

Discussion topic: How to better utilize the week-end meeting.

Today we are having our reports in a serial manner: The Financial, Awards/Scholarships, Education, Publication, Congress Planning and Long Range Planning Committees.

A suggestion would be to make a number of parallel (working group) sessions. By doing that we will be able to make some work to be done. The results of these parallel groups will be then discussed in plenum.

Principally we could think to divide the six committees above in two serial parts with each hosting three parallel sessions see below:

| Time | Session | Session | Session |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 8-9 | Financial | Publications | Education |
| | Coffee | | |
| 9.30-10.30 | Awards/Scholar | Congress | Long Range Planning |
| | Coffee | | |
| 11-13 | Serial presentations | | |

Alternatively, we do a mix of parallel and serial sessions. Some of the committees meetings are presently more of a reporting kind of character as opposed of being of a working group character. If this is because there is no need for working group discussions or if it is like that just because of the present system, I do not know. I remember that we have had parallel sessions before but I am afraid that the participation was not high enough and that was the reason why we now have serial sessions. Nevertheless, I do believe there is a need in all committees for discussions being more vivid than present discussions in plenum. Nevertheless, the long range planning committee is for sure the one that has the most issues to deal with. So, it would be reasonable that this group gets more time for discussions.

So, an alternative structure could be:

| Time | Session | Session | Session |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| 8.15-9.00 Serial | Financial Publications Education | | |
| | Coffee | | |
| 9.15-10.00 | Awards/Scholarships | Congress Planning | |
| | Coffee | | |
| 10.30-12 | LRP Topic 1 | LRP Topic 2 | LRP Topic 3 |
| 12-13 | Serial executive presentations | | |

