

Dear colleagues and members of the DPG Surface Science Division,

We are happy to announce that abstract submission to the online Spring Meeting of our Division (March 1-4, 2021) is now open. Information on the scientific program, registration and abstract submission can be found at the conference webpage

https://surfacescience21.dpg-tagungen.de/index.html?set_language=en

Next to prominent key note talks, 10 mini-symposia will cover a variety of exciting topics in our field. Interactive poster sessions combine the traditional contributed talks and posters in an attractive digital form. In addition to the actual posters, which are accessible throughout the whole conference and include a chat function, it is also possible to present the core messages of the poster in a short video abstract, which can also be accessed on-demand. During the poster session itself, each speaker will also have their own virtual room in which a flexible personal exchange and discussion with other conference participants is possible.

Abstract submission for such contributed interactive posters follows the form known from previous years. In addition to the topics of the 10 mini-symposia, dedicated poster sessions will cover the same breadth of topical areas as in the traditional Spring Meetings of our Division. Please choose the corresponding category upon submission. Online abstract submission is possible under

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until January 11th, 2021.

The early-bird break-even conference fee is 120 € for DPG members (160 € for non-members). We are delighted that the communication program of the Wilhelm and Else Heraeus foundation will again financially support the active participation of young DPG members. The detailed funding criteria will be published on the conference webpage shortly.

An online Spring Meeting is a first for us all. Its success depends critically on your acceptance. With the current scientific program and format, we hope to have created an optimum alternative to an in pandemic times impossible to conduct physical meeting. In particular the youngest emerging scientists need the possibilities of scientific exchange also in these special times. Please communicate this meeting in your research groups and networks, and support us through your active participation.

Best wishes and stay healthy,

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