

Lecture IV – Conferences

Conferences as the most important after publications a mean of scientific communication

Conferences are important not only because of talks
Conferences reveal trends
Importance of personal, informal contacts
Scientist travel a lot

Types of conferences

Big, small, symposia, seminars, workshops etc.
Organizing committee, advisory committee, honorary committee etc.
Invited or keynote speakers

Types of sessions

Plenary, parallel, working groups
Session chairmen, conveners

Types of presentations

Invited talks, contributed talks, communications, posters
Blackboard talks, slides, computer presentations
Questions and comments
Panel discussions

Conference proceedings

Journals which publish conference proceedings
Is it needed?

Who pays for a conference?

Sponsors, conference fees, fellowships, funding of invited speakers

Predatory conferences

Luxury resorts and expensive hotels

Videoconferences or on-line meetings

Various video conferencing systems

Carbon footprint

(the total greenhouse gas emissions caused by an individual, event, organization, or product, expressed as carbon dioxide equivalent)

Do scientists travel too much?