What is Samvera Virtual Connect 2020?

Samvera Virtual Connect (SVC), is an opportunity for Samvera Community participants to gather online to touch base on the progress of community efforts at a roughly halfway point between face-to-face Samvera Connect meetings. Samvera is a growing, active community with many initiatives taking place across interest groups, working groups, local and collaborative development projects, and other efforts, and it can be difficult for community members to keep up with all of this activity on a regular basis. SVC will give the Samvera community a chance to come together to catch up on developments, make new connections, and re-energize itself towards Samvera Connect 2020.

When will Samvera Virtual Connect 2020 take place?

Samvera Virtual Connect 2020 will take place over two days on May 14 - 15, 2020. Each day's event will be broadcast via Zoom. You do not need to stay online for the entire program. Video recordings will be made available after the conclusion of the meetings.

How can I attend Samvera Virtual Connect 2020

SVC 2020 will be delivered online via Zoom webinar technology. There is no cost to attend, but we do require registration. Registration is open to anyone, whether they are currently active in the Samvera Community or learning more about the activities of Samvera. To sign up to attend, please register at:

Link will go here

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Who can participate in Samvera Virtual Connect 2020?

Any institution or individual working with or interested in Samvera is invited to attend. There is no charge for participation.

How will Samvera Virtual Connect be structured?

The program is not yet available.

I can't make it. Will Samvera Virtual Connect be recorded for later viewing?

Yes, Samvera Virtual Connect will be recorded, and information on how to view the recording will be sent out to the Samvera email lists and posted here after the event.

Is there a Code of Conduct for the event?

Yes, thank you for asking:

- Samvera Code of Conduct
- Samvera Anti-Harrassment Policy

How can I submit a proposal to present?

Proposals are due April 17, 2020 through this Google form.

We’re looking for submissions from across the entire Samvera landscape, including both local development and community work, as well as reports from Interest and Working Groups.

This year’s Virtual Connect will have two days of programming, during which we'll be coordinating presentations into thematic blocks based on topic, audience, and time.
To submit a proposal, please prepare the following:

- Title
- Abstract
- Description of Intended Audience
- Format (20 minute presentation, lightning talk at < 10 minutes, Working Group/Interest Group updates at 5 minutes)
- Date preference/availability

What if I have other questions?

Please post your questions to the samvera-community list, or contact a member of the Samvera Virtual Connect 2020 program committee:

- Franny Gaede (Co-Chair), University of Oregon
- David Schober (Co-Chair), Northwestern University,
- Jon Cameron (GS Overseeing Communications)
- Katherine Lynch
- James Hallday
- Karen Shaw
- Kevin Kochanski
- Gregorio Luis Ramirez
- Michael B. Klein
- Brandon Straley