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TABLETOP PRESENTATION INFORMATION

To assist you with planning for your upcoming Tabletop Conversations presentation at the 2018 AAG Conference, we have put together some information on this presentation format, including some tips on getting the most out of your Tabletop Conversations presentation.

Please read the information carefully. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to assist you in planning for your presentation.

In response to delegate feedback, Tabletop Conversation sessions will contain fewer presenters and tables to present to in 2018 to maximise the available time spent at each table and the opportunities for deeper discussion about, and insight into presentations

TABLETOP CONVERSATIONS PRESENTATIONS:
A tabletop is an informal presentation style using oral communication and visual media to inform, clarify, explore, and/or exchange ideas on a specific topic. Presentations occur simultaneously; with a presenter at each table initiating conversations.

- Each presentation is given to a table of up to 9 conference participants. Presenters have 20 minutes (including 10 minutes for discussion time allowing for 10 minutes for the table to ask questions and discuss the presentation) to present their ideas, program or research. After the bell rings at the 20-minute mark the presenter will be required to move on to another table of listeners and present again. This is carried out 3 - 4 times in the session, depending on how many presenters are presenting within your theme. It's a bit like speed dating for research!

- Each presentation will be aligned with three or four other presentations within a particular theme (identified by a colour coded flag on the tables and linked together in the program). Thus, audience members will know that those presentations are all related to the same subject area. All presenters will move only between these tables. Audience members do not move from table to table.

- Tabletop presentations do not require a PowerPoint presentation, but presenters are encouraged to be innovative and interactive with their3 - 4 'intimate' audiences. This means they may use props such as laminated slides, products that can be demonstrated, photographs, or perhaps even a physical demonstration.

- Presentations should have an element of action to stimulate attention, interest and discussion.

- Remember, this presentation format is called Tabletop Conversations as presenters are encouraged to seek feedback and comments from the table audiences. Your allocated presentation time includes a minimum of 5 minutes for discussion. Please be sure to allow for this time when you are designing your presentation as your audience will be eager to discuss your ideas with you.