

Conferences: What Are We Looking For?

Dear Friends,

A flurry of Conferences and CMEs hover around our calendar with messages filling the inbox and with reminders for them. We all are aware and realize the mammoth efforts poured in to organize the program. Sometimes different programs are going on at different places at same dates, whereas, different halls are running simultaneously in the same conference. Galaxy of speakers, stalwarts in their fields are there to take the deliberations who come from far and wide places. But few questions which ponder my mind are:



- Do we require to attend them all?
- Are we optimizing these conferences and CMEs?
- What is the real motto when we are attending them?
- Are we still having the thirst within us?
- Is there felt need of organizing series of conferences one after other or overlapping on the same dates?
- Do we have enough delegates who actually are interested in the conference?

I really wonder how many of them we really attend and how many of them is actually required? Is our primary goal of learning fulfilled while we tend to attend series of these conferences? Or may be a few good conferences attended with full dedication can actually serve the purpose. I think our aim should be to attend those meetings in which we are able to satiate the lacunae of our knowledge and skill. And avoid meetings with similar theme and ideology.

The residents have golden opportunity to learn and enhance their knowledge and skills by attending them and can also find their mentor who can help them for achieving their future dreams. But they also need to customize which one to attend and which one to omit.

The practitioners need to update their knowledge and need to get a carry home message that they can incorporate in their busy practices. This is suitably covered in some of the deliberations. But sometimes they feel lost in the subject and feel they are unable to comprehend the important key points.

Fellowships and socialization are the integral part of any conference but should come at last. But sometimes halls are lying vacant and delegates are busy socializing despite best of lectures going on inside the halls.

Do we need to rethink????? The goal or motto behind the conference seems to be lost.....

So much of sponsorship and investment done is for what ?

These meetings are golden opportunity to learn, to broaden our horizon, to update ourselves, to share our knowledge, to impart and learn our skills and so on and so forth. Lets pledge to regather the motto behind these programs and to utilize them in a more comprehensive manner.

We are serving you with another issue of journal with articles from all rostrums of ophthalmologists and hope that will be a brilliant platter to enjoy all flavors. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the authors who have penned the fantastic articles and am thankful to president, secretary, joint editor and whole editorial board for helping me in this task.

I am confident that the articles shall definitely enlighten all the readers who will enjoy reading the publications. We would like to invite constructive criticism to improve the quality and content.

Wishing you all the best!

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