

PCOGS Meeting 101

Your initial look at the meeting schedule may be overwhelming - here are some general guidelines for the portions you would be involved in. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email the society administrator.

Monday/Tuesday: Some people arriving, registration will be available, (may be some activities).
Enjoy the resort!

Wednesday: More people will be arriving. This is the typical Activities day! Activities are organized by volunteer members and are an opportunity to connect with new and old friends of the society in a fun and social way. There are lots of options, some free and some require payment (and/or signing up in advance) in addition to your registration fees. You are highly encouraged to participate.

Wednesday evening is the Welcome Reception (all attendees and paid companions/families are welcome and encouraged to attend) this informal social gathering (food and drinks are served)

To follow will be the New Member (1st 5 years after becoming a Fellow) Gathering (~9pm). This is a chance to network with other new members.

Guests and all other paid attendees are invited to the hospitality suite following the reception. Here you will find more snacks, drinks, socializing, and photo albums from years past. It's a fun place to connect, relax and socialize. The Hospitality Suite is stocked, staffed, and managed by volunteer members/companions (who also stay in the suite). Please honor any private spaces in this room, and thank them for their volunteering!

Thursday: All day Scientific Meeting with breaks.

Breaks are opportunities to view the oral presentation posters from the residents, visit with colleagues, and visit the Exhibitor Hall. **While at first it may feel uncomfortable to visit with our industry representatives, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about new technologies, medications and innovation in our field. Additionally, their financial support is critical to the success of our meetings - they help subsidize the cost of our meeting to keep our meeting registration costs as low as possible. You will receive a raffle card to fill out with vendor signatures, then turn in your fully completed card for a raffle for a free future meeting registration!

There usually is a group photo for guests and fellows this day.

Guests should not plan to attend any Board meetings or Business meetings; this is free time for you.

Hospitality suite open from when lectures are done and is open until Caucus Dinner starts.

Caucus Dinner - You will be invited to attend the dinner with your associated geographical Caucus. (#caucuspage) If you have questions, ask your sponsor or the corresponding Caucus chair. You are highly encouraged to attend this dinner to get to know your caucus - please connect with your sponsor or chair to confirm your/companions/family attendance.

After dinner, the hospitality suite is open once more!

Friday Scientific Meeting (Morning only)

Caucuses will be having their annual meetings over the breakfast hour, guests need not attend. Your breakfast will be arranged with the companions, see registration booklet for details.

Afternoon Activities (that's you!)

Hospitality Suite open all afternoon and again after dinner.

Dinner typically is an off-site location, guests and paid companions/families are included!

Saturday Scientific Meeting (Morning only)

Membership Track Breakfast (prior to Scientific Sessions) - open to Caucus and Personal guests, this meeting will give you an overview of the process to become a member. You'll hear from other members who recently completed their research projects and others who are in the process. Bring your questions about membership and how PCOGS can help you succeed in your research project.

Lunch on your own. Self-guided activities. Hospitality suite open prior to and after dinner/dance.

Dinner is the Presidential Address, Reception, Dinner and Dancing (President sets the attire - this has in recent years been the only formal attire event, see this year's program description for suggested attire).

Sunday Morning Farewell Breakfast (joint singing - Auld Lang Sang)