

Criteria for Professional Development Activities
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In selecting activities for professional development, AIC will aim to provide those that might closely fit several of the following criteria:

- Be accessible: offered in a way that includes members from all parts of the U.S., whether that be by offering scholarships, having offerings in multiple locations, and/or through distance learning technologies
- Be affordable, roughly \$120 per day (for 2002, with an increase of no more than about 5% annually, and keeping in mind the current economy)
- Be led by recognized experts in the subject
- Be led by effective instructors
- Respond to expressed needs of the membership
- Be based on the best research available
- Cut across Specialty Group interests when feasible
- Help advance the conservation profession
- Be aimed at mid-career practicing conservators
- Focus on hands-on training (when appropriate)
- Follow “best practices,” including AIC Code of Ethics, AIC Guidelines, and health and safety considerations
- Not be readily available elsewhere