

## **P5. “Forum” Event (Spring Conference and Annual Membership Lunch)**

### How do you use? / Comments / Suggestions

- This annual event is a MUST for getting clinicians together in a learning and collaborative atmosphere
- The one event that tends to convene most of us together
- What I have attended yearly, if nothing else
- Attend whenever possible – enjoy having access to many different speakers
- To stay informed – hear many perspectives
- Usually attend – good presenters
- Valuable for networking; social interactions & good CEU offering
- Great networking; Okay presentations
- To connect with others
- Seeing folks who I have missed during the year
- I think this is a very important part of Alliance life
- Interesting talks, great conviviality, innovative afternoon programs
- Opportunity for locals to share their work & get to know each other
- Education, enjoyment, connecting with other therapists
- Enjoy our local talents – a good springboard
- Always enjoyable & interesting
- I attend this May event most years
- I try to attend yearly
  
- This is a centerpiece of Alliance life & needs reinvigoration
- Conference has become less interesting to me - Not sure why
- At previous Forums I enjoyed the presentations but did not find the annual membership lunch and dramatic presentations in p.m. of interest
- Last Springs conference was truly a mixed bag – some great small sessions, not much of value in the plenary
- Mixed – last event less attractive, didn't go
- Paper selections are good – waiting for a plenary to grab me
- Afternoon session sub-par
- Enjoy panels at plenary
- I'd prefer a more sophisticated and elegant atmosphere than the Shoreline Community Center
- I have gone every year for the past 10 years – I'm not crazy about the current site or food service
- Want new venue – more celebratory
- Not recently because of cost
- I would really like to see more variety of both presenters and topics - esp. re psychoanalytic applications on special issues, e.g. substance abuse, sexuality
- Needs new blood

- Value this event but schedule conflicts have kept me from attending
- Attended for many years but not for the past few years – choose other conferences
- Can't recall if I went the last three years – but every time I have gone I found it very useful and inspiring
- My schedule has conflicted with this event for the past few years (as it will in '09) But I enjoyed the Forum in the more distant past
- Went one year and liked it – no time to attend regularly
- Has become less relevant to me – also time of year is difficult
- Have not attended, as I am not a clinician
- Have very much wanted to attend – missed due to other priorities
- I look forward to attending when I don't have other training conflicts
- Don't have much experience with psychoanalytic conferences
- I attend when I can and value this opportunity
- I think I attended three years ago – used to attend yearly
- [I attended] several years ago
- I hope to attend some year
- Would like to go this year

Additional feedback from open-ended questions

- Q4. Improve the Forum conference – site especially
- Q4. Shoreline for the Forum is not a convenient location for me
- Q4. Upgrade the Forum facility
- Q4. Would like an outside speaker to be part of the Forum
- Q4. Hold the Forum in March [so we don't lose the first sunny weekend]
- Q7. While I enjoy the Forum Conference, I think we really need some new faces and themes