



Dear all,

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Today we focus on moderators and we have an important information for CMS Masterclasses.

////// CIMA //////

Our customary data analysis tool, the CMS Instrument for Masterclass Analysis (CIMA), does not seem to be able to keep up with the most recent server operating systems, so we must retire it for at least 2026. Our current plan is to use specially prepared Google Sheets. We have been using these since last spring for individual masterclasses in various places and they have worked reasonably well. Google Sheets do have some limitations: we may have to take care to navigate around these. We will send more instructions and assign sheets within the next few weeks. For a preview, please take a look at the CMS Masterclass Documentation for 2026 at <https://quarknet.org/cmsdoc2026>.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust. Please send any questions you have to Ken.

////// Moderators //////

We are currently putting together the moderator teams for the video conferences. As the program is expanding, we are looking for new volunteers and fresh faces. Moderations can be done remotely, so people don't have to be at CERN, Fermilab, KEK, GSI, or in Malargue. If you have colleagues who are interested, let us know!

Kind regards,

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