



Dear all,

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Here is your weekly update to help you prepare for your local event as part of the International Masterclasses 2026.

**//////// Instructions for the CERN videoconferences //////////**

To make the Zoom videoconference enjoyable for both moderators and students, the following setup will be used:

- You will receive the Zoom link 2-3 days ahead of your Masterclass.
- The videoconference will follow the usual timeline (welcome & icebreaker, combination & discussion of results, Q&A, quiz).
- It is *\*not\** intended that institutes present reports. Instead, moderators will show combined results and ask questions to students. Please prepare for the videoconference, especially the discussion of the measurement, with our manual for the videoconference <https://cern.ch/fv7tf> (download in pdf-format)
- The quiz has new questions. It will be played by moderators as a ppt slideshow. Students need answer sheets (download from <https://cern.ch/ngxre> ).

**//////// Instructions for the Fermilab videoconferences //////////**

Zoom is also the official videoconference service for Fermilab. Here is the plan, in brief:

- Fermilab videoconference connections will appear in the "Zoom link" column of each schedule found on the Fermilab Videoconferences 2026 page at <https://cern.ch/fnal-vc>.
- The videoconference follows this timeline: welcome & icebreaker, combination & discussion of results, short virtual visit (if time allows), and Q&A.

**//////// Instructions for the GSI videoconferences //////////**

Zoom is the official videoconference service for GSI/PTMC.

- GSI/PTMC videoconferences will be on Zoom.
- Instructions for Zoom meeting links will be send to the contacts of each institute to distribute it to their session participants.
- The videoconference will include welcome & icebreaker, discussion of results, Q&A, virtual visit to therapy centres, when possible, and quiz.
- The quiz will be played by moderators using the app kahoot. Students can do the quiz on PC or smartphone. They don't need answer sheets.

**//////// Instructions for the Belle II videoconferences //////////**

The videoconferences organised by Belle II will also use Zoom service. Based on the previous experiences "meeting" style will be used to maximise the interaction between the participants. During the videoconference, participants will present their results, participate in an interactive quiz and talk to a researcher connected from the Belle II control room. Zoom details will be distributed to the local site organisers before the event.

**//////// Instructions for the Auger videoconferences //////////**

The videoconferences with the Pierre Auger Observatory will be arranged via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom invitations will be sent to the contact person of each participating institution a few days in advance. The meeting will be open 20 minutes in advance, allowing for prior setting and testing of the connections when needed. The session will be moderated by scientists from the Auger collaboration and will include a guided discussion of the results with time for questions and answers, a virtual visit to the observatory, as well as a final quiz using smartphones.

**//////// A few additional notes //////////**

Any CMS masterclass leaders: If you have not yet filled out the form to indicate your projected number of students, please do so. It is found at <https://forms.gle/hKJPHLGXsKrBU2ZR8>.

Fermilab-only ATLAS masterclass leaders: Your data assignments are found at <https://quarknet.org/content/atlas-z-path-measurement#datatable> and your version of OPlOT, not to be confused with the CERN version, is at <http://cernmasterclass.uio.no/OPlOT-US/>.

Kind regards,

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