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2021 Annual Meeting FAQ

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What types of sessions will be offered?

The meeting will consist of two types of sessions: in-person sessions taking place in San Antonio and virtual sessions that take place online.

Can I present remotely for an in-person session?

All presenters and participants for in-person session must be on-site. We are not able to offer virtual presentations for in-person sessions.

Can I present in or view virtual sessions if I am going to be in San Antonio?

Yes. However, you will be responsible for providing your own equipment and access to the internet.

When does registration open?

Registration will open in the coming days. Please be on the lookout for announcements from AAR and SBL indicating that registration has opened.

I am unable to come to San Antonio. Is there is special registration for only the virtual sessions?

Yes, there will be a special registration that includes only the virtual component of the meeting. Details on this registration, including rates, will be available soon.

Does registering for the in-person meeting also include access to the virtual sessions?

Yes, registration for the in-person meeting includes the ability to view and participate in virtual sessions as well as in-person sessions.

Will virtual sessions be available to view after the fact?

Virtual sessions will have the option to be recorded and made available through 31 January 2022. The recording availability of a specific session will depend on the presenters granting permission for that session to be recorded.

Why are hybrid sessions (i.e., sessions available both in-person and virtually) not an option?

Hybrid sessions are not possible due to the extreme complexity and expense of needing to setup and run about 1200 sessions in over 130 rooms spread across six different properties. Between added A/V equipment, labor, and internet access, staging and supporting a hybrid meeting would add over \$4,000,000 in expenses to the meeting. The resulting dramatic rise in registration rates would make attendance impossible for most members.

How do I know whether my presentation will be in an in-person or virtual session?

Session can only be virtual if all presenters agree to present virtually. Please be in contact with the chairs of the program unit where you are to present to discuss any updates to plans.

I have more questions. Whom can I ask?

For general questions about the meeting, please contact: information@annual-meetings.org.

For questions related to SBL sessions, please contact Christopher Hooker: (christopher.hooker@sbl-site.org).