

IFOMPT Conference feedback. Matt Daly

Wow how conferences have changed!! Can I get a pen anyone?

The first thing I noticed about this conference was the fact that there was an app! This easy to use app threw me at first but the more I played with it the more I got into how it helped me participate in the conference. It turned my usual passive listening to an active engagement directly with the speaker because you could ask questions which were then seen by everyone and rated so that they could then be answered by the speaker. This was clearly very good.

This conference was heavily Tweeted! Don't be put off by that in the future but there has clearly been a cultural shift in how we interact at conferences. Tweeting was big! As a result I was able to share articles, references and other data almost instantaneously with my colleagues back home. Like all technological advances, your attitude to it helps to shape its value.

Some of the presenters have clearly been around the circuit for a few years and didn't really have a huge amount of new things to say but their skills at presenting reinforced their messages and made it very entertaining.

I also liked the fact that in the smaller break out sessions, you heard from Phd students and could speak with them afterwards about their papers and their experiences, views and values.

Elsevier put all the abstracts on a memory stick to help compile the huge amount of conference papers. This was extremely helpful and has made a useful addition to my data storage capacity and ability to disseminate information, thank you. It meant I could share with my colleagues the basis of the points I was making when were discussing the finer points of pain, subacromial issues and the patella.

A very worthwhile experience.