

Here are the instructions for all participants for this year's GISS. This information will also be posted on the GISS website: <https://conference.ipac.caltech.edu/giss2026/page/instructions>

In-person attendance:

Go to KS410 on the 4th floor of the Keith Spalding building on the Caltech campus. The reception will be located in the same room as the main symposium.

Slack Workspace:

This year we will not have a Slack workspace for the GISS. Online participants can type their questions on zoom chat or raise their hands at the end of each talk and wait for the session chair to call them.

Zoom Connection:

IPAC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: GISS 2026

Time: Aug 26, 2026 08:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every day, until Aug 27, 2026, 2 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84188709502?pwd=dgnsTWewRsD7akneS2lWUiLfwcJ5E2.1>

Meeting ID: 841 8870 9502

Passcode: 923016

One tap mobile

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Join by SIP

• 84188709502@zoomcrc.com

Passcode: 923016

Join instructions

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/84188709502?signature=F8MlI6jZORp0riplumohD2l7zyqOmJL-deOBOANVZE6>

State of IPAC:

The "State of IPAC" presentation by the IPAC director is ONLY open to internal IPAC people. It will be held on August 27th.

Reception and Trivia:

Trivia will happen during the reception which will be located in the same room as the main symposium, on August 28th (at the end of GRITS).

During the reception, we will hold a trivia game! Therefore, trivia is only for in-person attendees. There will be 20 multiple-choice questions that are a mix of astronomy-related and random questions. Those who wish to participate will organize into random teams of 3-5 players and your team will have 15 mins to answer the questions. A paper copy of questions will be distributed between teams. You may **ONLY** use the information in your head; **NO USING THE INTERNET...** After the 15 mins are up, the co-chairs will read the answers and each team will self score (honor system). The team with the most correct answers will receive gift cards for each team member.

General Rules:

In order to have a smooth symposium, we would like to ask you to follow the instructions below for being a good participant in this hybrid event. We will go through these “rules” again at the beginning of each day but here they are now:

For Attendees:

1. **Please don't interrupt the speaker** until we reach the end of the talk
2. **If you are attending online**
 - a. **please mute yourself at all times**, except while asking a question at the end of the talk
 - b. **Disable your video**, except when you are either giving a talk or asking a question. We would prefer to keep the video channel just for the speaker and the room view window.
 - c. **To ask a question, you have two options:**
 - i. **"raise your hand"** You will not be called on until the end of the presentation. The chair of the session will try to get to as many questions as possible. Don't forget to lower your hand after your question.
 - ii. **Write the question in the zoom chat.**

For Speakers:

1. **All speakers, send your slides via the box upload link below the night before your talk**, and have the final version uploaded by the time of the break before your talk. The allowed formats are: powerpoint, keynote, and pdf.
 - **Please upload your talk to a box folder via the following link:**
<https://caltech.box.com/s/uwgsdy0xtavh7qd0uhrlox49kbv4328o>

If the link above does not work for you, please use this one:
<https://caltech.app.box.com/f/6fe59af5708b4cfd8f41d939e61a8ee2>
2. **Please practice your talk in advance** so that the length of your talk is appropriate for the time allotted. For invited speakers, the length of the talk is 25+5min for Q/A. For other speakers, the length of the talk is 12+3min for Q/A.
3. **For in-person speakers**
 - **The slides will be displayed via an IPAC laptop (not your own laptop)**
 - The chair of the session will show signs to help you track the time.

4. For zoom speakers

- The slides will be displayed on your own laptop via screen share
- Be prepared to “share your screen” when you are asked by the session chair.
- **IF YOU LOSE YOUR INTERNET CONNECTION BADLY DURING YOUR PRESENTATION**—make sure you have written down the phone connection option for calling in.
- Call in by phone using the number and password info above, and we will advance your slides that have been uploaded
- If we don't hear from you within a few minutes we will move on to the next presentation and try to accommodate you later.