A Game Review
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Conference Diversophy is a game for up to 72 players that includes 12 disposable game pads, 12 "Quick Start" instructions, and a 28-page Planner’s Guide.

A number of issues ago, I reviewed the Diversophy Game, an excellent, provocative, and catalytic board game for use with groups of thirty persons or less. Conference Diversophy, a reworking of this successful Diversophy Game, is for use with larger groups and does not require a board.

The object of the game is to win diversiPOINTS for yourself and your team by responding correctly to the diversiCARDS. These are divided into: diversiSMARTS cards that test knowledge of facts about diversity; diversiCHOICE cards that ask how best to handle face-to-face situations; diversiSHARE cards that call for relating personal information; and diversiRISK cards designed to enable the players to experience the challenges and risks of a multicultural environment.

The pad with these diversiCARDS is passed around the table and each player tears off the top card. After responding to the card, the players turn it over, read the answer provided, and follow the instructions given.

Once again, the diversiCARDS are thought-provoking and provide information as well as stimulating discussion. The game calls for a facilitator, called here a "Presider" to administer the game, keep time, and enhance the playing of the game.

Conference Diversophy provides an inexpensive way to initiate diversity training in large groups with stimulating and instructive tools. It has a great potential!

A note in passing. The producers of the Diversophy Game have now added gender-related cards to their board game along with a separate manual for their implementation. These cards in the four categories listed above help to round out the game and make it more meaningful and more useful.

The game can be purchased for $139, plus shipping and handling, from HR Press, P. O. Box 28, Fredonia, NY 14063; (716) 672-4254.

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