



CAME Voice/Voix

Canadians were everywhere.... - Dr. Jocelyn Lockyer

Once a year medical educators come together at the end of August for the AMEE (Association for Medical Education in Europe) conference. This key meeting attracts over 3000 people from over 90 countries and despite Canada having no more than 0.6% of the worlds registered medical schools, we were everywhere in Milan earlier this month. Canadians were running pre-conference workshops, workshops, symposia, research papers, PhD reports, communications, posters, organized the Fringe and a plenary from Dean Reznick (from Queen's) ended the meeting. The 200-page program and 900-page abstract books have few pages without a Canadian presence <http://www.amee.org/conferences/amee-past-conferences/amee-2014>

Not only does this demonstrate the international impact of Canadian scholarship on medical education evidence and theory, it is where our curricular and assessment innovations shine. The program also provides numerous examples of where Canadians are helping their colleagues around the world by sharing their expertise through basic 'how to' sessions on developing, designing and running all sorts of activities and processes in medical education. The spirit of volunteering and helping others is alive and well at meetings such as this. Next year the program will be in Glasgow with the first of the pre-conference workshops and symposia due September 30. Check the AMEE website as other components of the program have different deadlines.

For those who want to attend next year's meeting but need a bit of help getting started preparing winning abstracts so we can 'own the podium', do check out these on-line resources:

- Wood GJ, Morrison RS, Writing abstracts and developing posters for national meetings, J Palliative Medicine 2011; 14(3): 353-359.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3114208/>

- Jester P, Writing a conference abstract: Tips for success, International Association of Clinical Nurse Researchers,

http://iacrn.org/Resources/Conference%202014/Abstract_Devel_Handout_2perpage.pdf

In the meantime, thanks are in order to the more than 200 abstract reviewers who will help make our Canadian Conference on Medical Education in Vancouver April 25 – 28, 2015 in Vancouver a success! Their work will provide us with another opportunity to share, compare, and learn from each other on Canadian soil.