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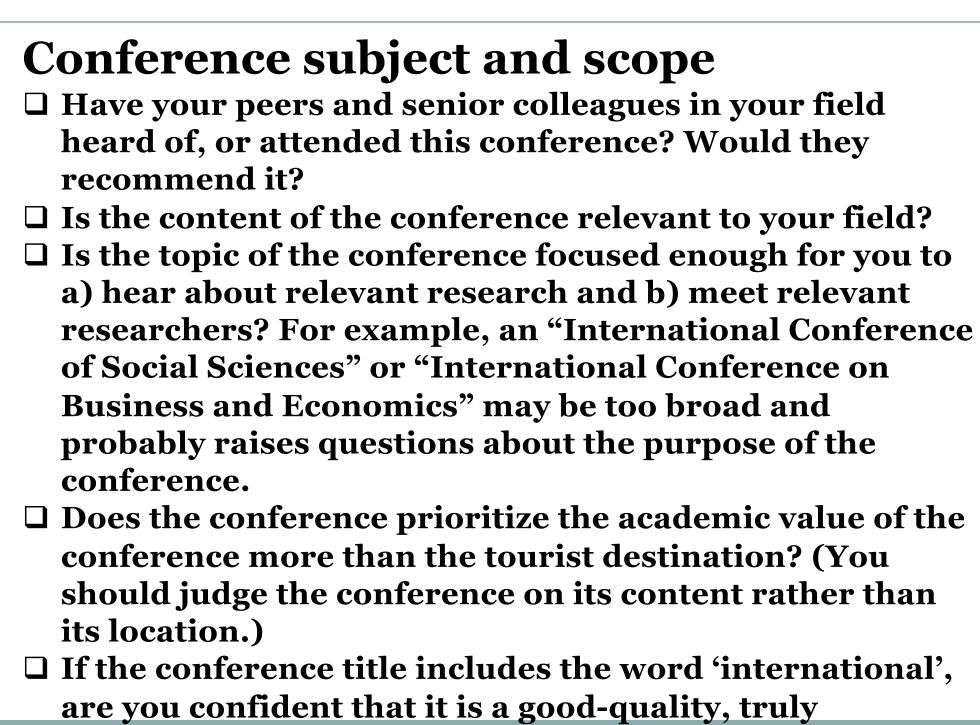


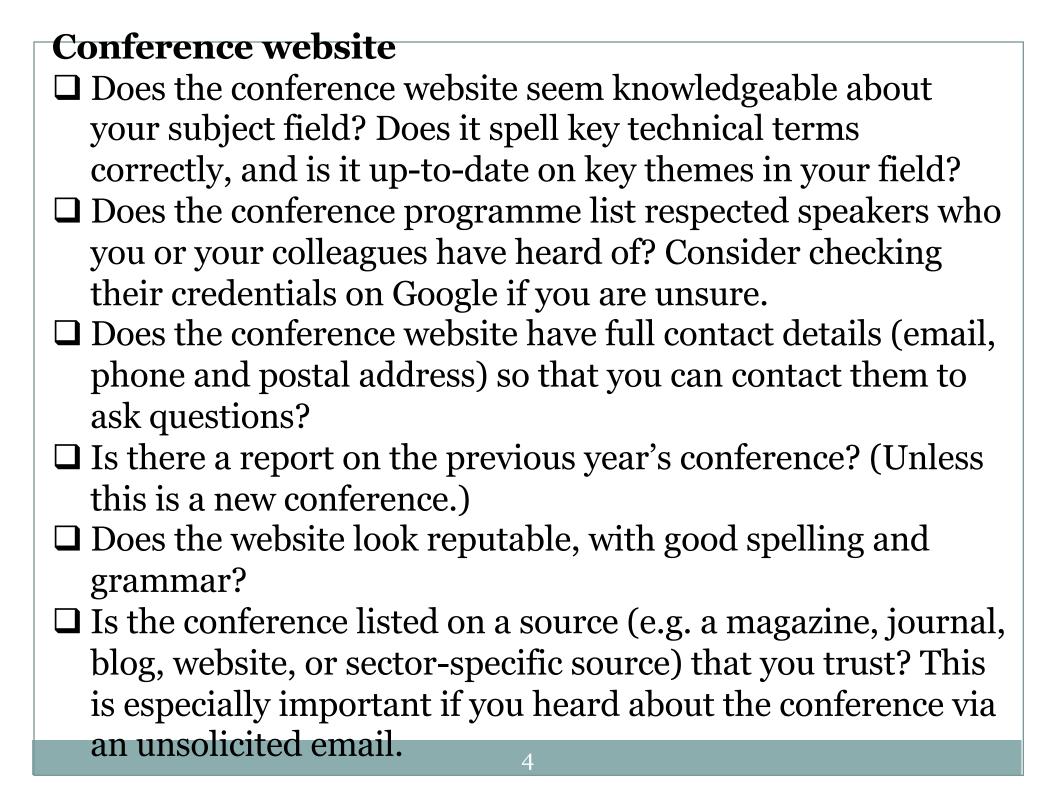
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Andy Nobes provides a checklist of questions to consider before you register for your next conference

- ☐ It's very important to make sure that the conference you attend is suitable for your purposes, whether it's a small, niche conference or a large, international conference – will you be presenting your valuable research to the right audience and making useful contacts? Will the conference presentation look good on your CV?
- ☐ To help you decide, we've put together some questions you should ask if you are in any doubt about registering for a conference:





Conference organizers

- Who is organizing the conference, and for what reason? Is the goal or theme of the conference clear and specific? (Please note that generic phrases such as 'to promote scientific innovation' or 'to facilitate dissemination of research findings' are not specific.)
- Do the organizers seem fully focused on making this a highquality conference? Or are they involved in multiple events in the same day/week/month?
- If the conference is being hosted by a university or research institution, do they seem like the most appropriate host? Are they also advertising the conference on their website or at their campus?
- Is the conference organized by a scholarly or non-profit organisation who you have heard of? Does this organization list the conference on their website?
- If the conference is organized by a commercial company:
 - Is there a clear partnership with a reputable institution/society/research institute, either international or local to the conference?
 - Is there a partnership with a reputable publisher or publication?

The answer to most of these questions should be 'Yes' then you are in the right way to participate in the conference(this end text slightly modified from the original in order to give more clear conclusion)

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