PANEL DISCUSSION

HOW EFFECTIVELY DO SIMULATION CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONSO
SERVE THEIR INTENDED AUDIENCE?

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A few of the multitude of possible discussion topics
which may be of interest to this panel and its
attendees include:

1. How suitable is the breadth of topics provided in
   simulation books, conferences and conference pro-
   ceedings?

2. How suitable is the depth of topics?

3. Is the coverage of interest both to academics and
   to simulation practitioners?

4. Is there too much or too little selectivity by
   editors and referees?

5. Are simulation textbooks adequate, or is it
   necessary to supplement them extensively?

6. Are certain simulation professional groups provid-
   ing more and/or better services to their members
   than others are?

7. Are conferences and publications inbred? That is,
   do you tend to hear from the same people year after
   year? If yes, is this a good thing or a bad
   thing?

8. Should the Winter Simulation Conference be limited
   to topics in discrete event simulation or combined
   discrete/continuous simulation, and the Summer
   Computer Simulation Conference be limited to topi-
   cs in continuous simulation?

9. Should there be more special-purpose conferences
   and/or publications in areas like simulation
   language development or modeling of computer
   systems?

10. Should there be one- or two-day hands-on tutorials
    offered in conjunction with the Winter Simulation
    Conference? If so, should they be offered by
    private parties on a for-profit basis?

11. Is there a satisfactory degree of co-operation and
    interaction among the various professional soci-
    eties and publications? Do the same articles
    appear in more than one place, with minor or no
    revision?