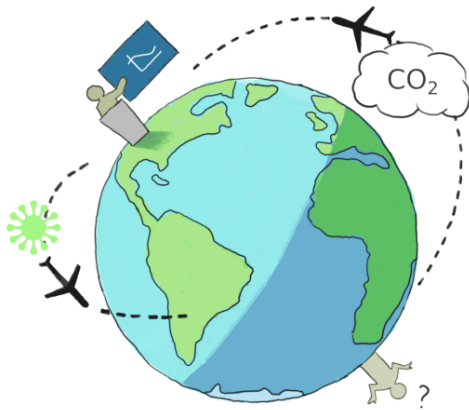


Petition for more sustainable & diverse scientific conferences

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Our Motivation

- “I am currently doing my phd in physics and the climate issue stresses me more than my phd work and than being far from home, so imagine that! I have hope that this will lead to something good.”
 - [comment to our petition](#)
- Facilitating access to education and science can reveal hidden talents and fight prejudices
- Personal feeling of responsibility as a scientist

Advantages of virtual and hybrid conferences

- **Global warming:**
 - CO2 emissions could be reduced by a factor of 14-3000
 - scientists as role models
 - largest carbon footprint contribution of many scientists
- **Equality, Diversity, Inclusion:**
 - financial and political aspect
 - Work-Life-Balance and personal reasons
 - academic hierarchy
- **Global health risks and biodiversity:**
 - increase and spread of zoonoses
 - loss of biodiversity

Examples and ideas

- **Two proposed ways:**

- Virtual conferences
- Hybrid conferences with encouraged virtual participation

- **Examples:**

- Neutrino2020: virtual conference with Virtual Reality components
- International Ornithological Congress 2022: Hybrid + reduced virtual fees
- nature conferences: hybrid + reduced virtual fees
- The Company of Biologists: Sustainable Conferencing Grants

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