Presenters & Session Chairs Instructions

Thank you for being part of the Virtual International Conference on Data Engineering 2021.

As presenter or session chair when you join your session, you will be brought into **AIRCast Studio**, a presentation environment where presenters will broadcast their presentations and answer questions submitted by attendees.

Every session will have a “Host” who will be managing the flow of the presentation and will bring you and other presenters, along with your shared screens or media, onto the Main Stage. Whatever is on the Main Stage is what attendees will be viewing.

When you log in you will see the timeline of all scheduled sessions *(Note that into the platform the agenda timeline is depicted in your local time according to the settings of your browser).*
Joining Your Session

You can join your session at any time prior to its start time. When you join your session, you will be placed in AIRCast Studio, the presentation environment used by all presenters.

There are six primary areas visible in AIRCast Studio:

Information Header – contains session information, session status and the external clock option.

Main Stage – the location of up to nine live streams of presenters, screen shares and media viewable by your virtual attendees.

Preview Pane – this is where the host can organize presenters and media and decide both the layout on the Main Stage as well as the location of each stream in the Main Stage display.

Green Room – The waiting area for presenters. The Host can bring presenters from the Green Room onto the Main Stage.

Tools Options Pane – on the far right you will see different functions such as Media, Recordings, Live Polling, Live Q&A and more.

Tools Menu – along the bottom is the Tools menu that provides Hosts, Presenters, and non-presenting support staff access to different options for the current presentation. The Tools Menu will change based on the type of session role each person has when they are in the session.
What You Will Do to Present Your Session

There are only a few options you need to use when presenting in AIRCast Studio.

**Presentation Functions**

- **Start/End Presentation** – Select option to start presenting. You will be brought into the Green Room until the Host brings you on the Main Stage.
- **Start/Stop Camera** – By default, your camera will be turned on.
- **Mute/UnMute Mic** – By default, your microphone will be turned on.
- **Settings** – Select this to review or change your audio and video options.
- **Share Screen** – You can share a PowerPoint or anything else on your computer screen.
- **Media** – You can bring in a video file or image to share during your presentation. **However note that for your ICDE presentation the host of your session will be responsible to share your video.** Please just make sure that you have submitted your video to the congress secretariat according to the instructions presented on https://icde2021.gr/presenting-authors/

**Audience Engagement**

Moreover, you are able to view and access these audience interaction tools:

- **Live Poll** – this option displays the Live Poll panel, where the presenter, host or non-presenting support person can define poll questions, present the poll to attendees, and share poll results.
- **Live Q&A** – this option displays the Live Q&A panel, where you or your non-presenting support team can review, manage, and respond to questions.
- **Discussion Forum** – This is the informal text chat area for attendees and presenters to have conversations before and during a session.
- **Session Information** – This option displays the session details, including presenter information and session description.
- **Presenter Chat** – This is a private chat area for all hosts, presenters, and other event staff in the current session.
- **Preview** – This option displays both the attendee view and a preview of the current presentation. You can also see the two back-up streams. Note that the previews are only available when a Broadcast is active.
- **Control Room Chat** – This is a private chat area for all presenters and control room staff.
Important Notes:

- Use the same hardware and internet connection at both the rehearsal and actual presentation

- Use Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser

- When you share power point slides it is nice to have two monitors connected on your computer. By using two monitors you can easily share your presentation starting at the same time a polling or viewing the questions queue

- On Apple computers, presenters will need to make sure they have allowed Google Chrome to use screen sharing and their camera and microphone in their System Preferences -> Security and Privacy settings:
  - Enable camera and microphone for Chrome
  - How to enable screen sharing for Chrome/Other Browser.

- Recommended Hardware Specifications
  - i5 or equivalent processor
  - 8Gb of RAM

Instructions in Video format:

- Video Instructions for Presenters
- Video Instructions for Participants