

IAFP 2026: Tips + Tricks

New Orleans, Louisiana • Miscellaneous ways to make the meeting smoother
Quick guide to planning, Foundation support, networking, and staying organized

Use the app

Support the Foundation

Bring contact cards

Take notes



Plan Ahead

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- ◆ **Download the app:** Download the IAFP meeting app to plan your days and avoid missing sessions, posters, or exhibitors.
- ◆ **Pick up materials early:** Go to the convention center as soon as you arrive to pick up your badge and meeting materials.
- ◆ **Scout the space:** Use early arrival time to learn where PDGs, sessions, bathrooms, the Exhibit Hall, quiet corners, phone-call areas, and recharge spots are located.

Foundation + Silent Auction

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- ◆ **Support the mission:** Engage with the IAFP Foundation—the silent auction supports travel scholarships, grants, and other important efforts.
- ◆ **Foundation booth:** Stop by the Foundation booth and consider making a donation.
- ◆ **Commemorative coin:** A \$50 donation earns the IAFP conference commemorative coin.

Smart Networking Moves

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- ◆ **Decorate your badge:** Add ribbons near the registration desk. First-time attendee and new-member ribbons often spark friendly conversations.
- ◆ **Bring contact cards:** Carry plenty of contact cards and write notes on the back to remember conversations after the meeting.
- ◆ **Awards banquet:** If you want to sit with specific people at the Awards Banquet, plan your group in advance.
- ◆ **Poster follow-up:** If a presenter is not at the poster when you visit, leave a contact card with a note, email the presenter, or message the attendee through the IAFP app.
- ◆ **Do not rely on chance:** With attendance over 3,000, prearrange meeting times instead of assuming you will bump into someone.

Capture the Experience

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- ◆ **Take notes:** Take copious notes during symposia, technical sessions, and roundtables—there is too much information to retain without writing things down.
- ◆ **Follow social channels:** Connect with IAFP on LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, and Instagram for timely annual meeting updates and photos.

Tip: A little pre-planning goes a long way—use the app, set meetups in advance, and keep notes as you go.

Foundation donations of \$50 receive the commemorative conference coin.