Welcome to Sococo! Please read through the instructions below to see how you'll be using Sococo during SIMIODE Expo 2022. Below are some of the important dates/deadlines for the Expo:

- All EXPO 2022 organizers, presenters, and moderators will be granted access to the conference Sococo platform at 8:00 AM Eastern US Time, 1 February 2022.
- All EXPO 2022 attendees will be granted access to the conference Sococo platform at 8:00 AM Eastern US Time, 9 February 2022.
- All poster materials (name and full affiliation, title, abstract, and poster - also video and files to leave in poster session private room for public viewing) are due to Director@simiode.org no later than 5 February 2022.

It’s important to note that Sococo only works through a Google Chrome Web Browser OR the Sococo Desktop App on a laptop or desktop computer. No iPads or mobile devices.

Download the desktop app here: https://app.sococo.com/a/download

1. Sococo Email Invitation
   a. You will receive by 9:00 AM Eastern US Time, 9 February 2022, or earlier an invite from Sococo, the conference platform to 'Join SIMIODE EXPO 2022 in Sococo. This email will come from <noreply@sococo.net>. Click on the ‘Join Now’ button within the body of the email:
b. Sococo will open a new window/tab where you will confirm your email address, enter a new password for your Sococo account and check that you agree to the terms of service and privacy policy. Then click ‘Create Account’.

2. **Camera/Microphone Permissions**
   a. Google Chrome or the Sococo Desktop app may ask for permission to use your computer’s Camera and Microphone, click ‘Yes’ or ‘Allow’

3. **Edit Your Profile**
   a. Your avatar will then populate into the conference space. Let’s cover how to customize your avatar. First, right click on your avatar. For Mac users, control click on your avatar. Then select ‘Edit your profile’
b. Select your avatar’s color and update your Sococo name and initials as you want them to appear when other’s hover over your avatar. Click ‘Save’ when complete.

4. **Moving Your Avatar**
   a. To enter a new room simply click on the room name or double click anywhere within the room. To enter the room picture below you would click on ‘Minisymposium/Contributed Talks’. You can also do a single mouse click anywhere within the current room to change your location in the room.
5. **Chatting/Messaging in Sococo**  
   a. Chats can be started in a couple different ways. First, you can chat with a group in the same room as your avatar. In the top left corner of your Sococo window you’ll see the ‘Find’ function and below that, the option to open the chat box for the room you’re in. Simply click to open. The chat box will open in the bottom right hand corner of the Sococo window.

6. **Finding Other Attendees**  
   a. The ‘Find’ function is a great way to look for particular individuals. Click on ‘Find’ just below the 'Home' button in the top left corner. Enter another user’s name. You can now see that user’s location and status and start a chat with that user directly. If that user is in the same space you will also see their avatar spotlighted on the map.
7. **Video Chatting/Screen Sharing**
   a. To open the embedded video teleconferencing click on the drop down arrow next to the Sococo icon in the top right corner of the screen. (Circled in yellow below)
   
   ![Sococo video settings](image)
   
   b. Click ‘Turn on Microphone’ and ‘Turn on Video’ to begin video chatting with other users in the same room as your avatar. To turn the video and microphone off simply click on the Sococo avatar itself.
   c. Anytime you move to a new room with Sococo you will need to turn your microphone and video on.
   d. To share your screen click ‘Share Screen’

8. **Joining Breakout Sessions and Keynotes**
   a. All breakout sessions and keynote presentations will take place via Zoom. The zoom links will be connected to Sococo.
   b. To join the scheduled Zoom calls from any subgroup space click on the ‘share icon’ shown below, circled in red in the ‘Plenary Zoom’ room. The zoom call will open in another window. This same icon will be placed in other rooms to connect to the same talk scheduled for that time.
   c. You can click these icons from anywhere on the map.
9. **Poster Sessions:**
   a. Posters and any pre-recorded videos will be linked by MathDept.org to the small offices on the outside of the sococo map. Simply click on the ‘share icons’ within the rooms pictured below to view a poster, a pre-recorded video, or additional files.

   ![Poster Sessions Diagram](image)

   b. All posters will be linked to Sococo by the pie chart icon shown above in room ‘Poster 1’.
   c. All pre-recorded videos will be linked to Sococo by the blue arrow icon shown above in room ‘Poster 2’.
10. **Notifications in Sococo:**

a. In the upper left corner of Sococo, click on the menu button to the left of the ‘Home’ button

b. Then select the ‘Settings’ option and then select ‘Notifications’

c. From this menu you can choose to turn off all notifications and sounds:

   *Notifications and custom sounds adjustments*

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