

BE PREPARED

When you speak with your supervisor, be prepared with a plan for how your responsibilities will be managed for the week that you are away from the lab/office. Suggest that there is still time to plan deadlines around the ICDD XRD clinics.

PICK THE RIGHT TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT

- Lay the groundwork with your supervisor by sending her/him the XRD Clinic flyer, and then schedule a brief meeting to state your case in person.
- Explain the ROI on sending you to the clinic; i.e.: sharing what you learned with your co-workers; proper specimen preparation techniques; radiation safety; discussing problems encountered by other participants; etc.
- State the fact that attending the ICDD clinic will make you a valuable asset to your company.

LISTEN TO CONCERNS

Concern: Five days is a long time to be away from the lab/office.

Response: True, I will be away but while I am at ICDD, I will be available during all break and lunch times. I will be able to stay in touch at the same time I am gathering useful information and techniques that will take our team's work to the next level.

Concern: It is too expensive.

Response: The benefits far outweigh the cost. The different techniques I will learn will not only be beneficial to me but our team as well; keeping that in mind it is a great value. You cannot get training like this anywhere else. And ICDD offers a reduced registration fee if I register early!

SHOW WHY NETWORKING MATTERS

- Fresh ideas
- New information
- Advice and support
- Building confidence
- Gaining a different perspective

COMMENTS FROM PAST ATTENDEES

This clinic has helped me understand conceptually the concepts of XRD but also how other organizations use XRD so I am able to return with improvement ideas. The staff was excellent and the accommodations were perfect. You can tell that the staff all takes pride in their work which is great to see and helps radiate the passion.

- 2023 XRD Session I Clinic Attendee

Great clinic. The workshops, lectures and recitations cover different aspects of x-ray diffraction. This is a well thought, well explained and complete training for new XRD users and even for more experienced users. Staff is polite, welcoming and professional. Instructors are knowledgeable, helpful, dedicated and patient. I appreciated my time at ICDD. I recommend this clinic 100%.

- 2023 XRD Session I Clinic Attendee

Wonderful experience with experts who are passionate and knowledgeable as well as approachable. Everything was great from content of trainings to provided food and hotel accommodations. Thank you!

- 2023 XRD Session II Clinic Attendee