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Writing an abstract for a scientific conference (GC Boersema)

1. The purpose of presenting a paper in a conference is to:
   a. Become famous amongst peers
   b. Share research with a target audience
   c. Improve evidence-based practice
   d. B and C are correct

2. Conferences are good platforms to:
   a. Receive feedback on the presented research
   b. Network with peers
   c. Create collaboration with experts in the field
   d. All of the above

3. Regarding the selection of abstracts for conferences it is correct to affirm that:
   a. All submitted abstracts are usually accepted
   b. A double-blinded peer-review selection process is applied
   c. There are no rules to select the abstracts
   d. None of the above

4. Regarding double-blinded selection:
   a. Researchers and reviewers remain anonymous during selection
   b. Neither researchers nor reviewers are anonymised during selection
   c. Only reviewers know the researchers’ names
   d. Only researchers know the reviewers’ names

5. The following statements are true for a scientific conference, except:
   a. It is a formal meeting of people to share their research
   b. Presentations may be by posters or oral format
   c. Presenters don’t need to defend their posters
   d. Abstracts for the conference can be published as conference proceedings

6. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020:
   a. Most conferences were offered as virtual instead of face-to-face
   b. Advantages of virtual conferences are ease of access and low cost
   c. Networking may be compromised but still possible
   d. All of the above

7. To improve the quality of an abstract:
   a. It must be written casually just before the submission date
   b. It should promise results even if the research is not completed
   c. It should not follow any template
   d. None of the above

8. The functions of conference abstracts are the following, except:
   a. To show the relevance of the research to be presented
   b. To guide the delegates when choosing what relevant research to attend to in the conference
   c. To be published in the conference programme
   d. To serve as good marketing to the presenter

9. In this article, the suggested order for the steps in writing a good abstract is:
   a. Identify submission date, align to conference theme, plan structure of abstract, write first draft, write final version, provide title and double-check before submission
   b. Identify submission date, align to conference theme, provide title, plan structure of abstract, write first draft, write final version, and double-check before submission
   c. Identify submission date, plan structure of abstract, align to conference theme, provide title, write first draft, write final version, and double-check before submission
   d. Any order is acceptable

10. The following statements are true, except:
    a. Submission date is not relevant when submitting an abstract
    b. Research data should align to conference theme, specific sub-theme or stream
    c. The abstract structure represents the logical flow of the research project
    d. A first draft allows researcher to focus on what needs to be said

11. The structure of a research-based abstract is usually:
    a. Introduction/background, methods, results, conclusion and recommendations
    b. Introduction/background, results, methods, conclusion and recommendations
    c. Not important as long as the message is clear
    d. Not necessary to be followed if the research is important

12. The components of the methods section are:
    a. Research design, population characteristics and sample size
    b. Data collection method and data analysis
    c. Demographic characteristics of participants
    d. A and B are correct

13. Programme-based abstracts:
    a. Consist of issues, descriptions, lessons learnt and recommendations
    b. Could be studies explaining evidence-based research implemented into routine practice within a context
    c. A and B are correct
    d. None of the above

14. It is correct to say:
    a. There is no need for ethical clearance when submitting an abstract for a conference
    b. All research studies involving human participants should apply for ethical clearance
    c. All research studies not involving human participants should apply for exemption from ethical clearance
    d. B and C are correct

15. A good abstract:
    a. Should be clear and concise
    b. The title should be specific and refer to a specific study population
    c. Should be free of grammatical and spelling errors and reflect the research in a structured composition
    d. All the above

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