



## **Symposium Report to the Board · August 9, 2021**

The dates are now set for the initial portion of this conference as follows:

Fri Nov 5 - The Americas

Mon Nov 15 - Australasia

Fri Nov 19 - Europe

TBD - early 2022 Africa

TBD - early 2022 India

The working title (which may be subject to slight tweaking later) is “Finding Common Ground In Increasingly Divided Worlds”\*. It was thought that this title would be broad enough to both encompass a wide variety of potential topics and flexible enough to accommodate geographical differences in practice.

The basic format will be three 45-minute presentations - with the overall program for each date lasting 3 hours. Given the time differences, some of the sessions will likely have to be recorded so that they can be made available to those who are unable to attend in the wee hours.

Initial meetings with team leaders for each of the geographical areas are being set up for next week (subject to summer break absences)

It was initially thought that we would hire technical support to assist with the conference presentation. The current thinking is that may not be necessary at least for the Americas portion but we will need to discuss this issue with the team leaders for the Australasia and European groups before a final decision is made.

Fee structure - is still under discussion ( members/ non members; pre recorded / in person). Also need to discuss invitations to potential future members and liaison with the recruitment committee.

\* To be further discussed.