

**Call for Proposals - Festival Events**  
Planetary Health Annual Meeting and Festival  
25-30 April 2021  
São Paulo, Brazil (virtually)

Proposal submission deadline:  
January 30, 2021, 24:00 EST

Planetary health is the health and well-being of people and the planet's natural systems. This emerging field of applied research, policy, and practice presents an intentional and catalytic effort to take on one of the greatest challenges the world has faced. It seeks to characterize the impact of human-caused disruptions of Earth's natural systems on our health and well-being, taking a solutions-oriented approach, bridging different disciplines and sectors, and learning from past successes and failures.

In April 2021, [The University of São Paulo](#) and [The Planetary Health Alliance](#) will virtually convene scientists, policymakers, civil-society and private-sector representatives, and others to learn about these complex relationships, seek solutions, and build skills for action and change. Due to the pandemic, the [2021 Planetary Health Annual Meeting](#) will be mostly virtual and held during Planetary Health Week from April 25 - 30, 2021. Our "virtual show" platform will be able to host more than 3,000 global attendees that will include live panels, keynote speeches, interviews, a virtual lounge for the audience, and more. It will allow for plentiful interaction amongst attendees.

The theme of the conference will be [Planetary Health for All: Bridging Communities to Achieve the Great Transition](#). Why? Because we understand that all voices need to be heard in order to ensure the planet, its natural systems, and all life thrives for generations to come. We are all part of the solution and therefore we need contributions from all parts of the globe to inspire our endeavor of Bridging Communities to Achieve the Great Transition.

The Great Transition is a fundamental shift in how people and human systems – political, economic, and social – interact to shape the highest attainable standards for the health of humanity and the state of Earth's natural systems. It will require a transition to a new set of values that incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion of all people as well as respect, appreciation and recognition that the health of people are dependent on Nature.

To celebrate human connections to each other and the planet we are hosting a Planetary Health Festival along with the Annual Meeting. We invite artists, chefs, researchers, organizations, and creators of all types to submit proposals of cultural/art performances

or events that they can organize and produce for the Festival. Projects should help the audience imagine the Great Transition and a world where all people thrive by protecting and regenerating Earth's natural systems for generations to come. Please visit the [PHA website](#) for more information about planetary health and relevant topics of exploration.

Proposals may include, but are not limited to, arts (music, dance, poetry, painting, photography, graffiti, contemporary art, short films, mobile film festival, virtual reality experiences, etc), spiritual expressions (music, ceremony, meditation, prayer, etc), food (local recipes, cooking styles), fairs and exhibits, biodiversity blitzes, among others. We welcome cultural diversity across all formats.

**Guidelines for all proposals.** Proposals should be submitted in English, 300 words maximum, and contain no references, tables or figures. Submissions can be made using this [form](#) and should briefly describe the project/initiative concept and details, its target audience, and the goals you hope to achieve by participating in the Festival. Specifically, the submission form will ask for the following information:

- Lead organizer of the event, plus institution affiliation, if applicable
- Co-presenters and affiliations, if applicable
- Title of the event
- Target audience(s)
- Category of activity (e.g., music, artwork, play)
- The top three preferred times for the presentation during the festival (day, time and time zone)
- Will the presentation be live or recorded?
- Platform or video format:
  - If this will be a pre-recorded event, please specify the video format that will be used.
  - If your event will be a live presentation, please specify the platform to be used that can be shared with the Festival attendees (Zoom, YouTube, etc)
- Duration of the event (within 5, 10, 30 minutes, or other)
- Goals of participating in the Festival
- Confirm that the organizers are solely responsible for the intellectual property and other rights involved in the production and publication of their event.
- 300-word maximum description of the event

Authors of accepted proposals will be required to plan, organize, produce, record and deliver the event by **April 7, 2021**. On that date we should receive the recorded presentation or the link of the live event to be advertised on the Festival website. Additional details will be provided with the acceptance notification.

Proposals advertising commercial products will not be accepted. The submission deadline is **24:00 EST, 30 January 2021**. Notification of acceptance will be given by **16 February 2021**. Please submit proposals [here](#). Questions? Send email to [pham2021@usp.br](mailto:pham2021@usp.br)

**Interested in attending** the Annual Meeting? Sign up to receive updates and registration information at [planetaryhealthallianceannualmeeting.com](http://planetaryhealthallianceannualmeeting.com).