



NPA board member Dace Balode attended the Mobile Planetariums Worldwide Meeting on May 13th at 14:00 GMT (online) 2023. There is a short summary of the two hour meeting:

- meeting was organized by Susan Reynolds Button (IPS Portable Planetarium Committee) and Marco Ávalos (Planetarium Aventura);
- welcome words from the IPS President Michael McConville. He emphasized the role of the mobile planetariums as a very important players in the planetarium society;
- ~46 planetariums from all over the world participated;
- the first discussion was about available resources for mobile planetariums. Susan introduced us where everybody can receive the materials for the planetarium sessions for free, for example, on IPS homepage. It caused the exchange of experience between participants;
- naturally the analysis of the better full-dome content followed: the applicable, and feasible ways to get it, how the content works with different ages of visitors; how to combine digital shows with a live narrative etc.
- thoughts of how to integrate mobile planetarium operators the Centennial of Planetariums celebration into their presentations; due to this jubilee a new discussion took place – is it possible, where and how to restore older planetarium equipment – it would be useful for a planetarium history displays;
- best practices: several interesting presentations were shown like from Chile and Hungary, after them the exchange of ideas arised like the flow of visitor organization or problem solving with the sound in mobile planetariums during the outdoor shows etc.

All participants voted for the next meetings every 3 months and always on Saturday.