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## ABS 2020 Virtual Meeting Benefits

### ACCESSIBILITY - ATTENDANCE FOR ALL

- **No travel restrictions and additional costs.** With a virtual conference, no matter where you are in the world, you can attend and participate without enduring costs of travel, child-care, etc. This means inclusion of more members of our academic community.

### INCLUSION - MORE SCIENCE

- **More exciting research.** Talks will be pre-recorded, and we can accept more talks, which means more exciting research is being accepted and viewed by members of the academic community. Additionally, there is an opportunity to include research that may not be as easily represented during an in-person conference if it falls under a more unique niche.

### ENGAGEMENT - MORE ENGAGEMENT AND MORE INTERACTIVE

- **On-demand content means no program scheduling conflicts.** At first glance, a virtual conference may seem less interactive because folks aren't face-to-face. But, with a virtual conference we can allow more time for discussions and questions can be submitted online which some people may prefer.

### NEW SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION - PRACTICE NEW WAYS TO COMMUNICATE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

- **Practice communicating research succinctly and efficiently.** The 6-minute talks and 3-minute lightning talks are an opportunity to practice communicating your science in a different way.