CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

We constantly insist on complete independence between strictly scientific content and industry-related activities in our conferences. Scientific lectures are presumed to be based on objective interpretations of evidence and unbiased interpretations of facts with a fair representation of all specialities concerned in the field of aesthetics whether it is medical aesthetics, with plastic surgery and dermatology, or non medical aesthetics with the new development of the cosmeceutical field.

The integrity of our conferences requires disclosure of the possibilities of potentially distorting influences. The audience may then judge and, if necessary, make allowance for the impact of the bias on the information being reported. Consequently, all speakers must openly disclose any COI that can influence the content of their presentation.

1. What is a conflict of interest? (COI)

A situation in which a speaker (or their spouse/partner) lecturing at our congresses has a sufficient personal and/or financial relationship with a commercial or non-commercial entity that may thus bias the content of their presentation. The appropriate and most open course of action is to disclose activities and relationships that, if known to others, might be viewed as a conflict of interest, even if speakers do not believe that any conflict or bias exists.

What is a bias?

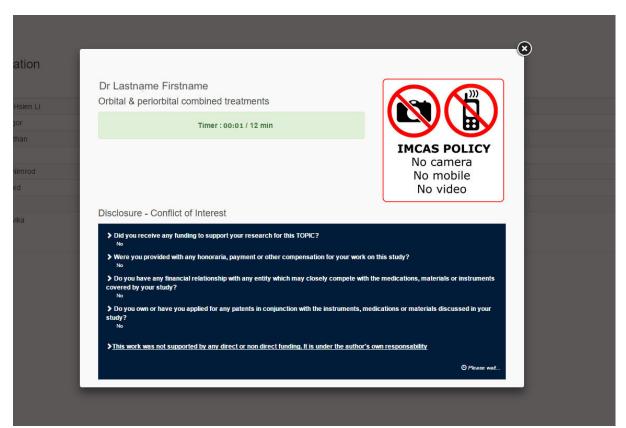
Bias is a term used to describe a tendency or preference towards a particular perspective, ideology or result, especially when the tendency interferes with the ability to be impartial, unprejudiced or objective. Bias may be scientific, political, religious, gender-related, ethnic, racial, cultural or geographical. Bias may occur in relation to a particular industry or commercial product such as a mechanical device or pharmaceutical agent, or in relation to a particular intellectual, political or other view, in situations where a range of products or views may be equally useful or valid.

What about the level of "significance" in terms of interest?

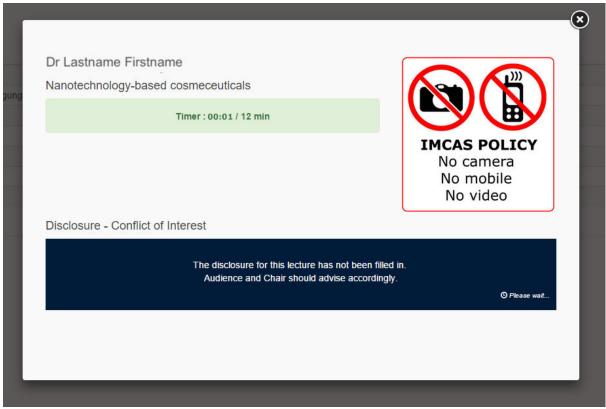
Whether an interest is "significant" will depend on individual circumstances and cannot be defined by a dollar amount. Participation on a board of directors or any other relationship with a product, device or company should be carefully disclosed. In addition speakers should disclose any circumstances that could suggest bias against or towards a product, device or company.

How about speakers declaring they have no "Conflict of Interest"?

Neither the speaker nor any member of their immediate family has a significant financial arrangement or affiliation with a product, device or company mentioned in their lecture nor any potential bias against or towards another product, device or company.



With disclosures



Without disclosures

2. How to submit your COI?

If you are a Scientific Board member:

- Fill in the Scientific Board COI disclosure available through your speaker account dashboard
- Fill in the standardized COI for each one of your lecture(s) upon submission of each abstract whatever the format: oral presentation or e-poster

If you are not a Scientific Board member:

- Fill in the standardized COI for each one of your lecture(s) upon submission of each abstract - whatever the format: oral presentation or e-poster