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INTERACTIVE LEARNING FOR IMPROVED PRESENTATION SKILLS TRAINING AT THE IAC  
INITIAL LESSONS LEARNED

**Abstract**

The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) has created a new program, the IAF Public Speaking and Presentation Skills lab. This new initiative was designed to provide a means to improve the presentation skills of IAF participants, in order to both improve the quality of presentations and to provide an opportunity for IAF members to learn useful new skills. This paper will present the initial results of the 2021 IAF Presentation Skills workshop presented in Dubai, and the results of two polls that were connected to the workshop content. The first poll was a series of questions sent to all persons who had papers accepted for IAC 2021 in Dubai, and the second was conducted interactively during the program in Dubai. An interactive web app, Slido, was used, and its features and capabilities are discussed. A brief overview of the workshop and a video webinar that was presented in August 2021 leading up to the Dubai congress is presented. Finally, we will present some discussion of the importance of such skill-building for major international and intercultural events such as the IAC and will also discuss some future plans for the program.