Education and Public Outreach Subcommittee

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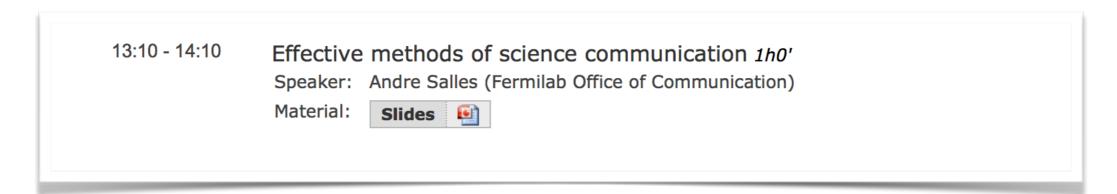
Introduction to the Education and Public Outreach Sub-committee

- Goal is to broaden the scope of outreach activities at Fermilab
- Synergistic with existing programs
- Traditionally there has been an emphasis on science communication
- We work with the Office of Communication closely
- ▶ There exists a clear mandate to provide support during the:
 - DC Trip
 - Users Meeting
- In the following slides, I have summarized our activities in 2018-2019

In preparation for the DC Trip

- ▶ We held three training sessions between Feb 18th March 13th, 2019
 - https://indico.fnal.gov/event/19884/
 - https://indico.fnal.gov/event/20134/
 - https://indico.fnal.gov/event/20157/

We organized a science communication training



Education and public outreach at the Users Meeting

- Science communication training conducted by Andre Salles
- Tied to the theme of the Users Meeting "Your Community, Your Science"
- David Martinez was in charge
- Total number of attendees limited to 30
- Slots occupied within 30 min!

09:00 - 10:15 Session V: Science Communication

Convener: David Martinez
Location: WH2SW, Curia II

09:00 How to talk science to everyone 1h15'

Speaker: Andre Salles (Fermilab Office of Communication)

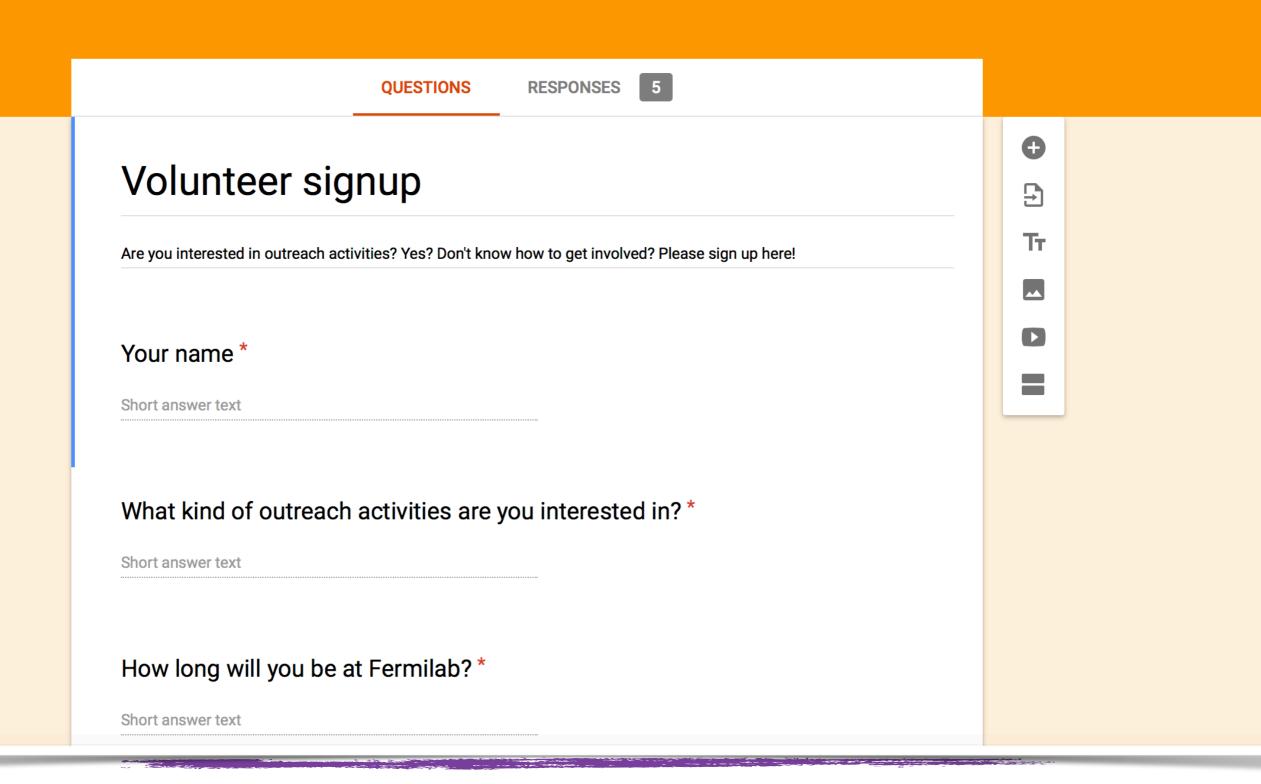
Education and public outreach at the Users Meeting





- Attendees in various stages of their career
- Early career scientists participated
- We sent out a google form to gauge interest in signing up for outreach activities

Volunteer signup at the Users Meeting

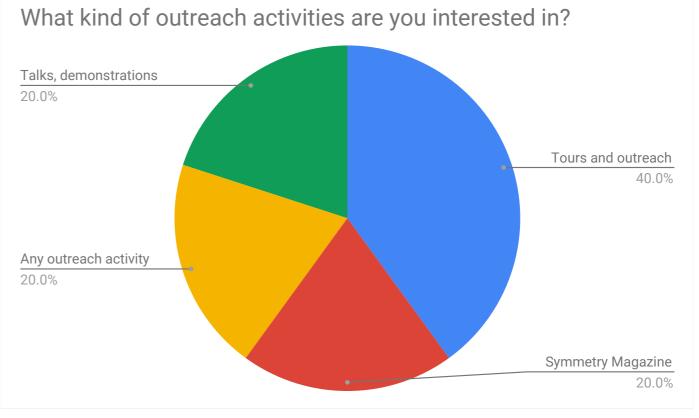


Volunteer signup at the Users Meeting



 Willingness to undergo any kind of training

 Kinds of activities prospective volunteers are interested in contributing



Next steps...

- Contribute to the "Ask-a-scientist" effort (we have received emails in the past)
- Various ways to contribute (docents, speakers etc.)

Topic & Link	Date	Presenter & Institution
The Fermilab Holometer: Is the Universe a Hologram?	July 7, 2019	Ohkyung Kwon, University of Chicago
How to Build a Neutrino Beam	June 2, 2019	Bob Zwaska, Fermilab
Hands-on Quantum Computing	April 7, 2019	Daniel Bowring, Fermilab
Famous Women Astronomers and Physicists	March 3, 2019	prepared by Mike Albrow, touched-up and presented by Peter H. Garbincius, both Fermilab
From Playstation to Supercomputer: Accelerating Physics with GPUs	January 6, 2019	Wes Gohn, University of Kentucky
Neutrino Oscillations	December 2, 2018	Peter H. Garbincius, Fermilab
Dark Matter - Why does it Matter? video (open in a new frame) or here is URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o79szJBtQ5E&feature=youtu.be	October 7, 2018	Dan Bauer, Fermilab
A Theory of (almost) Everything - The Standard Model of Particle Physics	September 9, 2018	Bogdan Dobrescu, Fermilab

- How can we help with the replacement of the Foucault pendulum in the atrium: cloud chamber? It is feasible?
- We need to get in touch with Rebecca Thompson. Matt Bellis from Siena College (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XgsCH_SH9Q) made a cloud chamber that relies on Peltier cooling, might be an option because it replaces the need to cool the unit using dry ice.

What we couldn't do last year...

- Making 2 outreach videos with Don Lincoln:
 - How to give a great talk (include Don's link)
 - How to make a great poster (https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/ 2019/06/11/729314248/to-save-the-science-poster-researchers-want-to-kill-it-and-start-over)
- These videos will be geared toward the Users Meeting talks and poster
- Don is interested in this idea
- Cindy Joe had mentioned the possibility of inviting a speaker from the College of Dupage to give a talk on effective methods of communication