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As the COVID -19 pandemic spurs cities and states to keep social distancing guidelines in place, we adapted to new operating landscape by going digital. Following social distancing recommendations, many organizations have shifted their in-person conferences to virtual meetings. And while online events like webinars existed before COVID 19, virtual conferences further present benefits and challenges to navigate for attendees. For example, one can attend more than one conference to help your professional development needs while saving money on travel.

However, the primary challenge of attending a virtual conference is that we are not on face-to face networking space. No matter the benefits and challenges to a virtual conference, remember the reasons why we are attending, which most likely have to do with presenting and learning about research, gaining professional development skills and networking with others. If you want to attend any virtual scientific conferences there are few tips to be followed like: before attending any conference, in virtual it is important to check the emails leading up to the event. There will be links to the conference, as well as usernames and passwords that one might need to log in. If one is presenting any work like a poster or oral presentation, one might need to submit audio or video file before the conference. One also doesn't want to wait until the last minute to try to log in. Instead, block off time on calendar to go through the logistics of the online meeting. Take time to look through the conference schedule and plan out the sessions one want to attend just like the physical conferences. The other important point to consider is Dress Professionally. With the evolution of virtual platforms / technology, there will be an evolution of virtual meetings also. Dress professionally and be prepared to turn on camera when attending networking session. One should also use elevator pitch to maintain brief and effective communication since meetings might have time limit. One important point to consider is to make your complete profile before the meeting starts. In my opinion, to manage virtual conferences, stay updated with your emails, explore the conference platforms as early as you can, dress appropriately and keep networking.

It's my immense pleasure to inform you that the dentist community of Innovative Education and Scientific Research Foundation IESRF and Seema Dental College and Hospital conducted DENTOCON 2020 the virtual conference forum for the largest global virtual gathering of the dentists. It was two day Intensive scientific programme that focuses on recent developments in the field of Dental Sciences. The conference was conducted by Researchers and postgraduates in Dental and allied fields. DENTOCON 2020 was not just series of lectures, indeed it was an interactive session of proficient Dentists across the globe. There were key note lectures, e-poster, scientific paper presentations and live panel discussions by stalwarts of dentistry. We had more than 500 registrations from across the globe and the response of the delegates was overwhelming. We had received around 200 abstracts out of which 20 were selected from each to be presented on Day 1 & Day 2 of the conference.

It was a great experience to have live interactive sessions and conducting such virtual conference. Thanks to IESRF and SDCH team for smooth conduction of this conference. Stay safe and Keep connecting virtually...

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