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Consensus Conference event

Scientific Committee panel: Donadio V, Postuma R, Freeman R, Gibbons C and Liguori R

The conference is held over 2 days.

First half of the first day: two parallel activities are conducted.

- a. Consensus Development Panel members discuss the Question& Answer Document, the rules of the Consensus and the publication policy in a closed meeting.
- b. Each workgroup discusses the Question & Answer Document in order to propose final statements at the Open Discussion Meeting (see below). A speaker is nominated and a brief slide presentation prepared.

Second half of the first day: one activity is conducted.

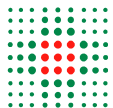
- c. The Open Discussion Meeting:
 - i. The speaker from each workgroup presents the results of her/his own workgroup.
 - ii. The Consensus Development Panel and all convened debate with each speaker in order to possibly achieve an agreed version of answers to the questions.

First half of the second day: two parallel activities are conducted.

- d. In a closed meeting Consensus Development Panel members develop a draft statement considering the material from each workgroup and the comments arisen from the Open Discussion Meeting. This draft contains final statements and few comments at sustain. A plan for scheduling the final version of the Consensus Conference document is also provided.
- e. Each workgroup prepares a slide presentation about recommendations for research taking into account the gaps emerged during the discussions.

Second half of the second day: two activities are conducted

- f. Final Open Plenary Sessions: the Panel and Conference Chairperson reports the established statements. Each statement could be briefly discussed. If some relevant topics result as particularly controversial, a final voting will be devised according to the RAND Appropriateness Method (Nair 2011).



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g. Workgroups propose a research plan.

2. Reporting phase

The first draft will be released approximately within 6 months by the Scientific Committee. No substantive changes to the panel's findings are made.

The scientific paper is published according to the previously established editorial rules.