

19th ICAR Feedback Survey

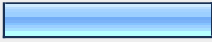


1. What is your position/title?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Undergraduate student	<div><div></div></div>	0.9%	3
Graduate student	<div><div></div></div>	30.7%	102
Postdoctoral researcher	<div><div></div></div>	29.2%	97
Faculty	<div><div></div></div>	29.2%	97
Industry	<div><div></div></div>	4.5%	15
Other	<div><div></div></div>	5.4%	18
		answered question	332
		skipped question	0



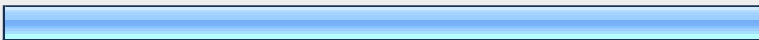

2. Is this the first International Conference on Arabidopsis Research (ICAR) you have attended?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	44.9%	149
No	<div><div></div></div>	55.1%	183
		answered question	332
		skipped question	0


3. Did you travel from outside North America to attend the ICAR?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	46.5%	153
No	<div><div></div></div>	53.5%	176
		answered question	329
		skipped question	3

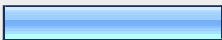
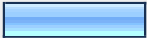
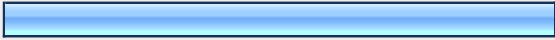
4. In which area of the world do you currently live/work?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Asia/Pacific Rim	<div><div></div></div>	14.8%	49
Canada	<div><div></div></div>	15.1%	50
European Union	<div><div></div></div>	28.0%	93
South America	<div><div></div></div>	1.2%	4
USA	<div><div></div></div>	38.6%	128
Other	<div><div></div></div>	2.4%	8
answered question			332
skipped question			0

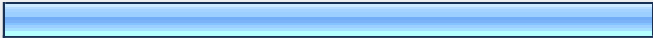

5. Please rate how well you liked the conference and hotel locations:							
	Did not like/disliked	Liked a little	Liked fairly well	Liked very much	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Montreal	3.3% (9)	4.0% (11)	27.8% (76)	61.9% (169)	2.9% (8)	3.53	273
Hyatt Hotel	15.3% (43)	21.4% (60)	38.8% (109)	12.1% (34)	12.5% (35)	2.54	281
McGill Residence Hall	4.6% (12)	6.8% (18)	23.2% (61)	20.5% (54)	44.9% (118)	3.08	263
Comments?							115
answered question							321
skipped question							11



6. For future Arabidopsis meetings organized by the US, do you have a preference for location?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Return to Madison, Wisconsin (usual US site)		22.7%	73
Choose a different location (other than Madison)		39.9%	128
No preference		37.4%	120
Comments?			44
answered question			321
skipped question			11

7. Was the length of the conference (5 days, Wednesday evening to Sunday morning):			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Too long		9.0%	29
Too short		3.4%	11
Just right		83.5%	268
No opinion		4.0%	13
Comments?			27
answered question			321
skipped question			11

8. Did you like the scheduled ‘free afternoon’ this year?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.9%	295
No		8.1%	26
answered question			321
skipped question			11

9. Do you plan on attending the 2009 ICAR in Edinburgh, Scotland?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		23.8%	76
No		15.3%	49
Maybe		60.9%	195
answered question			320
skipped question			12


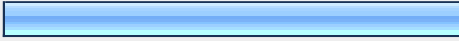
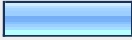


10. Do you like the community-organized workshops?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		71.7%	228
No		4.4%	14
N/A or No Opinion		23.9%	76
Comments?			20
answered question			318
skipped question			14

11. Did the 3 poster sessions provide adequate time to visit/present posters?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes- enough time		67.6%	215
No- not enough time		32.4%	103
Comments?			62
answered question			318
skipped question			14

12. Did you like the online Itinerary Builder that allowed you to make a list of posters and presentations that you wanted to see?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	21.7%	69
No	<div><div></div></div>	11.0%	35
<b>Knew about it but didn't use it</b>	<div><div></div></div>	<b>56.0%</b>	178
I did not know of this feature	<div><div></div></div>	11.3%	36
Comments?			39
<b>answered question</b>			<b>318</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>14</b>

13. Do you have a preference for session organization- plenary/platform versus concurrent?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I prefer to have only plenary sessions (all attendees in same room for same topic)	<div><div></div></div>	17.7%	55
<b>I prefer to have a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions (mix of single topic platform talks and simultaneous topics in separate rooms)</b>	<div><div></div></div>	<b>79.0%</b>	245
No opinion	<div><div></div></div>	3.2%	10
Comments?			24
<b>answered question</b>			<b>310</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>22</b>

14. What types of speakers do you prefer at the Arabidopsis conference?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I prefer to have invited speakers only		6.1%	19
I prefer an equal mixture of invited and abstract speakers		50.0%	155
I prefer a mix with more invited than abstract speakers		31.9%	99
I prefer a mix with more abstract than invited speakers		10.0%	31
No opinion		1.9%	6
Comments?			12
answered question			310
skipped question			22

15. How would you rate the overall quality of the scientific talks in 2008? (note: consider the quality of the speakers not the session topics)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		34.8%	108
Good		50.3%	156
Average		13.9%	43
Poor		0.6%	2
No opinion		0.3%	1
Comments?			19
answered question			310
skipped question			22

16. What did you think of the session topics selected this year? (Note: consider just quality of the topics, not the speakers themselves)							
	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A or No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Abiotic Interactions	1.4% (4)	14.3% (42)	37.9% (111)	18.4% (54)	28.0% (82)	3.02	293
Biotic Interactions	1.0% (3)	10.3% (30)	33.2% (97)	24.0% (70)	31.5% (92)	3.17	292
Cell Biology	1.0% (3)	10.2% (30)	44.4% (130)	24.2% (71)	20.1% (59)	3.15	293
Cell Walls	1.4% (4)	16.3% (48)	31.6% (93)	10.5% (31)	40.1% (118)	2.86	294
Developmental Mechanisms	0.7% (2)	8.2% (24)	37.4% (110)	39.5% (116)	14.3% (42)	3.35	294
Evolution and Development	2.4% (7)	9.2% (27)	38.8% (114)	20.1% (59)	29.6% (87)	3.09	294
Evolution and Natural Variation	1.7% (5)	9.2% (27)	31.3% (92)	17.7% (52)	40.1% (118)	3.09	294
Genetic and Epigenetic Mechanisms	0.7% (2)	8.0% (24)	41.3% (124)	35.0% (105)	15.0% (45)	3.30	300
Genomics and Systems Biology	2.0% (6)	14.9% (44)	40.7% (120)	27.8% (82)	14.6% (43)	3.10	295
Interactions with the Environment	1.4% (4)	10.6% (31)	39.7% (116)	21.6% (63)	26.7% (78)	3.11	292
Metabolism	2.0% (6)	14.8% (44)	35.4% (105)	15.2% (45)	32.7% (97)	2.95	297
Novel Tools and Techniques	4.1% (12)	12.9% (38)	39.5% (116)	22.4% (66)	21.1% (62)	3.02	294
Signal Transduction	1.0% (3)	9.2% (27)	42.7% (126)	30.2% (89)	16.9% (50)	3.23	295
Comments?							18
	answered question						310
	skipped question						22