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I have lectured to optometrists and teachers nationally and internationally and make a plea:  
a) for greater CPD point allocation for papers to reflect the massive amount of preparation necessary for presentations.  
b) for widening of the fields to which CPD points are counted.

**Comment:**

I suggest that a survey of lecturers in any optometric conference would reveal that many hours go into preparing a lecture...the longer the lecture the more time is needed. I think that CPD points should be very generous, reflecting the fact that most lecturers will have also dedicated years of work developing expertise in their subject.

I lecture internationally, carry out research both in schools and on thousands of children in my practice, develop diagnostic software and write papers and books in the field of learning problems in children. I lecture to Optometrists but most of my lectures are given to teachers and parents however since passage of control to AHPRA I can no longer claim CPD points for these presentations.

I submit that we should also encourage, by significant CPD credits, optometrists who make presentations to any non-optometric group approved in advance by our national optometric office. The number of points should reflect the topic and the professional status and size of the audience etc.

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