalities will be shared closer to the event and in the speaker training noted below.

Speaker Trainings:

- We have two speaker prep session trainings for an overview of the platform, how to find the schedule, how to join a session as a live speaker for your session, and zoom functionalities such as screen sharing, Q&A, and breakouts. Each session time is noted below, and calendar invites are attached. Both will be recorded should you be unable to attend.

- **Speaker Training Option #1** - Wednesday, March 3rd at 9am-10am ET
  - Access link: **https://us02web.zoom.us /j/5345175743?pwd=OUpEK2N1MGFCU1NSaXJZNkFlQjFXdz09**
  - Meeting ID 534 517 5743; Password: 6yN45W
- **Speaker Training Option #2** - Wednesday, March 3rd at 3pm-4pm ET
  - Access link: **https://us02web.zoom.us /j/5345175743?pwd=OUpEK2N1MGFCU1NSaXJZNkFlQjFXdz09**
  - Meeting ID 534 517 5743; Password: 6yN45W

If you have any questions, please contact our event support staff at abredbenner@virtualinc.com.

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