2018 Conference & Exhibit
Strategies in the Life Sciences:
What’s Working Now

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OVERVIEW

Conferences play an essential role in promoting communication among life scientists. The most important function of conferences—from a scientist’s perspective—is to provide a forum for presenting cutting-edge research. In addition, conferences offer scientists opportunities for identifying new research directions or approaches, networking with colleagues, collaborations, and career advancement. Professional societies often play a large role in hosting these conferences and in connecting scientists to each other. Many vendors consider conferences to be valuable opportunities to interact with prospective and current customers in specific markets. Exhibiting at conferences continues to be a vital and indispensable part of most vendors marketing efforts. Knowing in advance what your customers expect and what motivates them to engage your brand’s representatives at meetings are key building blocks to the success of your event’s exhibiting strategy. The perspective of over a thousand conference attendees and customers is presented, allowing you to assess current best practices in the market and new ways to capture the attention and interest of your customers.

Objectives of this Report:

1. Help you select the right scientific conference by understanding what attracts life scientists and their perception about exhibitions
2. Aid in understanding the needs and expectations of life scientists have of professional societies and conference sponsors.
3. Aid in designing the ideal exhibit by assessing the trends in customer experience management at conferences
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Executive Summary

- Expectations for Conferences
- Suggestions to Enhance the Appeal of Your Conference
- Perceptions of Your Professional Society
- Suggestions to Enhance the Appeal of Your Booth or Exhibit Floor

Scientific Conferences and the Attendee Experience

- Trends in Scientific Conferences
- Designing the Ideal Scientific Conference
- Scientific and Professional Society Satisfaction
- Selecting a Scientific Conference
- Impact of Scientific Conferences on Research
- Managing Scientists’ Perceptions About Exhibit Halls

Methodology & Demographics

- Methodology
- Demographics
METHODOLOGIES

BioInformatics provides detailed information on scientists’ experience at conferences and their expectations of an exhibit. The results of a 39-question online survey of more than 1100 Life Scientists from around the world is included, which provides substantive information on attendees’ trends and opinions of conferences. In addition, this report also includes an in-depth analysis of customer experience profiles for 16 different exhibitors. This report is the most accurate, detailed and concise market research document covering the conference experience.
SAMPLE DATA

- North America: 45%
- Europe: 33%
- Asia Pacific: 22%

Academic/University: 48%
- Biopharmaceutical/Biotechnology Company: 15%
- Research Institute/Foundation (non-profit): 9%
- Pharmaceutical Company: 9%
- University Medical Center: 5%
- Government: 5%
- Contract Research Organization: 3%
- Hospital: 3%
- Other: 3%

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COMPARED TO FIVE YEARS AGO, HOW IMPORTANT IS ATTENDING SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES TO YOUR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE)

10. More Important: 15%
9: 13%
8: 17%
7: 13%
6: 8%
5. The Same: 23%
4: 5%
3: 4%
2: 2%
1: 1%
0. Less Important: 1%
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