

**Sunday, July 22 08:00 AM - 09:30 AM Lightning Talks during the session on [Ciliate Methods and Model System Development and the Future of Ciliate Research, Broader Ciliate Research](#)** Chairs: Jeff Kapler, University of Texas, A&M and Doug Chalker, Washington University

## **LIGHTNING TALK GUIDELINES**

During the lightning talk session, up to 10 speakers will present the most important and interesting details of their research; each speaker will have only 2 minutes for a talk. The lightning talk session is a completely new format for the conference. This format allows scientists to learn how to keep on schedule accurately and highlight only the key details of their work. In addition, lightning talks provide a great opportunity to get the experience of oral presentations for those who will give a talk for the first time.

### **How does the lightning session go?**

The lightning talk session will last for about one-half hour and held at the beginning of the last session of the meeting. The session chairs will be present in the room, and prior to the Session will call each presenter's name in order to check their presence and readiness. Each slide show will be uploaded on the moderator's computer beforehand. The moderator will run the slide-show and track the time. The speaker will come to the stage, give a talk, return to his/her place and wait till the end of the session. Immediately, the next speaker will give a talk. After all speakers finish, the audience will be able to ask questions. Discussion session will last for 10-20 minutes.

### **How to prepare slides?**

While making slides, please remember that you have only 2 minutes to present. You will not be provided with any extra time. Exceeding your time results in the time reducing for the next speaker's talk. Therefore, the recommended number of slides is 1 or 2. Having a single slide allows the audience to focus on the same information for the entire time. The moderator will introduce you and name your institution so go straight to the science, highlight the aim the work, methods used, main results, and short conclusions. Please, prepare your talk in advance, and be sure that you do not exceed 2 minutes.

It is advisable that slides contain more graphic images and less text. Please, do not read your slides when giving a talk.

Contact Doug Chalker to give a talk or ask questions.

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