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Objective & Methods

The aim of this study was to identify common characteristics of email solicitations from potentially predatory conferences. Using a convenience sample of four individuals, we examined email invitations to potentially predatory conferences over a seven-month period.

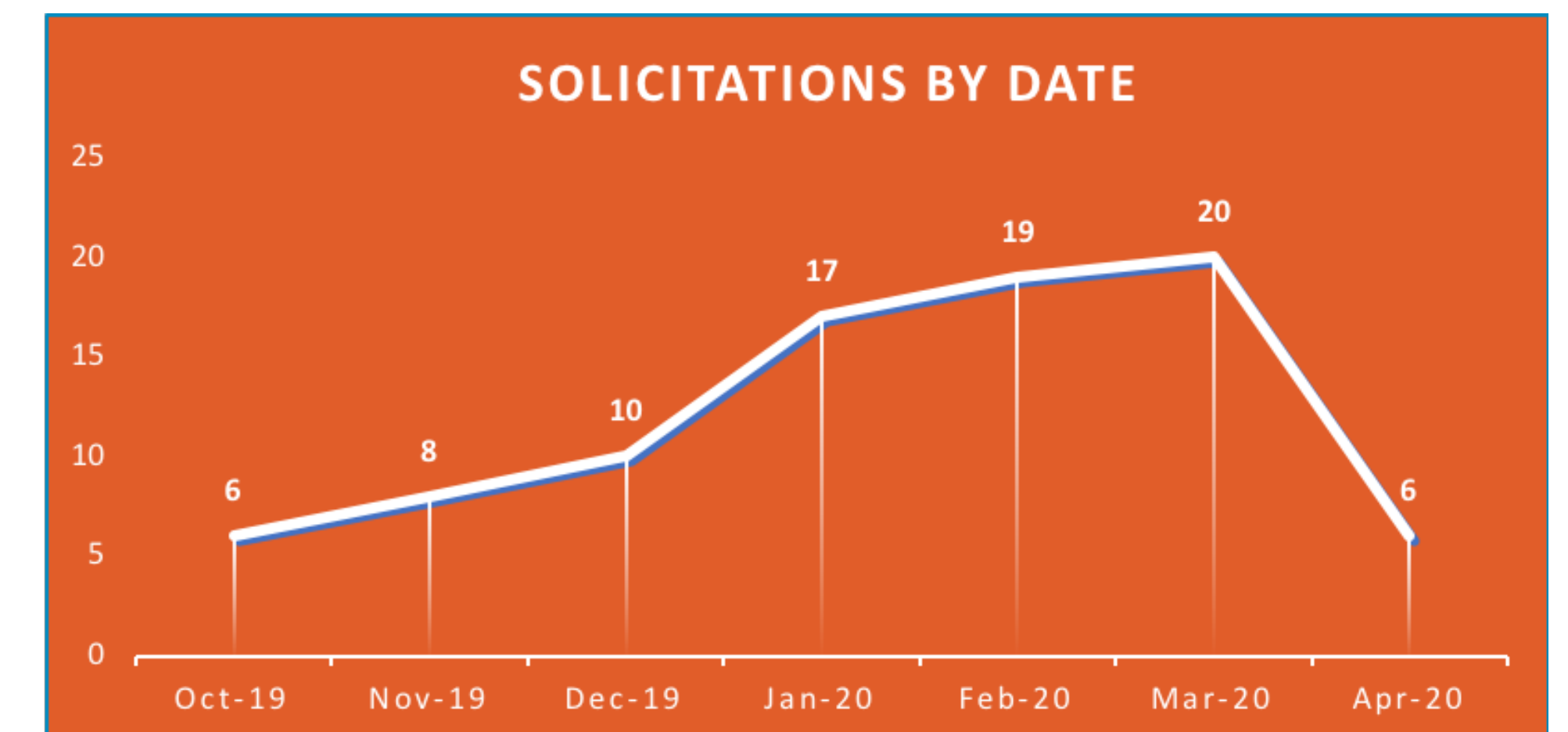
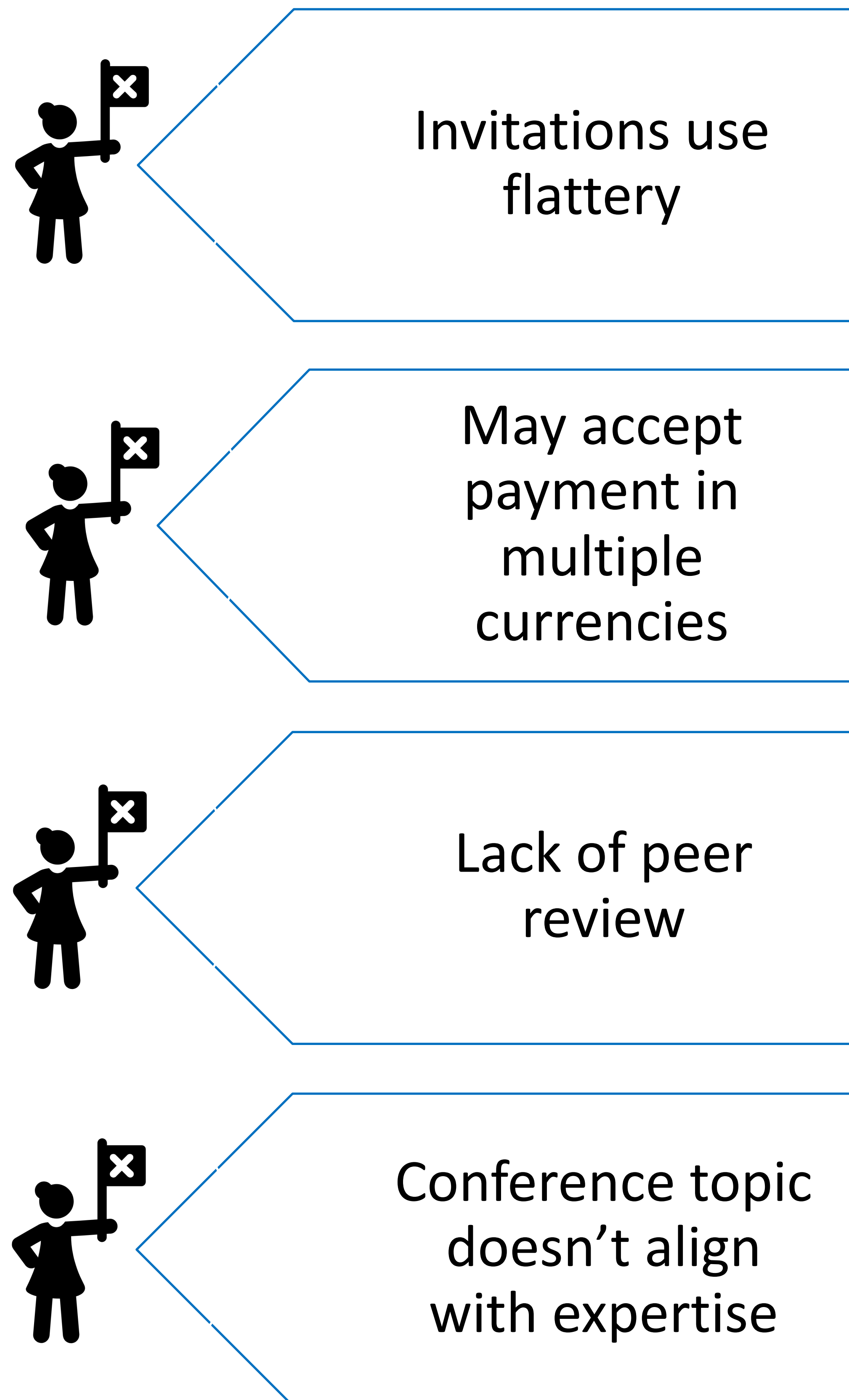
Results

Between October 2019-April 2020, we received 86 email invitations (52 original invites, 34 reminders). Most invitations did not describe the peer review process (95%), nearly one third (32%) invited the invitee to attend as a speaker, and 25% of invites were issued from the same organizer (BIT Congress Inc.). Several invitations used the term “delegate” for invited roles. Significant variation was found among invitations in terms of conference location (n=26), discipline (n=18), and organizers (n=25).

Conclusions

While many solicitations for potentially predatory conferences share common characteristics, the actual conferences these solicitations represent are more diverse in nature than initially anticipated, spanning multiple locations and disciplines.

Red Flags



Average Fees:

- Academia: \$777.86
- Business: \$900.47
- Student: \$218.58

Top Invited Role:
Speaker (32%)



Top Location:
Orlando, FL