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### \*Schools on Nuclear Astrophysics Questions (SNAQS)

The organisers would like to announce a new, virtual school format discussing questions related to nuclear astrophysics: **SNAQs** [snacks] – Schools on **Nuclear Astrophysics Questions**

The kick-off event of **SNAQs** will discuss  
 What do we need to know about Nuclear Astrophysics?  
 and will take place on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 14:00 – 17:30 CET** (08:00 – 11:30 EST).

After registration at  
<https://hifis-events.hzdr.de/e/snaqs-feb2021>  
 participants will get a confirmation e-mail with a ZOOM link that will allow them to join the virtual school from about **13:45 CET**(07:45 EST) on February 17.

After the kick-off event in February, the organizers plan to organize a new event of **SNAQs** on the 2nd Wednesday in each month with a break in summer. **SNAQs** will last about 3.5 hours, including breaks, with lectures and scientific talks around a given question in nuclear astrophysics. Lectures will be held by senior researchers and scientific talks preferably by young researchers, as master and PhD students. Further, **SNAQs** will put a special focus on the interaction between participants to allow young scientists networking even if traveling to schools, workshops and conferences is not an option. Starting from March, we plan to support interaction by breakout sessions after each lecture, where participants can talk to each other and generate questions for a round table discussion at the end of each **SNAQ**. Hence, **senior scientists are also highly encouraged to join SNAQs** and share their experience with the next generation of nuclear astrophysicists.

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### \*Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops

THESEUS conference 2021 - now fully online, registration open again  
 March 23-26, 2021

Online

All information can be found at: <https://www.isdc.unige.ch/theseus/theseus-conference-2021.html>

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We are sorry to learn of the passing of

Prof. Shashikumar M. Chitre (India)  
<https://www.iau.org/administration/membership/individual/2603/>

Dr Nancy Boggess (USA)  
<https://www.iau.org/administration/membership/individual/3023/>

Dr Albert Boggess (USA)  
<https://www.iau.org/administration/membership/individual/1639/>

Prof. Shouguan Wang (China)  
<https://www.iau.org/administration/membership/individual/2951/>

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If you wish to share with IAU Div D any information about matters that may be relevant to the activities of Div D Members, please send an e-mail to [A.L.Watts@uva.nl](mailto:A.L.Watts@uva.nl). This will appear in the next Bulletin, which will be sent out on or around March 1, 2021. Thank you in advance for your inputs, and best regards.

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