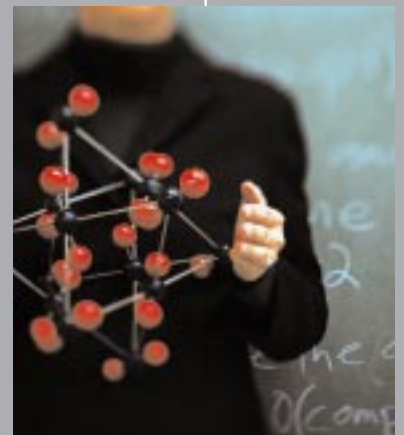


VALUABLE SERVICES FOR SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS & THEIR MEMBERS



Conference Management & Membership Programs
from the Leading Provider of Online Services for
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- Abstract Management System
- Funding Opportunities & Alerts
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AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL
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- Tracking the status of documents and utilizing services on their personalized COS Workbench
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- Using electronic alternatives to eliminate vast amounts of paperwork
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- Customizing AMS to meet organizational requirements cost-effectively
- Planning and managing the entire meeting online, including submission, review, scheduling and program printing

For reviewers...

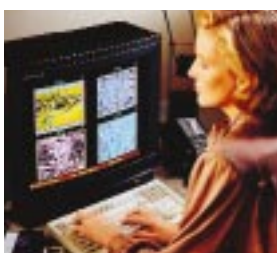
- Reviewing and commenting on documents online with AMS's user-friendly interface
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bring COS benefits to your organization's
members on a personal level.

COS Expertise

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Supported by a powerful relational database platform, COS Expertise allows your members to conduct intuitive searches, quickly add or update profile information online, generate curricula vitae using information drawn from the profile, set up personal home pages to present CVs, and link to home pages from anywhere on the Web.

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- Funded Research Database that tracks active research projects funded by NIH, NSF, USDA, SBIR and MRC
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