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## Gather.Town for the SCS Fall Meeting 2021 – Poster Session

### Introduction

Gather.Town is the interactive networking platform we are using for the online SCS Fall Meeting 2021 poster session. The platform allows you to interact with other participants on a 1:1 basis. You can move around with your avatar and approach other participants. If you get close to them, the camera and microphone will turn on and you can start the conversation.

### Joining Gather.Town

Step	Action
1.	Go to the conference platform on <a href="https://fm21.scg.ch/gathertown">https://fm21.scg.ch/gathertown</a> Best results provide the browsers <a href="#">Chrome</a> and <a href="#">Firefox</a> . Please note that the application is not fully compatible with browsers like Safari a.o. They may cause distortions of the graphics. Gather.Town also provides a desktop version of its platform that can be downloaded on their <a href="#">website</a> .
2.	Create your individual avatar and permit the use of your camera and microphone.
3.	<b>Enter your name.</b> Please include your first and last name.
4.	Click on the button “Join the Gathering”

### Using Gather.Town

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1.	Move around the location using the arrow keys on your keyboard.
2.	Experiment with the controls in the left side bar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Settings:</b> change your name and video quality.</li><li>b. <b>Set busy status:</b> setting to “Audio Idle muting” will mute your audio and video if you are away from the tab</li></ul> Gather.Town tab. (middle bottom bar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. <b>Quiet Mode:</b> Click it (or Ctrl+U) to change how close someone’s avatar needs to be to yours in order to interact with you.</li></ul> Interact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>d. <b>Screenshare:</b> The conference manager will give you permission (this option will be activated for speakers and chairs only).</li><li>e. <b>Give a symbolic Feedback:</b> Click on the emoji in the middle bottom bar to raise your hand.</li><li>f. <b>Mute Video:</b> turns your camera on and off.</li><li>g. <b>Mute Audio:</b> turns your mic on and off.</li><li>h. <b>Minimap:</b> shows the whole location in a small icon.</li><li>i. <b>Change Character:</b> lets you customize your avatar.</li></ul>

3.	<p>Chat box: Click on the Chat box in the left side bar and choose whether you want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Local Chat</b> - chat limited to those within your interaction zone</li> <li>b. <b>Global Chat</b> - chat across all rooms of a space (if there are multiple rooms)</li> </ul>
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### Conference Procedure

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1.	<p>You enter the conference location in the virtual Foyer with virtual booths of our exhibitors analogue to a real conference. Please have a look at the minimap for orientation. The virtual venue provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Virtual exhibition booths</li> <li>b. Lots of private spaces where you can talk one on one with someone. Once you enter a private space, only people who are also in this space will hear and see you</li> <li>c. A breakout room at the bottom of the map</li> <li>d. As a central point the parallel sessions, where the poster presentations will take place</li> </ul>
3.	<p>During the short breaks and lunch time it is up to you to interact and network with participants in the foyer, whether it's at the virtual coffee bar or in a breakout room.</p>
4.	<p>When you approach an interactive element, a yellow frame appears. Press 'x' to activate the content and close the window to return to the conference location.</p>

# Mimimap of the Conference Location

