TIPS and TRICKS for attending the DSI Conference

BEFORE the Conference

- Download the conference app, Guidebook, before you go.
- Create your schedule – include presentations you want to attend and social events.
- Make sure you include your presentation on your schedule so you don't miss it.
- Don't forget to add the New Member Welcome Reception to your schedule! It is a great way to network with seasoned DSI conference attendees.
- Attend the Zoom session on "Getting the most from the DSI annual conference."

Job Placement

- If you are looking for a job, sign up on the DSI website by posting your resume.
- You can also search through the posted jobs and apply before the conference.
- Make appointments with university representatives to meet (and possibly interview) during the conference.
- If you have an open position, post it on the DSI website so that you can interview great candidates at the conference.

DURING the Conference

General Information

- Don't be afraid to ask for help. We're a friendly group, and if someone doesn't know, they can likely point you to someone who does. The Registration Desk is also open throughout the conference to answer all questions as well.
- Visit the Exhibit Hall and talk with the different organizations. Their sponsorship helps cover the cost of the conference, so show them some appreciation. They would also enjoy the opportunity to network with you. You never know what you might learn (or find) at one of those booths.

Attending Sessions

- It's culturally acceptable to move between sessions, but please wait until speakers finish and are switching to the next presentation.
- Some session chairs close the door once presentations start. Most meeting rooms have a peephole so you can see what is happening inside and where a seat might be available. Try to enter as quietly as possible once a session has started.
- Review the paper order for the sessions. This can help you with timing if you decide to attend two different sessions in one time slot. You might also want to search on the lead/presenting author to get an idea of what they look like so you know which paper is currently presenting.

Presenting

- Follow the directions emailed to you before the conference. That will provide instructions about your presentation in advance. You may hear from your Session Chair as well. Make sure you pay attention to the dates on those communications.
- Arrive early for your session to ensure you are in the right place at the right time. Check the conference schedule to find the room's location.
- Go to the front of the room and identify yourself as a presenter.

- The session chair usually brings a laptop for the presentations, but if not, one of the presenters will need to volunteer theirs.
- Have your presentation on a thumb drive or flash drive to be loaded onto the session laptop. Generally, we do not have time to switch between laptops because there can be technical issues connecting the projectors.
- There are no internet connections in the meeting rooms, and connectivity tends to be very low (none) in most rooms, so don't plan on opening a file from email or a cloud drive.

Social Events

- There are coffee breaks in the Exhibit Hall area each morning and afternoon. Make sure you take time to attend them and network with your colleagues.
- Attend the New Member Welcome Reception on Saturday (if you are new to DSI)
- Attend the Welcome Reception on Saturday (immediately after the New Member Welcome Reception)
- Attend the Dinner on Sunday
- Attend the Luncheon on Monday

AFTER the Conference

- Connect with new colleagues on LinkedIn and other social media
- Follow up with colleagues about research projects, jobs, etc.