# ESF RESEARCH CONFERENCES FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

## 1. Age

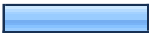| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Under 35** | | **44.4%** | **20** |
| 35-44 | | 28.9% | 13 |
| 45-54 | | 15.6% | 7 |
| 55-64 | | 11.1% | 5 |
| 65 or older | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | **answered question** | **45** |
| | | **skipped question** | **0** |

## 2. Gender

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Female | | 29.5% | 13 |
| **Male** | | **70.5%** | **31** |
| | answered question | | 44 |
| | skipped question | | 1 |

## 3. Type of organisation

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| **University** | | **75.6%** | **34** |
| Other non-profit research organisation | | 11.1% | 5 |
| Industry | | 13.3% | 6 |
| Policy | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Other | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | answered question | | 45 |
| | skipped question | | 0 |

## 4. What was your role at the conference?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chair/Co-Chair/Organising Committee | | 4.5% | 2 |
| Invited speaker | | 9.1% | 4 |
| Presented a short talk | | 29.5% | 13 |
| **Presented a poster** | | **36.4%** | **16** |
| Participant without any presentation | | 20.5% | 9 |
| | | answered question | 44 |
| | | skipped question | 1 |

## 5. Did you receive financial support?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Full grant (conference fee and lump sum for travel) | | 13.3% | 6 |
| Partial grant (conference fee only) | | 17.8% | 8 |
| Travel contribution | | 8.9% | 4 |
| Subsidy (half the conference fee) | | 0.0% | 0 |
| **No grant** | | **60.0%** | **27** |
| | | **answered question** | **45** |
| | | **skipped question** | **0** |

## 6. How many conferences do you attend per year on average?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Under 2 | | 35.6% | 16 |
| **2-5** | | **55.6%** | **25** |
| 6-10 | | 6.7% | 3 |
| 11 or more | | 2.2% | 1 |
| | | answered question | 45 |
| | | skipped question | 0 |

## 7. How did you learn about this conference?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| **From the chair** | | **28.6%** | **12** |
| **From a colleague/friend** | | **28.6%** | **12** |
| ESF webpage | | 2.4% | 1 |
| Other webpage | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Mailing from ESF | | 19.0% | 8 |
| Other mailing list | | 11.9% | 5 |
| Journal | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Don't remember | | 7.1% | 3 |
| Other | | 2.4% | 1 |
| | | **answered question** | **42** |
| | | **skipped question** | **3** |

## 8. Why did you attend this conference? *(please tick all that apply)*

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Recommendation from colleague/friend | | 23.3% | 10 |
| Reputation of chair(s)/speakers | | 58.1% | 25 |
| **Update my knowledge/fine tune my research direction** | | **79.1%** | **34** |
| Network/create new lasting contacts | | 65.1% | 28 |
| Find a new position/project/career opportunity | | 9.3% | 4 |
| Discuss my research | | 65.1% | 28 |
| **Other (please specify)** | | | 1 |
| **answered question** | | | **43** |
| **skipped question** | | | **2** |

## 9. Scientific programme

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | 43.2% (19) | **52.3% (23)** | 4.5% (2) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.61 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | **44** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | **1** |

## 10. Quality of chairs, speakers and talks

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | **47.7% (21)** | 45.5% (20) | 6.8% (3) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.59 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | **44** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | **1** |

## 11. Quality of discussions

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | 27.3% (12) | 34.1% (15) | **36.4% (16)** | 2.3% (1) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 2.14 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | **44** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | **1** |

## 12. Quality of poster sessions if any

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | 36.4% (16) | **38.6% (17)** | 22.7% (10) | 2.3% (1) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.91 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 1 |

## 13. Networking opportunities

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | **47.6% (20)** | 40.5% (17) | 11.9% (5) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.64 | 42 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 42 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 3 |

## 14. Conference atmosphere

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | **70.5% (31)** | 25.0% (11) | 4.5% (2) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.34 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 1 |

## 15. Quality of social activities

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | 27.9% (12) | **34.9% (15)** | 18.6% (8) | 16.3% (7) | 2.3% (1) | 0.0% (0) | 2.30 | 43 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 43 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 2 |

## 16. Quality of conference venue (location, meals, accommodation, meeting room)

|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | **52.3% (23)** | 31.8% (14) | 11.4% (5) | 4.5% (2) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.68 | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 44 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 1 |

## 17. ESF Conferences' services (before, during, after)

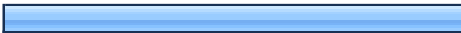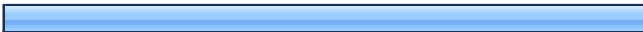| | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | **54.5% (24)** | 38.6% (17) | 6.8% (3) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.52 | 44 |
| | | | | | | answered question | | 44 |
| | | | | | | skipped question | | 1 |

## 18. Cost/benefit ratio

| | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | **34.1% (15)** | 31.8% (14) | 27.3% (12) | 6.8% (3) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 2.07 | 44 |
| | | | | | | **Other (please specify)** | | 1 |
| | | | | | | answered question | | 44 |
| | | | | | | skipped question | | 1 |

## 19. How do you rate the conference overall?

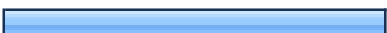| | Excellent | Very good | Good | Adequate | Poor | Unsatisfactory | Rating Average | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Please tick as appropriate* | 42.9% (18) | **52.4% (22)** | 4.8% (2) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 1.62 | 42 |
| | | | | | | | answered question | **42** |
| | | | | | | | skipped question | **3** |

## 20. Do you expect that your participation will lead to *(please tick all that apply)*

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| New publications | | 35.7% | 15 |
| **Collaborations** | | **85.7%** | **36** |
| Job opportunities | | 7.1% | 3 |
| Joint project proposals | | 50.0% | 21 |
| ESF proposal | | 9.5% | 4 |
| Other | | 7.1% | 3 |
| | | answered question | **42** |
| | | skipped question | **3** |

## 21. How did the conference compare to similar events?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Much better | | 22.7% | 10 |
| **Better** | | **52.3%** | **23** |
| Similar | | 20.5% | 9 |
| Worse | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Much worse | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Not comparable | | 4.5% | 2 |
| | | answered question | 44 |
| | | skipped question | 1 |

## 22. If you could improve one thing about ESF Conferences, what would it be?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| More short talks | | 8.1% | 3 |
| More high-level lectures | | 13.5% | 5 |
| More discussions | | 24.3% | 9 |
| Parallel sessions | | 5.4% | 2 |
| **Decrease conference fee** | | **29.7%** | **11** |
| Make conference shorter | | 10.8% | 4 |
| Make conference longer | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Change location | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Faster feedback on applications | | 8.1% | 3 |
| Earlier registrations | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | **Other suggestions?** | | 10 |
| | **answered question** | | 37 |
| | **skipped question** | | 8 |

## 23. Would you like to receive updates on ESF Research Conferences in the following fields?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|---|---|
| Call for partnerships | | 45.7% | 16 |
| Call for proposals | | 48.6% | 17 |
| Sponsorship facilities | | 25.7% | 9 |
| Earth and environmental sciences | | 11.4% | 4 |
| Humanities/Social sciences | | 2.9% | 1 |
| **Life sciences** | | **100.0%** | **35** |
| Material and engineering sciences | | 2.9% | 1 |
| Mathematics; Medical sciences | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Physical sciences | | 2.9% | 1 |
| | | **answered question** | **35** |
| | | **skipped question** | **10** |