

# **Effective Conference Networking**



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# "The opposite of networking is NOT working"

Someone smart

# Background



- You control the value you get from networking
- Most of us just show up without a plan
- Effective networking will pay for the conference cost many times over
- Don't deprive others of what you offer...networking works both ways
- Always consider the cost/benefit





# Quick Ice Breaker







# Think About What you Want

- New best practices
- Introductions beyond the network
- A new job
- A new employee
- New knowledge and skills
- A valuable business partnership
- A service provider and a solution to a problem
- New members or customers







# Magic Networking Pass

# my name is

# I'm Afraid of Networking!!









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Networking Plan			
Speakers	Name	Contacted	Time & Location
Reconnect With	Name	New Connections	Name
Potential Icebreakers			
People to Bring Together	Name	Name	Name
Networking Partner		•	
Notes and Follow Up Items			

# Making Your Plan





# While you are Here

- Ask at least one question in a plenary session
- Give out business cards like a used car salesman
- Rescue a wall flower
- Travel in pairs whenever possible
- Extend a closed circle
- Hover for 30 seconds and move on
- Stand in a greeting position







# While you are Here

- Give someone a glowing introduction
- Play the field
- Take a few notes...at least on the back of business cards
- Ask questions if you don't like talking about yourself
- Look for the people on your list
- Hang out by the food table
- Sit beside a stranger















### After the Conference

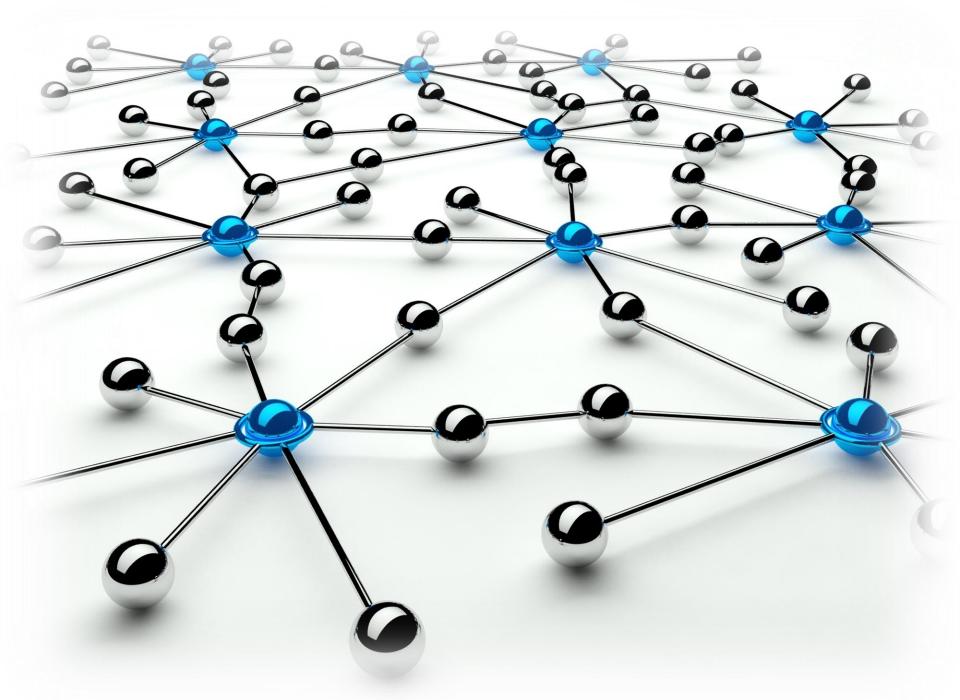


## Follow up religiously

- Pass on every article, website, whitepaper and resource that you promised
- Make all the promised connections
- Remind people about their promises...once
- Follow through on at least one "let's have dinner next time you are in Miami"







### Need to Reach Me?

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