

## Editorial



# Attendance at conferences for researchers and editorial boards: the post-COVID landscape

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The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has significantly hindered in-person attendance at academic conferences. The *Journal of Periodontal & Implant Science*, an open-access journal, is committed to providing up-to-date information relevant to periodontology and dental implantology. As a result, several periodontal and implant-related conferences have been scheduled for the latter half of 2024. The Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology (APSP), a non-profit organization, focuses on the exchange and dissemination of scientific knowledge in periodontal and implant research and education across the Asia-Pacific region. It organizes biennial academic meetings [1]. The 15th APSP International Meeting is set to take place in Hanoi, Vietnam, on October 17–18, 2024 [2]. Additionally, the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology will occur in San Diego, CA, USA, from October 31 to November 3, 2024 [3]. There will also be a meeting in Asia—namely, the 4th Annual Joint Conference of Asia-Pacific Society of Osseointegration in Seoul, Korea, from September 7 to 8, 2024 [4]. Europe will host important events as well, including the 2024 Annual Congress of the European Association for Osseointegration in Milan, Italy, from October 24 to 26, 2024 [5].

Despite the advantages of online conferences, such as cost savings, no restrictions on the location, convenience, and the ability to accommodate a large number of attendees, in-person conference attendance has the advantage of facilitating direct interaction and potential collaboration among researchers in a way that can be challenging to achieve through virtual participation [6]. Face-to-face meetings are thought to promote more intensive and in-depth discussions [7]. Additionally, engaging with researchers from diverse regions during these meetings promotes academic advancement and provides feedback from various perspectives, thereby enhancing cultural understanding [8,9]. To maximize the benefits of conference participation, thorough preparation is crucial. This preparation should include understanding the conference agenda, familiarizing oneself with the participants and topics, networking with colleagues, and scheduling meetings in advance if possible.

Moreover, there are specific conferences dedicated to editors and editorial board members. The Asia Pacific Association of Medical Journal Editors (APAME) is a non-governmental, non-partisan, and non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting medical journalism in the Asia-Pacific region. The APAME 2024 conference is scheduled to take place in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, from August 29 to 30 [10]. Additionally, the 8th Asian Science Editors' Conference and Workshop 2024 will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on July 15–16, 2024. This event is organized by the Council of Asian Science Editors, the Korean Council of Science Editors, and the Indonesian Association of Scientific Journal Editors [11]. Editorial board members must be deeply engaged with current issues and developments in their fields. Networking with peers at these events provides valuable support and encouragement, enhancing the growth and visibility of their journals. I hope that the second half of 2024 offers numerous opportunities for recharging, challenging oneself, and fostering professional growth through participation in these conferences.

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