Initial Report  
*System dynamics conference 2018*  
**May 8th 2019, 10:42 am CEST**

**Q0a - We would like to know more about your impressions of the 2018 International Conference of the System Dynamics Society in Reykjavík, Iceland. For each of the following statements, please indicate your answer by selecting one of the options available. Most questions can be answered on a scale from 1 = very negative to 7 = very positive; no opinion.**

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**Q1 - When it comes to conference content my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 0.75% | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 0.75% | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 2.24% | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 8.21% | 11 |
| 5 | 5 | 17.91% | 24 |
| 6 | 6 | 26.87% | 36 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 41.79% | 56 |
| 8 | no opinion | 1.49% | 2 |
|  | Total | 100% | 134 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to conference content my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.97 | 1.22 | 1.49 | 134 | 3.73% | 70.15% |

**Q1b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Very low standards of acceptance |
| Mixed value. Honestly, though, there was not enough time to see all the materials. |
| Some excellent work and presentations, but too many of low quality or not ready to be presented. Even among the work explicitly labelled "work in progress" there were too many that were not ready even for such a presentation. Some plenary presentations were very poor, including several in the opening plenary. |
| I think some of the events esp WIP would have been improved with fewer presentations given more time. |
| For someone who is trying to learn system dynamics, work in progress sessions were too short and fast to grasp the model and delve into it. |
| I would love to see more content on GMB and applied uses of SD that benefit the people or communities being modeled, rather than so exclusively theory and methods. It would also be great to see an environment more welcoming to women, students, and people of color. |
| very diverse and comprehensive |
| The conference content was excellent for a new SD modeler. |
| The diversity of topics was really good |
| This was a more open and less dogmatic conference than last year. Bravo! |
| I liked the feedback sessions, but work in progress sessions were a bit pointless to me (especially having a work in progress session during plenary, this really did not improve the quality of the plenary). I think it's good that work in progress papers are accepted, but it felt like they got too much time in the schedule (parallel). This could be reduced in the future and more opportunities should be given to finished work to be presented in the form of presentations, while WIP can be presented as posters. I think 5 minutes are not enough to present a topic properly. Moreover, the quality of such presentations is not as high, as people just try to squeeze in as much as possible in those 5 minutes (and talk fast), which sometimes does not help with increasing the comprehensibility of the work presented. I loved Randers' plenary. That was a great success. |
| The schedule had sessions running simultaneously that were essential to me both as a novice modeler with interest in agriculture, economics and developmental issues. Contents (presentations and key take aways) from each session can be made available online for those in need of them. |
| I really like the new format that allowed for discussions of work in progress. I’d like to see more impactful and innovative studies that are making a difference. |
| It was not clear that for a presentation it was a one to one consultation not for a group. |
| Feedback sessions and work in progress sessions need to be better organised. Probably discussants and moderators need to be more engaged with the presenters ahead of time. |
| I enjoyed the content! |
| Very compact and efficient! |
| Almost every session I attended was worthwhile and interesting. I also liked the way the program was set up, though it may have been better to sprinkle feedback and WIP sessions more throughout. |
| Strong and diverse content - I was pleased by the addition of Works in Progress, though I think the format needs a bit of tweaking. |
| A great balance of themes and levels of system dynamics |
| Great interesting topics covered. |
| I appreciate that it seemed the conference organizers were trying to provide more avenues for contributions (ie work-in-progress and feedback sessions). However, there seemed to be inconsistencies in how authors were placed in different sessions. For example, some work seemed complete and was presented as a work-in-progress. I'm hoping in the future there will be more consistency in the kind of work presented in these sessions. I also think it would help to standardize the format for both of these sessions. Quality of discussion/questions in the sessions I attended seemed dependent on whoever was chairing and how they decided to structure the session. |
| There were some sessions like the feedback sessions that had mixed reviews, but this seemed to vary by the person providing feedback as this required some sensitivity to being done well and was a bit awkward in the messaging. The session I saw was terrific, but I wasn't experiencing it from the person of someone receiving feedback. I valued the content presented during these session. |
| Sometimes the way it was presented could be improved |
| Content was generally fine, but uninteresting. There was not much on new advances in the field. |
| nice feedback and work in progress activities. |
| Please group streams in such a way that all stream topic are connected in a half day. For instance planary + break + parallel + sig + wip. On this way the conference might be interested for more potential business partners. They are likely to pay for the full fee and half a day May usually fit their schedule while you actually might maintain the content of the conference. |

**Q2 - When it comes to the services provided by the conference organization my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 1.53% | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | 2.29% | 3 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.82% | 5 |
| 4 | 4 | 9.16% | 12 |
| 5 | 5 | 16.03% | 21 |
| 6 | 6 | 31.30% | 41 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 32.06% | 42 |
| 8 | no opinion | 3.82% | 5 |
|  | Total | 100% | 131 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to the services provided by the conference organization my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.77 | 1.43 | 2.04 | 131 | 7.63% | 67.18% |

**Q2b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Meal service very limited and expensive. I wonder if the organizers were up to the task. No information on where to eat before or after, and just so expensive. |
| great job by the local team, SD society team, and volunteers! |
| If lunch is considered one of the services, it was not enough. |
| I'm not sure what "services" refers to in this context. |
| Food was quite scarce and low in nutrients, which made it difficult to focus on the content of the conference throughout the day |
| Conference itself was quite well organised. |
| The food supplies for lunch was not as fulfilling as I would expect it. Also the discount in the bar for the conference participants ended before the last day of the conference. |
| Food was an issue, deadlines were really bad, this year's deadlines were the same as all years but the conference was way later. Further, uploading work-in-progress way before the presentation shows that the conference only expects ready made papers but if my paper is ready, why should I still present it? |
| They seemed limited to basics. With the exception of the Neal on the national bank holiday. That was above and beyond. However for the price there were not things to make it easier for the participant like tracking personalized schedules on social media in real time through an app. That’s getting to be pretty standard. |
| poster session was too crowded, education posters too removed |
| It was great to have lunch included! However, most people I talked to and myself found that it did not fill them for very long. It would be great if lunch is included at future conferences and if there is a somewhat greater focus on dietary requirements. |
| I thought the crew at the front desk was especially helpful. |
| Donna Johnson, Mike Breslin, and Badak were extremely helpful before, during, and after our stay. Big shout out for making our stay so enjoyable. |
| All services were satisfactory! |
| The Society made this work under difficult conditions this year. There were some issues on sessions that moved from one end of the space to the other relative to the tentative schedule available the week before. It would have been good to highlight these changes since they were so far away. |
| Some hiccups like location of workshops (on paper vs online) |
| Sometimes there just wasn't enough food |
| I would have liked a personalizable schedule, an app for the conference, time between sessions to set up, social activities. |
| Outstanding. It's always good, but the team made things especially easy this year. |
| The space for the poster session and exhibitors was very tight. I had to remove my bag just to let people pass in the corridor! It was also difficult to find some of the session rooms, the modeling assistance workshop, etc. Had the spaces been more contiguous, I feel that I would have dropped in on more different activities, such as that workshop. |

**Q3 - When it comes to conference geographical location my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 0.76% | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 1.53% | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.05% | 4 |
| 4 | 4 | 11.45% | 15 |
| 5 | 5 | 16.79% | 22 |
| 6 | 6 | 25.19% | 33 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 39.69% | 52 |
| 8 | no opinion | 1.53% | 2 |
|  | Total | 100% | 131 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to conference geographical location my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.84 | 1.33 | 1.77 | 131 | 5.34% | 66.41% |

**Q3b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| A good location for a single visit. Was expensive to get back to Europe. |
| wonderful country if you could find time before or after to see it. But very expensive. |
| The country is not cheap which hindered the attendance of many. |
| A bit expensive |
| Interesting place. Maybe I would have never come if the conference had not been here. This location must attract many people. For some people, conferences are close to festival, not to business meetings. |
| If the conference theme is inclusiveness.. it was a miss this year. Iceland was a prohibitively expensive location to have this. |
| Interesting but \*expensive\* |
| Iceland was a nice place to set a conference, but from the volunteer perspective when the conference is arranged in the university it has some downsides compared to the hotel. Also as the country itself it was quite an expensive choice to just stay there. |
| Easy to reach, but extremely expensive. |
| Very Positive if you are in the city. To reach Reykjavik, you will loose 1 1/2 days |
| I loved being in Iceland but it was very expensive and the venue on campus was hard to find at first. |
| Colder and more expensive than expected |
| Reykjavik is good for a one-time deal, but it's SO expensive. I would not recommend meeting there again. |
| Reykjavik was absolutely amazing, we want ISDC to return here in future years. |
| Very easy to find the rooms and buildings. |
| Iceland is cool! And easy to get to. |
| Great location, but very expensive. |
| Hard to focus on the conference since the nature is too attractive to discover |
| Reykjavik was a great location for the conference - easily accessible from the states and from Europe, and the city was small enough that there were adequate options for folks to stay close to the university and meet up in the city. |
| Interesting location, but just so expensive |
| Iceland is so expensive, and no nearby place to buy food. |
| Iceland was wonderful but expensive for many. Perhaps for destination locations the cost of conference registration can be reduced to ensure more are able to attend. |
| Loved the walkability and flexibility of eating options. |
| very expensive location!!! |
| I'm torn: I like Iceland a lot personally, but the location increases the overall CO2-Emissions because people have to fly far from both N-America and Europe to get there. |
| Expensive and inconvenient for just about everyone, but once we were there it was a good place to visit. I would prefer to have the conference in locations that are good for hosting a conference (convenient, hotel collocated, easy access to food, lots of local SD work, nice venue), rather than choosing locations that are fun to visit. |
| Reykjavik is expensive. I was happy because we were able to book into the Student Hostel, which was good value for money, but I heard a lot of grumbles from those who couldn`t. Also, because of the price, I had to travel on my own dime and couldn`t ask work to cover. |
| The location was well chosen. Little trouble and stress of Iclandˋs university and Reykhavik is preferable in contrast to much bigger towns and universities. It helps focusing on SD. |
| The location was very expensive |
| I appreciate the construction once year US and the other year EU |

**Q4 - When it comes to conference social activities (such as welcome reception, dinner and family/ guest activities) my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 2.27% | 3 |
| 2 | 2 | 8.33% | 11 |
| 3 | 3 | 8.33% | 11 |
| 4 | 4 | 6.06% | 8 |
| 5 | 5 | 14.39% | 19 |
| 6 | 6 | 28.79% | 38 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 23.48% | 31 |
| 8 | no opinion | 8.33% | 11 |
|  | Total | 100% | 132 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to conference social activities (such as welcome reception, dinner and family/ guest activities) my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.44 | 1.81 | 3.29 | 132 | 18.94% | 60.61% |

**Q4b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Could not hear what was being said at the 'dinner'. |
| Social activities were very minimal. This is one area that I would highly recommend to focus on. Two one-hour coffee breaks during the day are not necessary, instead you can use the time to organize more ice breakers or social events. |
| Very enjoyable but would have liked a sit-down meal for the dinner. |
| I'm not sure if the newcomer reception on the day of the PhD colloquium is part of this question, but I would suggest eliminating the SD trivia portion of that event, or moving it to a different event. While I'm sure it's fun for people who have been involved for a while, asking trivia questions about SD minutia isn't very welcoming to people who are attending for the first time. It might be better to have that event organized by PhD students or very new professors, who are a little more approachable. |
| I like the format of the dinner this year with the ability to walk around and mingle as opposed to a sit-down dinner. |
| Too far from the conference campus. |
| The summer school catering was particularly bad... Bread for 3 days was difficult. Conference catering was.. food, but it was clear that the costs of things within Iceland had not been considered. Generally, the cost of Iceland created alot of problems for students (housing, food, transport) and dampened ones ability to participate. |
| Again, reception was too crowded and noisy to really enjoy. |
| Lunch was a bit small |
| The dinner is always a nice idea, but in terms of food it was also less satisfying than expected, especially compared to the previous conference in Boston. Also there were no social and fun activities during the banquet. Which again compared to the conference in 2017 was rather poor. |
| I like the fact that we did not have to sit down and eat during the conference dinner. The welcome reception did not have enough food, which is really not nice for people who have to present their posters and can't just leave to buy food somewhere else. |
| Conference dinner = great! However, food was an issue, please leave coffee outside even when there are no breaks and I had brought my own refillable waterbaottle but faucets were the bottle neck. |
| I was interested in attending the family and guest activities but it was happening at the same time with another important session. |
| Some activities at the diner was not for professional but for teenager. |
| The activities are good, but there are almost too many of them in the evening. |
| Great to have this type of informal conference dinner. Enables participants to mingle. |
| My wife was a family/guest person, and luckily she makes friends easily and connected with a couple of like-minded people. But a lot more thought and preparation needs to be put into the family/guest process for it to feel welcoming and smooth. |
| Blue Lagoon and Golden Circle, what more could you ask for! |
| the location for the dinner was not really exiting |
| Healthy food and tasty coffee. |
| Everything was quite good! |
| A little unclear and crowded compared with last year |
| Generally like the standup buffet. This provided many opportunities for socializing and connecting, although the skit was a bit over the top. For those who liked it, they could participate, and for those who didn't appreciate the humor, it was easy enough to do something else. |
| The banquet format was fun, but did not feel like it was related to the conference. I would prefer having it in a space that allows for everyone to hear/see what is going on. This year it felt like there were very few social activities related to the conference. I did not attend the welcome reception because it was far away from the conference venue. |
| Loved the banquet. Stand-up is a nice idea. |
| The reception was nice. But Erik Pruyt`s skit contained inappropriate behavior; he made fun of students who`d been in his course (e.g. awarding the award for `Fishiest Participant`). Perhaps he meant it to be in good fun, but in a professional setting with a power differential between him and students, I considered it unprofessional at best and harassment at worst. |
| Using plastic tableware for dinner and plastic bottles was not the best choice. This should be aboided for future conferences. We aim with SD in contributing for a sustainable environment but do the opposite. |

**Q5 - When it comes to overall value my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 1.60% | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | 0.80% | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 1.60% | 2 |
| 4 | 4 | 7.20% | 9 |
| 5 | 5 | 19.20% | 24 |
| 6 | 6 | 36.80% | 46 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 31.20% | 39 |
| 8 | no opinion | 1.60% | 2 |
|  | Total | 100% | 125 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to overall value my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.85 | 1.23 | 1.50 | 125 | 4.00% | 69.60% |

**Q5b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Not the best conference SD has put on. |
| I come to the conferences to learn about great work (and secondarily to see old friends and help those new to the field). Too much poor/not ready work this year. |
| I enjoyed the Workshops the most. |
| For a first experience, I'm happy about what I learn. |
| Conference as good as usual, venue OK, location very expensive. |
| Experience of a lifetime! |
| I hoped to have more interactions with all the participants. |
| This was a great conference! |
| Topics are good |
| It was very motivating and inspirational. |
| Note: adding onto previous survey that got cut off. Note: format of the survey would be better if there were places on each page to add comments. On duration of breaks question: There really aren't any 'breaks'. All coffee breaks are loaded with meetings. This makes the days very long. On the question of more/less academic work: this is a false dichotomy, and I'm not sure why the society pushes this. The most field-forwarding work I saw this year was done in relation to an application. All work should have utility, and much of the best research is done using real-world examples. It would benefit the society to stop segmenting work like this, and to start looking for work that makes improvements to the field, regardless of who does that work. |
| About typical. Improving the program would make a big difference in value. |
| Value for time? Good. Value for $? Location expensive. |

**Q6 - When it comes to the conference fee my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: too expensive | 6.30% | 8 |
| 2 | 2 | 3.15% | 4 |
| 3 | 3 | 11.81% | 15 |
| 4 | 4 | 19.69% | 25 |
| 5 | 5 | 18.90% | 24 |
| 6 | 6 | 19.69% | 25 |
| 7 | 7: very reasonable | 16.54% | 21 |
| 8 | no opinion | 3.94% | 5 |
|  | Total | 100% | 127 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to the conference fee my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 4.87 | 1.78 | 3.16 | 127 | 21.26% | 40.16% |

**Q6b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Expensive. Accommodation was also expensive, but it was out of the society's power. When holding a conference in expensive hotel area, the conference fee should be reasonable. |
| I got my fee reimbursed as a volunteer |
| As always, reasonable |
| It is a bit pricey |
| It's high relatively speaking for an academic, but there are multiple options for students and scholarships making this more accessible, and the workshops are free, which is a fantastic value given the caliber and quality of what is presented. |
| Actually the conference fee was ok, but the summer school was way to expensive. We got too little hands-on-training in the advanced track and Pruyt was mainly showing off his work instead of showing us how to do it. |
| About typical. |
| compared to other conferences (e.g. from the IEEE) the fee is a little bit high |
| Please raise the fee by 2-5 dollar and give this amount to the student chapter colloquium. Nobody probably notice and the probably will have 5 schollarships |

**Q7 - When it comes to the overnight accommodation my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 7.94% | 10 |
| 2 | 2 | 9.52% | 12 |
| 3 | 3 | 6.35% | 8 |
| 4 | 4 | 12.70% | 16 |
| 5 | 5 | 16.67% | 21 |
| 6 | 6 | 14.29% | 18 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 17.46% | 22 |
| 8 | no opinion | 15.08% | 19 |
|  | Total | 100% | 126 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to the overnight accommodation my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.09 | 2.17 | 4.70 | 126 | 23.81% | 46.83% |

**Q7b - Please indicate whether you used a hotel, hostel or AirBnB and the name of your accommodation if applicable. Please also list any additional comments you would like to make**

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| Please indicate whether you used a hotel, hostel or AirBnB and the name of your accommodation if applicable. Please also list any additional comments you would like to make |
| Oddsson Hostel |
| The hostel was great, but it was a hostel. Would have preferred affordable hotel accommodations |
| Used a hostel. Was ok, but expensive. |
| although expensive. Stayed in hotel |
| Oddsson Hostel |
| Very expensive. |
| Oddson |
| Airbnb |
| I used a guest house that was really a hostel, not one recommended by the SDS so I will not name it. It was good in many respects, but fell short in others. My problem, not yours. |
| AirBnB |
| AirBnB |
| I stayed in two different AirBnbs. They were nice but very expensive, as is all of Iceland. |
| Hostel - LOFT. Nice location, but really expensive options. |
| Hlemmur Square |
| Oddsson |
| Oddsson Hostel |
| Radisson Blue Hotel, very expensive. |
| Stayed in a hotel, a bit expensive, but very nice. Problem is that the cost far exceeds what my university provides me in terms of reimbursement. Such a unique location. |
| AirBnB |
| Hotel. Raddison Blu. It was too expensive. Their facilities and service quality was not very high. The price indicated their web site through ISDC site was more expensive than third parties, like hotels.com. |
| hotel |
| I had an Air BnB which was quite reasonable for Icelandic standards. |
| hostel |
| I used an AirBnB which was only made affordable thanks to large group size and booking far in advance. Surely lower-cost accommodation (esp for students!) can be arranged in the future. |
| I used an AirBNB |
| It was quite good at the student hostel (albeit expensive). Following accommodation was an AirBnB which was sub-par. |
| I could not afford the conference hotel, so I shared an AirBnB accommodation with four other people. It was pleasant and a reasonable distance from the venue. |
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| We found an apartment through Airbnb that was a much better value than any of the hotels and only a 10 minute walk from the conference venue. |
| I life in reykjavik |
| AirBnB |
| I was staying at an AirBnB with the friends of mine. |
| student hostel |
| I used an AirBnB. It was reasonably close to the venue (15 min walk). The hotels in Reykjavik are ridiculously expensive for what they offer. |
| Hotel Radisson Blu Saga: Ridiculuous! Door keys everytime broken, fridge only works with keycard, suckets did not work, fridge heated up the room, shower not closed you flooded the room, horrible. But at least the windows worked... One could look through.... |
| Airbnb |
| City lights hotel. |
| Two guest houses( hotel) : Eric Red & GuesInn Guesthouse |
| Capital Inn |
| The Student Hostel |
| Oddsson Hostel |
| Airbnb. Iceland is way too expensive for conferences. |
| Student hostel |
| AirBnB |
| Student hostel was what we needed: near the conference, affordable and the right size. I would have appreciated to have the WiFi in the bedroom to avoid hearing Skype call from other people. |
| AirBnB |
| Airbnb |
| Air BnB - apartment near campus |
| Shared Airbnb house |
| Hotel Radisson Blue |
| Hotel Reykjavik Centrum |
| Radisson Blu SAGA Hotel. I'd rate it a couple of notches above a dump (I think it needs renovation), and the location for the conference was very good. But the Wifi was awful; I couldn't get it in my room, and had to go to a sitting room down the hall on my floor. Not the end of the world, but not good, either. |
| THE UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS! I was lucky enough to get one of the suites and it was the best accommodation we could have asked for! |
| Radisson Blue Saga. Location and staff were great. Facility itself needed repair. |
| I booked an accommodation which was not on the list and I was quite nice and cosy |
| AirBnB |
| I stayed at an AirBnB in town (appr. 15 min walk to the venue).Iceland is expensive in general, but with AirBnB it was ok and the official conference hotel in Cambridge is even more expensive! |
| Island apartment. Though there was quite noisy on the street in the late night. |
| This is probably more a geographic location issue than an accommodation issue, but the recommended accommodation was far too expensive. We luckily found an AirBnB much closer and for much less. |
| Stayed in AirBnb, was quite far from the conference venue, quite small but expensive |
| Student Hostel |
| Student Hostel + AirBnB |
| AirBnB, Laekur's Hostel |
| Saga hotel |
| Airbnb. The option we selected was accessible and the location was near the conference. |
| I used AirBnB, which was a good option to stay with other conference attendees |
| AirBnB |
| oddsson hostel |
| I used a guest house. Nice room with shared kitchen so I could cut costs on meals. Shared bathroom was less attractive - but that is Iceland! |
| No wifi in rooms |
| AirBnB. I was fortunate in having an opportunity to share accommodations with colleagues. |
| AirBNB options were great. |
| Stayed in an AirBnB and loved it. My actual hotel reservation fell through the day before I left! |
| Oddsson |
| I stayed on the campsite. It was the cheapest option and since I attended this conference self-financed and Iceland is freaking expensive that was the option to go. But it was at a large cost of time that I could have otherwise spent networking. |
| I stayed at the Radisson because of the location. It was fine but expensive for what it was. I would encourage the organizers to consider that many of the attendees are traveling alone, and may be uncomfortable walking around an unknown city by themselves (my organization specifically trains me not to do this). |
| Radisson Blu Saga. Nice, convenient, not cheap, under construction. |
| Svala apartment |
| Student Hostel. |
| Students hostel |
| center hotel midgardur |
| Hostel, but none of the hostels arranged by the organizers was available by the time my travel plans were confirmed. |
| AirBNB |
| AirBnB |
| hostel/guesthouse |
| airbnb |
| hotel |
| The location was OK but the discounts room lackec breakfast. So at the ent of the dat i probably paus the same |
| Fosshotel Reykjavik |

**Q8 - When it comes to the conference printed Program Schedule received at registration my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: not needed | 3.17% | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | 1.59% | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 4.76% | 6 |
| 4 | 4 | 7.94% | 10 |
| 5 | 5 | 15.87% | 20 |
| 6 | 6 | 17.46% | 22 |
| 7 | 7: very useful | 44.44% | 56 |
| 8 | no opinion | 4.76% | 6 |
|  | Total | 100% | 126 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to the conference printed Program Schedule received at registration my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.86 | 1.60 | 2.57 | 126 | 9.52% | 66.67% |

**Q8b - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Plenary session quality is uneven and on average too low. By session: Tue AM: The issue of gender discrimination in academia is enormously important. The work presented to address it using SD in that session was extremely disappointing. Should not have been presented. Worse to do so in the opening session of the conference. Tue PM: Ballard/Hovmand: not ready for plenary presentation. Gonzalez: excellent Wed AM: Jorgen Randers was excellent. Peter Senge was disappointing. Wed PM: Pres. Address: better than many, but should be shorter. JWF award: good Thurs AM: Semi Plenary on Education: good, but ran over schedule Thurs PM: David Lane: excellent. Paulo Goncalves: very good. Harald Sverdrup: very poor. Plenary sessions should feature the very best work, presented extremely well. Conference program chairs should review and provide feedback in advance on all plenary session slides. Discussants as in 2018 can add value as well, especially if coached by program chairs. |
| The online schedule was really useful - but difficult to locate - as there was also the online pdf version so a little confusing |
| These likert questions are not well constructed. The questions about the printed and online schedules are measuring two different constructs - usefulness and need. I \*needed\* a printed schedule, but the one that I got was not very \*useful.\* |
| Good and generally interesting sessions |
| An odd layout and minimal search abilities |
| The work in progress sessions was a nice idea, I think there should be more sessions of this sort, with less of the formal long presentations, but more of a short overview of results, longer discussions with participants and the audience and more of a round table set-up |
| The portion of lunches were too small |
| Online Program was not very userfriendly, a lot of clicks, open new pop-ups etc. |
| A mobile app for society's activities including conferences can help with communicating updated schedule as well as other benefits like materials, socials, personal scheduling etc. There are more benefits too. |
| Plenaries should all be done by TOP researchers or practitioners. I was disappointed to see a WIP session on the first plenary. |
| It really depended on the plenaries. The Wednesday morning one this year was really good!! |
| If this comments section is focused on the conference program, the layout was very difficult to follow, both online and in print. It would be valuable to revisit formatting and perhaps either pull from other conferences to look at ways to use space, fonts, and color to give structure to the experience, or to build simple apps as tools to navigate the conference program. |
| The printed program was in a format that was hard to read. The online program was cumbersome to get through, especially since there was no personalization option. Sometimes the desktop program didn't work for me, but the mobile version was better. |
| Online access to papers is more cumbersome than in the past. It's especially hard to access supplemental material - that's VERY BAD because it's then hard to assess model quality. |
| I still can`t find the presented work. It is very needed, but not obvious where to find it. |

**Q0b - The following questions concern the plenary sessions.**

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| Total | 100% | 0 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | The following questions concern the plenary sessions. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |

**Q10 - Are the plenary sessions too short or too long?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: much too short | 0.83% | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 0.83% | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 6.61% | 8 |
| 4 | 4 | 64.46% | 78 |
| 5 | 5 | 14.05% | 17 |
| 6 | 6 | 2.48% | 3 |
| 7 | 7: much too long | 2.48% | 3 |
| 8 | no opinion | 8.26% | 10 |
|  | Total | 100% | 121 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Are the plenary sessions too short or too long? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 4.49 | 1.31 | 1.72 | 121 | 8.26% | 13.22% |

**Q11 - Should we have more or fewer plenary sessions?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: fewer | 0.00% | 0 |
| 2 | 2 | 4.20% | 5 |
| 3 | 3 | 5.88% | 7 |
| 4 | 4 | 44.54% | 53 |
| 5 | 5 | 13.45% | 16 |
| 6 | 6 | 10.92% | 13 |
| 7 | 7: more | 14.29% | 17 |
| 8 | no opinion | 6.72% | 8 |
|  | Total | 100% | 119 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Should we have more or fewer plenary sessions? | 2.00 | 8.00 | 4.91 | 1.53 | 2.34 | 119 | 10.08% | 31.93% |

**Q0c - The following questions concern the parallel and poster sessions.**

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| Answer | % | Count |
| Total | 100% | 0 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | The following questions concern the parallel and poster sessions. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |

**Q13 - Are the parallel sessions too short or too long?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: much too short | 8.40% | 10 |
| 2 | 2 | 8.40% | 10 |
| 3 | 3 | 13.45% | 16 |
| 4 | 4 | 48.74% | 58 |
| 5 | 5 | 8.40% | 10 |
| 6 | 6 | 1.68% | 2 |
| 7 | 7: much too long | 3.36% | 4 |
| 8 | no opinion | 7.56% | 9 |
|  | Total | 100% | 119 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Are the parallel sessions too short or too long? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 3.97 | 1.70 | 2.89 | 119 | 30.25% | 12.61% |

**Q14 - Should we have more or fewer parallel sessions?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: fewer | 4.10% | 5 |
| 2 | 3 | 9.84% | 12 |
| 3 | 3 | 5.74% | 7 |
| 4 | 4 | 36.07% | 44 |
| 5 | 5 | 14.75% | 18 |
| 6 | 6 | 9.84% | 12 |
| 7 | 7: more | 13.11% | 16 |
| 8 | no opinion | 6.56% | 8 |
|  | Total | 100% | 122 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Should we have more or fewer parallel sessions? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 4.62 | 1.79 | 3.20 | 122 | 19.67% | 29.51% |

**Q15 - Most posters are presented on Tuesday at the Poster Symposium and Light Buffet. How satisfied are you with the poster sessions?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very unsatisfied | 3.33% | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | 3.33% | 4 |
| 3 | 3 | 11.67% | 14 |
| 4 | 4 | 9.17% | 11 |
| 5 | 5 | 21.67% | 26 |
| 6 | 6 | 16.67% | 20 |
| 7 | 7: very satisfied | 20.83% | 25 |
| 8 | no opinion | 13.33% | 16 |
|  | Total | 100% | 120 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Most posters are presented on Tuesday at the Poster Symposium and Light Buffet. How satisfied are you with the poster sessions? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.42 | 1.85 | 3.41 | 120 | 18.33% | 50.83% |

**Q16 - If you could make any other changes to the format of the sessions, what would those changes be?**

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| If you could make any other changes to the format of the sessions, what would those changes be? |
| Eliminate feedback sessions. They were hard to follow and unprofessional. |
| For a lot of the sessions the focus was on what they were doing, so lacked any learning or insights that supported development of understanding of system dynamics modelling and the challenges and benefits |
| More room for discussion |
| I would change the feedback session as a round table session of the chair with authors only. Since the authors are not presenting the audience does not get engaged. |
| I would like presentations at WiP to last longer. 10 min. would be fine. |
| The one feedback session I went to was fantastic, probably because the woman facilitating it was so great. Overall, I think that the quality of some of the work presented in the WIP, poster, and feedback sessions was not high. I think it's good to encourage people who are new and give them an opportunity to get feedback, but I'm concerned about the overall quality of work presented at the conference. |
| Fewer parallel sessions / options |
| Better coordination between tracks (e.g. Transportation, Energy, Environment) |
| Poster session was too long. many people including presenters cannot be there because of tiredness after day sessions. How about having a poster sessions during a lunch time? |
| improve posters feedback |
| Extend the amount of time for WIP presenters, either through limiting the number in a single session or extending the overall time. |
| More space for poster presenters. |
| Sessons with discussants might be a very good idea for highlighting excellent work |
| Get rid of the feedback sessions or do not make them public. I went thinking I was going to learn about the topics/papers and instead barely got a sense of the papers and heard lots of critiques that I did not need to hear. |
| As mentioned before, more of the round-table discussions as in WIP sessions |
| Make posters available along the conference |
| combine WIP with an additional poster. Let very good presenters of WIP present in the plenary - those this year were boring and I did not understand - let it be an elevator speech or so |
| Abstract presentstions need some alterations in time and content vise. |
| Poster session should be at a distant from the exhibitors and not surrounding them |
| Match new comer with another person that have been to the conference to introduce the people |
| Feedback sessions need better preparation on behalf of discussants. Work in progress was good, but as well needs more engagement ahead of time |
| The work in progress sessions were not tremendously helpful, but at least there was more discussion than usual. The feedback sessions might have been useful for those getting the feedback, but I'm not sure attending more than one of those would be useful to people who were not authors of those papers (like me). |
| Discuss WIP with each presenter right after presentation instead of all at the end because not everybody got feedback at the end. |
| Nil |
| Only the authors should be in the feedback sessions. It makes no sense to anyone else. Even though the teachings may be more generally useful, the non-authors have no context and are unlikley to study ahead of time. |
| Have fewer sessions of poor quality work. It is a waste of everyones time. |
| Provide more structure to the works in progress - in terms of giving time for feedback to each presenter and more clarity about the expectation of presenting models, model plans, or designs. |
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| Video-record parallel sessions so if there is an overlap in interesting content you can still get it. |
| Poster quality was very low. Work that went into WIP sessions was generally more interesting. |
| While WIP sessions sound like a good idea, only one moderator (of the sessions I attended) was able to set it up so that people could present their work and there could be a sensible discussion afterwards. Some moderators just critiqued the work (not letting people present); others lost track of time and squeezed later presenters. More guidance for moderators is needed; otherwise, the sessions should be dropped. |
| slightly shorter coffee breaks |
| Evening sessions with light buffet was too long for the attendants, and presenters were also tired by the start of the session. |
| is it possible to not lump together all parallel and all WIP sessions? Is it possible to frame the WIP sessions as developmental rather than 'presentation' focused? |
| WiP format was utterly pointless, 5min is too short, prescribed template too limiting |
| See remark on structuring the content. Please do not increase the planaries in size or frequency we have sufficient |

**Q0d - The following questions address the conference in a more general sense.**

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | The following questions address the conference in a more general sense. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |

**Q17 - Would you like to see more or less academic work (as compared to applications)?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: less academic work | 2.48% | 3 |
| 2 | 2 | 5.79% | 7 |
| 3 | 3 | 13.22% | 16 |
| 4 | 4 | 33.88% | 41 |
| 5 | 5 | 13.22% | 16 |
| 6 | 6 | 14.05% | 17 |
| 7 | 7: more academic work | 10.74% | 13 |
| 8 | no opinion | 6.61% | 8 |
|  | Total | 100% | 121 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Would you like to see more or less academic work (as compared to applications)? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 4.68 | 1.69 | 2.85 | 121 | 21.49% | 31.40% |

**Q18 - ​How satisfied are you with the workshops?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very unsatisfied | 0.84% | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 1.68% | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 0.84% | 1 |
| 4 | 4 | 7.56% | 9 |
| 5 | 5 | 8.40% | 10 |
| 6 | 6 | 17.65% | 21 |
| 7 | 7: very satisfied | 28.57% | 34 |
| 8 | no opinion | 34.45% | 41 |
|  | Total | 100% | 119 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | ​How satisfied are you with the workshops? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 6.61 | 1.50 | 2.24 | 119 | 3.36% | 80.67% |

**Q19 - What, specifically, do you value about coming to the conference?**

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| What, specifically, do you value about coming to the conference? |
| Community |
| networking |
| networking and learning |
| Meeting people and learning how they have applied systems thinking and system dynamics |
| Networking possibilities, opportunities to engage with peers and be up to date with the state of art in SD, as well as exploring cross-fertilization with other fields. |
| meeting more experienced practitioners. Asking them feedback on my work, face to face meeting |
| Networking, up date with latest research. |
| Meeting people, making new friends, business networking, exploring the city. |
| Opportunity to meet so many fantastic, interesting people |
| Networking |
| It was great to see a wider picture of the field than what I see at my university, and to make connections with folks who are doing similar work. I also really enjoyed the plenary sessions and feel like I learned some good stuff from them. |
| Possibility to learn about similar andinnovative work. Connecting with people who do that work. receiving feedback on own work. |
| Curiosity of the people who have devoted in SD for sharing the value of sd |
| Get feedback. |
| Excellent networking & presentations |
| Networking and inspiration. |
| The interaction between peers. |
| Learning from other system dynamicists. |
| Getting newest information and finding prospective collaboration partners are valuable. |
| Networking |
| As a first timer, i enjoyed getting to know the community. |
| to improve and to get feedback of my work. |
| Networking with colleagues, learning about new tools and approaches relevant to my own work, assisting others based on my previous work/knowledge and hearing stories from experienced practitioners about practical and applied work. |
| I value being amongst a community of people where I don't have to explain what I do. I value the connections I make and the opportunities to learn and gauge my own work against others. |
| Meeting with other academics and practitioners working in the SD field. |
| The Colloquium. Connecting with people who do system dynamics. Some plenary sessions are very good. |
| Plenary sessions highlighting great work, parallel sessions showing research relevant to my own research and teaching, seeing colleagues, meeting new people in the field |
| I learned a lot. It was my first experience and I loved it |
| Learning what work is currently going on, seeing colleagues and catching up |
| Connections to potential colleagues, and learning new information about methods and scientific directions. |
| Networking opportunities, meeting with senior and junior SD researchers and people who apply System Dynamics and combine it with other tools. Discovering the opportunities for possible research and applications. Meeting with people whom you can only meet during the conference |
| presenting my work and get feedback, learn other works, learn the progress of the SD field, networking. |
| The angel advisor is a very good initiative that needs to the maintain |
| The feeling of belonging to a community, which makes me motivated to continue improving my SD skills. Meeting old friends and new attendees. Networking opportunity. Learning from other people's work, getting new ideas. I especially value the work of all the people who do so much for free. It's a good life lesson and a yearly reminder that it pays off. |
| Meeting friends, researchers and see good work, receive feedback on my work |
| Networking |
| Met with very well known society members. |
| Attendance of Key note speakers presentations |
| The opportunity to share my work, learn more about what others are doing and how they are applying SD to it and the opportunity to network with domain practitioners. |
| very worthy |
| Seeing world leaders present their work |
| Networking |
| Networking. Catching up with friends. Getting visibility for your work. |
| Networking and high academic standard |
| Networking and Keynote speech |
| A good opportunity to see many aspect of system dynamic |
| Learn about SD from others presenting. |
| Network |
| everything |
| learn cutting edge of field |
| Meeting like-minded people |
| Meeting with peers. Learning what people are working on through presentation or just hallway talk. |
| Meeting colleagues and friends and building new research relationships |
| Meeting people, seeing interesting work. |
| Getting to talk to people about bringing their models to life for others to interact with. |
| Networking. Learning about other work by members of my SIG. Developing potential collaborations. |
| open discussions |
| Meeting different scientists/ experts in their field - listening to them and than have the chance to talk with them in the breaks/ evenings. |
| I loved all the feedbacks of my angel advisors and the instructor in PhD. colloquium. |
| Meeting people in the field, both those I know and those I don't, and hearing what people are doing. |
| Learning about various applications |
| seeing good quality work, learning by example, networking |
| As a freshman in SD interested in environmental issues, the conference really broadened my horizons not only in how various techniques can be applied on topics that I'm interested in, but also how interconnected different topics are in the framework of SD. Very encouraging for me to continue learning more about SD research and applications. |
| Being exposed to different fields of SD applications, practitioners, and academic knowledge. |
| The opportunity to have a concentration of folks using SD in different ways, and the chance to learn from others' work and to find new connections |
| Connecting with system dynamicists working in diverse application areas |
| network |
| Networking with like minded people. Learning new ideas. Being challenged in my thinking |
| Exposure to best practices in application, innovative ways of thinking, and networking. |
| The opportunity to meet people who speak the same language of SD, to expand my skillsets and hear what's cutting edge in regards to methods, and to create deeper relationships with existing friends across the globe. |
| The chance to reconnect with colleagues and meet new people interested in system dynamics; seeing high quality work by leaders in the field; workshops |
| meeting researchers and students, find supervisors and co-authors |
| meeting others involved in SD and learning their interests and applications; networking |
| Network, motivation, inspiration |
| Social networking |
| Friends, new work. |
| Learning new things; meeting old friends; making new ones. And the summer school, which was a big disappointment this year (see below under worst thing). |
| For me, it is the energy source. |
| The location |
| Community building and feedback on research |
| What new things that people concern in fields of SD or ST on earth. |
| The people I met, and listening to the plenary talks. |
| wip and feedback |
| Nice to be able to re-connect with friends and colleagues |
| See others work, exchange ideas. |
| Networking opportunities & see the work of 'big names' of the field. |

**Q20 - What was the best thing that happened to you at the conference?**

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| What was the best thing that happened to you at the conference? |
| I fell in love |
| Connecting with potential colleagues |
| presenting my work |
| meet old friends and get new research directions |
| gaining new insights and networks |
| Met a lot of nice people who are willing to collaborate and/or share ideas. Specifically in this case, the potential of exploring model-based systems engineering and SD, and getting into touch with practitioners from Nijmegen and Delft. |
| Meeting George Richardson for feedback |
| My learning in the plenaries. |
| Business networking, gettting feedback on our work, understanding the quality of our work (also through listening and looking at other's work), sharing our work with others, meeting and talking with students. |
| Hearing J Randers and P Senge. Attending Peter Hovmand workshops. |
| Angel advise |
| Seeing friends and connecting with people working in a similar space as me. |
| Making a plenary presentation and receiving feedback + inspiration for my work |
| Meeting and having a chance to talk |
| Great networking opportunities. |
| Chance to discuss people working with similar topics. Great to meet some of the "old-timers" who have been involved in SD since the beginning. |
| Again, networking and meeting new people. |
| Got excellent feedback on the poster. |
| Getting heartwarming and helpful comments encouraged me. |
| Get great feedback on my research |
| Meeting a lot of bright minds who are enthusiastic and speak the same language. |
| modeler assistants |
| Receiving job offers, and leading a group of fellow SDys to a geothermal river. |
| I connected with many people working in the same industry and agreed to continue corresponding. I also built on relationships initiated in earlier conferences. |
| I met so many interesting people, had some interesting discussions and made great connections. The teachers in the beginner session summerschool were great. |
| Talking with good people who want to do good work. |
| Reconnected with colleagues |
| Meeting such amazing people. Learning at least a bit from each one of them and bounding with them. |
| Mentoring younger colleagues in MAW and PhD colloquium; I really enjoy encouraging new people entering the SD field |
| I have achieved what I had planned for myself for the conference and in fact, gained even more than I expected. |
| met a student whose work is quite similar to me so we shared a lot of ideas of our work and gladly he was willing to share few of his unpublished papers to me after the conference. It was great. |
| Receiving the advice of senior |
| Winning the best poster award |
| getting feedback from wellknown researchers |
| Networking |
| I had a chance to see Peter senge and Jorgen |
| Getting to see interest of members in attending SIG meeting |
| Getting to meet amazing, concerned and helpful people. |
| conference dinner |
| Jorgen randers talk |
| Found collaborators and got feedback |
| Seeing old friends and finding new ones. Travelling a new country. |
| Speaking at opening plenary |
| Keynote speech |
| I realize that I should be proud of my English as a second language. Most people understand me more than I was expecting. |
| I learned the most at the workshops and the applications presentations. |
| Presenting at a paralel session and feedbacks |
| great networking! |
| connections |
| The diversity sesstion that started the conference plus subsequent conversations |
| Helping others think about their models. |
| Networking |
| Hearing the Forrester Award presentation. Interesting stuff. |
| Iceland. I fell in love with the country. |
| Meeting a student who is just starting to do SD work in my field and trying to connect her with the right people. |
| feed back from the audience - all conference rooms were easy to find |
| Met a researcher from my fields and found out that he works close to where I work. We had two long chats and I am optimitstic, that some good cooperation will come out of it. |
| I meet my angel advisors and great works of great presenters. |
| got good feedback. Got some ideas |
| Joining SIGs and meeting peer-mentoring friends with potential future collaborations. |
| Friendly environment for novices. For instances, work-in-progress sessions and feedback sessions were great opportunities for learning and receiving feedbacks via discussions. |
| discovering a broader community of folks interested in community and social-services oriented applications of sd simulation modeling and group model building |
| Getting to discuss my ongoing dissertation work with experts |
| network with peers |
| New ideas for collaborative work during the year |
| Talked to some professors |
| Presenting to leaders in the field |
| Opportunity to collaborate with others on projects I care about and finding and encouraging a student who works on a similar topic but was self-taught and just needed a some confidence about her work. |
| Again, the workshops, especially John Haywood's workshop. What a delight and treat to see someone so good at presenting this content. |
| feedback from experts |
| making new friends and connections! |
| The realization that the research that I have done has a broader applicability than I had thought |
| Seeing old friends from previous conferences |
| Workshops |
| I got to see and discuss a great new version of an MIT paper that I`d reviewed for the authors a few months ago, and I got invited to participate in their doctoral seminar this coming autumn. I also learned more `big picture`about what SD is and the context it works in. |
| I like the people - they are all friendly. |
| meeting interesting people |
| Meeting new people from similar work areas |
| Meet new friends in fields of SD or ST. |
| I listened to Birgit Kopainsky giving feedback in a feedback session |
| the existence of feedback sessions |
| Meet senior practitioners |

**Q21 - What was the worst thing that happened to you at the conference?**

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| What was the worst thing that happened to you at the conference? |
| The Summer School |
| Feeling like I wasn't in on the inside jokes. My session was way too short to have value |
| spending a lot of money on accommodation |
| Some lower quality presentations (by no means really bad, don't get me wrong) |
| Short breaks |
| None |
| Jet lag. |
| Nothing bad happened. |
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| Disappointing to see so many men completely dominating the Q&A portions of talks. What can we do to allow more space for women to participate? |
| Headache from too little/not nutritious enough food + no timeti really have a break. |
| busy checking timetable and locations |
| Not enough networking time. |
| Some of the sessions were overcrowded. |
| Everything was great. I am exhausted by the end of the conference. |
| There was not enough interaction between senior and junior colleagues. |
| Some "loud voice" people sometimes gave too much presence. They might be masters or special school people. But, all participants should be equally treated. The core team looked very "western." or "East American." As a frontier of SD, we should activate eastern Evangelists of SD in their area. |
| summer school |
| n/a |
| I couldn't see all the interesting papers due to timetable clashes! |
| I have to say.. the food at the summerschool was terrible (and I am not a fussy person). General organisation of the summerschool could have been better- the PhD students employed to help were clearly very unhappy. The cost of iceland was a big problem. At close to $5,000 total cost to attend, my conference budget is depleted for the remainder of my PhD. This will impact my ability to attend next year, unfortunatley. I will try to seek more funding. |
| My gluten-free colleague nearly starved. Reports of unpleasant interactions between a senior member and a PhD student make me embarrassed about the tone of the Society. |
| Heard a few poor presentations |
| Poster session and Wednesday night reception were unpleasantly crowded |
| Sitting through a feedback session that was awkward and I did not gain new knowledge, information of value. |
| The overall cost that resulted in attending the conference and covering all the expences was almost double what I have initially planned. |
| not all senior system dynamicist were friendly at the conference. I admire one senior in the SD field because of his work and wanted to asked question related to his paper but got ignored. |
| Not be able to visit the country |
| The lunch on Thursday had an ingredient (looking like fake chicken) that I could've gone without ever tasting... The fact that I had to leave all those nice people and wait one more year to see them again. |
| having some interesting meetings in parallel that I wanted to visit both |
| Ntg |
| splitting attendance in two halls |
| Not having to take it all in. It was fast paced for me as a novice modeler but that was anticipated. |
| I did not receive my baggage in the airport. |
| Summer school |
| Volunteering behind the registration desk, with mostly nothing to do but sit around and kill time. |
| Too expensive food & drinks |
| WIP |
| I have been in a parallel session where it was only for 1 participant already register. The general way to publish would have been interesting |
| The restaurant food in town was very expensive. |
| I was very hungry. |
| I did not participate fully in the poster session because I was busy and the session was overwhelming. |
| Attending worthless sessions (who incidentally were all feedback sessions) |
| The confusion with the family/guest lounge. Luckily my wife is a resilient person. |
| I should have stayed longer! |
| The chaos at the airport :( |
| Not enough food at the Tuesday poster session. |
| Some participants might judge people by the first sight without the willingness of starting the conversation. |
| Sessions that were moved to complete opposite ends of the setup (two of them) relative to the tentative program available the Thursday or Friday before - and not finding out until it was too late and half the talk I wanted to hear was over. This was on the first morning so there wasn't a lot of time to verify the schedule. An online tool as people suggested where you marked what you wanted to attend and it then put it in your calendar with the correct location and time would be a great help. Otherwise, we're doing this manually ahead of time and that doesn't get updated without knowing something has (or may have) changed. |
| wasted my time to listening to poor quality work |
| Not enough women |
| summer school- advanced track. The content is very few related to system dynamics and the teacher is clearly not prepared. Questions were not answered and got barely anything from the summer school. The teacher socialized with western students while neglected Asian background students. |
| too short presentations to catch anything |
| I had to cut the experience short. |
| The worst thing to watch--though much has changed to encourage diversity over the years, there were numerous award sessions that were given out by what is considered the old guard. I continue to challenge and ask that the society increase and maintain diverse representation of the members of the society in leadership positions--not only in regard to gender or race, but also by age. I suspect we are losing younger society members because there are few places for them to engage formally in the society beyond the PhD Colloquium or presenting posters. |
| Nothing really "bad" stands out, but Erik's skit during the banquet was a mix of silliness (which if fine) and sexism. But, as I said earlier, it was easy to opt out, and glad that this was contained. |
| n/a |
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| Hearing about so much personal conflict and drama. Unfortunately this dominated the mood of the conference. Society leadership should be careful not to let those issues leak into the broader society. |
| $14 beer, smoked puffin, Minke whale and horse carpaccio on the menu. |
| The summer school. Sorry to say, but Erik Pruyt was really not prepared. We spent an hour trying to get an Excel sheet of data to be correctly formatted. When the weather got nice, he brought the class outside to play soccer for half an hour. And his TAs were late in arriving because they had visa problems - no one checked in advance? While I understand that SD can be `messy,`I deal with messy 51 weeks a year at my own job. When I`m the paying customer I expect organization. Erik didn`t hold a candle to John Sterman last year and I`m disappointed, as the main reason I came was to get some more at the extraordinary quality that John delivered last year. The course was also mostly programming, not SD Also, Erik had several unprofessional disparaging comments; e.g. about the US, Russia, and Africa - all countries of origin of students in his class. |
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| plastic tableware |
| Some actions seem not prepared well. |
| The food for lunch in the summer school |
| too much self praises |
| Nothing. |

**Q0e - Background information**

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| Answer | % | Count |
| Total | 100% | 0 |

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| 1 | Background information | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |

**Q22 - Profession**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Consulting | 10.43% | 12 |
| 2 | Higher education | 31.30% | 36 |
| 3 | In-house SD practitioner (private sector) | 1.74% | 2 |
| 4 | In-house SD practitioner (public sector) | 2.61% | 3 |
| 5 | K-12 education | 1.74% | 2 |
| 6 | Research using SD | 22.61% | 26 |
| 7 | SD client/ customer | 2.61% | 3 |
| 8 | Student | 26.96% | 31 |
|  | Total | 100% | 115 |

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| 1 | Profession | 1.00 | 8.00 | 4.67 | 2.69 | 7.23 | 115 | 43.48% | 52.17% |

**Q23 - Other (please specify)**

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| Other (please specify) |
| PhD student exploring possibilities of using SD in methodological advancements in engineering design |
| Teaching and Research. |
| Applied research/development using SD |
| Webmaster for the government of Canada |
| both consulting and research |
| higher education also |
| Professional and PHD student |

**Q24 - Fields of interest (please check all that apply)**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Business policy | 7.79% | 37 |
| 5 | Economic dynamics | 5.89% | 28 |
| 7 | Energy and resources | 7.79% | 37 |
| 8 | Environment and ecology | 8.00% | 38 |
| 4 | Health | 6.95% | 33 |
| 9 | Information science | 2.32% | 11 |
| 10 | Methodology | 8.84% | 42 |
| 11 | Operations management and supply chains | 4.63% | 22 |
| 12 | Participatory problem solving | 7.79% | 37 |
| 13 | Public policy | 13.47% | 64 |
| 14 | Security | 2.74% | 13 |
| 15 | Social and organizational dynamics | 8.00% | 38 |
| 3 | Strategy | 7.16% | 34 |
| 2 | Teaching | 8.63% | 41 |
|  | Total | 100% | 475 |

**Q25 - Other (please specify)**

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| Other (please specify) |
| Had attending the APSD, Singapore 2017 |
| the interest field of Education is missing- Teaching is not the same as Education |
| just submitted a survey without realizing I had any place to put my thoughts about the summer school: Unsure if this is the place to put it, but I attended the summer school (advanced track), and was pretty disappointed in how unorganized it was. While the resources and material available to us were plenty, the actual learning in the classroom was not very much and a lot went over our heads, leaving us pretty frustrated as we paid for extra accommodation + the summer school fee only to feel disappointed at the end. we only ended up making one model (which we unanimously agreed was pretty bad), and it felt like we were being talked at way too much. |
| quality of presentations seems to be bimodal--really good or really "meh." Would be great to figure out how to frame the "meh" stuff as developmental so that we as a community could help to make things better/improve the effort. |

**Q26 - Residence**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Africa | 1.72% | 2 |
| 2 | Asia | 17.24% | 20 |
| 3 | Europe | 43.10% | 50 |
| 4 | South America | 5.17% | 6 |
| 5 | Central America | 0.86% | 1 |
| 6 | North America | 29.31% | 34 |
| 7 | Oceania | 2.59% | 3 |
|  | Total | 100% | 116 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Residence | 1.00 | 7.00 | 3.84 | 1.63 | 2.67 | 116 | 62.07% | 32.76% |

**Q27 - Other (please specify)**

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| Other (please specify) |
| Turkey |
| Middle East |
| Student of the institution in the U.S. |
| US |

**Q28 - Years as a system dynamicist (student)**

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| Years as a system dynamicist (student) |
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**Q29 - Years as a system dynamicist (practitioner)**

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| Years as a system dynamicist (practitioner) |
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**Q30 - Have you used the conference schedule smartphone app?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Not used at all | 82.46% | 94 |
| 2 | Several times during the conference | 12.28% | 14 |
| 3 | Several times daily | 5.26% | 6 |
|  | Total | 100% | 114 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | Have you used the conference schedule smartphone app? | 1.00 | 3.00 | 1.23 | 0.53 | 0.28 | 114 | 100.00% | 100.00% |

**Q45 - When it comes to the conference venue (building and facilities) my evaluation is:**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very negative | 0.77% | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 1.54% | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.08% | 4 |
| 4 | 4 | 11.54% | 15 |
| 5 | 5 | 16.92% | 22 |
| 6 | 6 | 26.15% | 34 |
| 7 | 7: very positive | 39.23% | 51 |
| 8 | no opinion | 0.77% | 1 |
|  | Total | 100% | 130 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | When it comes to the conference venue (building and facilities) my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.82 | 1.32 | 1.74 | 130 | 5.38% | 66.15% |

**Q46 - Additional comments**

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| Additional comments |
| Would have liked lodgings closer to the venue. |
| The building was spacious, clean and easy to find. My only concern would be with regards to the plenary sessions that were conducted in the movie building: simply said it was not clear and signage for the university is poor. |
| MIxed. The building and physical space were fine and comfortable. The lunch was extremely disappointing. I appreciate the cost constraints, and don't expect some kind of gourmet feast, but a mixture of carb and very tired salad ingredients did not quite hit the spot. I'd be happy to go back to Iceland, but if that ever happens, please look at the food. |
| Lunch was pretty small. |
| A bit difficult to wrap the had around the map, but overall nice, cosy and spacious location |
| Hotels are too expensive. Air BnB and hostels are difficult for non-western culture people. |
| Poster session and Wednesday night reception were much too crowded and noisy to really enjoy. Otherwise venue was fine. Use of an overflow room for plenaries was less than ideal. |
| The classrooms had all the necessary equipment, but such a distributed location in different building and floors was certainly confusing for many people initially, and also made it less possible to attend different parallel sessions that took place at the same time but were located in the opposite parts of the campus |
| The plenary room(s) (the one with live stream) on Tuesday and Thursday were not the best solution. Apart from that, the venue was nice for attendees, many places to sit. Not necessarily the best solution for the exhibitors, as many people did not stay in that area during breaks. |
| Very basic |
| All worked fine. |
| It was OK, but not as convenient as at a conference center or hotel. |
| The campus at the University of Iceland is beautiful and easy to walk around. |
| high quality with great equipment. |
| I found the layout confusing, though you did get used to it. The provided lunch was a great idea, but why wouldn't they let us have snacks at the coffee breaks? Okay, I usually use the snacks to make it through the day. Maybe I don't need them if lunch is so easy to get and available on the go. |
| Beautiful venue, though the common spaces between parallel rooms lacked adequate room for both poster sessions and sponsor tables. |
| All is good |
| The location was easy to get to and the buildings were great, but it was hard to create avenues for socializing beyond the conference. It seems like socializing with others is more natural when there's a place for drinks/food connected to the conference location. |
| Having a plenary split into two rooms didn't work, and the requirement of having a camera interacting with where one was looking to see one's slides during the presentation created an awkward dynamic. Some of the presentation equipment didn't work in multiple sessions causing unnecessary delays. |
| Some projectors were poor: some colors not displayed at all (esp. greys) |
| Public meeting spaces were cramped and hard to maneuver. The tables upstairs were nice, but did not encourage mingling. |
| Space a little fragmented, but comfortable and effective. Good AV in the HT rooms but low resolution in L. |
| The building is nice. But the space (see above) was very tight. |
| The main was not large enough for the number of attendees. |

**Q55 - What is your opinion about the duration of the breaks during the conference?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: too short | 3.33% | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | 2.50% | 3 |
| 3 | 3 | 4.17% | 5 |
| 4 | 4 | 51.67% | 62 |
| 5 | 5 | 19.17% | 23 |
| 6 | 6 | 9.17% | 11 |
| 7 | 7: too long | 5.00% | 6 |
| 8 | no opinion | 5.00% | 6 |
|  | Total | 100% | 120 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | What is your opinion about the duration of the breaks during the conference? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 4.53 | 1.40 | 1.97 | 120 | 10.00% | 19.17% |

**Q52 - If you could make changes to the format of the workshops, what would those changes be?**

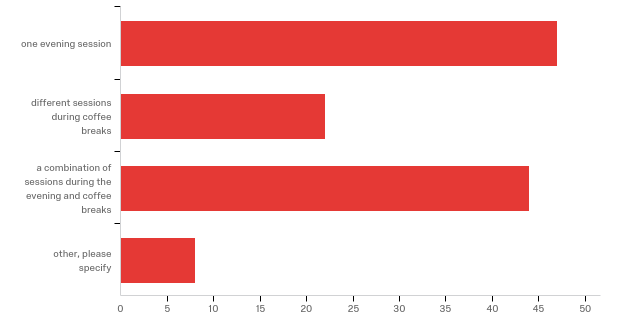
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| If you could make changes to the format of the workshops, what would those changes be? |
| Provide access to the software ahead of time - so that we can ensure we have it up and running for the workshops |
| I would like to add time at workshops. They are too short. |
| n/a |
| Some workshops should be on another day. |
| add more time |
| Not a change, but keep a focus on consistent practical application from year to year. For example, 2017 they were very much pitches for software and books. 2018 they were much more practical and focused on software training sessions etc, which were much more useful and better attended. Especially for those of us that travelled long distances and don't have access to colleagues with those skills! |
| No changes, although many things to choose from in a short amount of time! |
| I would like to see more of the non-academic application workshops, for example from the side of consultancies and their approach to tackle problems they encounter while running their firms (similar to the one Coperrnicos Groep had). Also I believe there is a need for a general workshop to teach people how to present their research and do presentations for the broader public, because from what I have seen from the two conferences I have attended, people spend so much time and effort on the research they do, but just a very few of them actually have the skills to communicate their research in parallels and even plenary sessions. And I think it is very important to create an opportunity, possibly in a form of a workshop, to teach people how to deliver their research to the audience. |
| Make the workshops a little longer |
| I would explain more explicitly what the workshops will be about (what are the specific learning outcomes). |
| Give more time |
| Longer sessions, more time to demo |
| Have computer/ laptops provided with the necessary programms installed for those who do not have it. |
| It would be nice if some could be sprinkled through the first 3 days so people who can't stay for the last day, or don't realize it, have access to some of them. Whether that should be one session or one session per day, I don't know. We could also just call it a 4-day conference and integrate them, but that may be too radical a change for people (and we really don't know how it will work out). |
| Maybe can adjust the date of workshops. Since it was on the last day, many attendees left earlier because they thought the conference closed on Thursday and did not pay as much attention for the workshops as the first four days of the conference. |
| Provide discrete tracks about foundational learning (building models, group model building, use of applications) and more advanced topics. It seemed as if workshops had a mix of folks who were going for an initial taste and folks who were coming for a deeper dive, and that is difficult to plan for the presenters. |
| more additional materials |
| na |
| None. I really enjoyed the workshops and consistency over the years. |
| Video-record workshops so if there is an overlap in interesting content you can still get it. Or alternatively repeat some of them. |
| Workshop topics are generally uninteresting, and the same every year. They are also generally not workshops, but extended pitches for products. Incorporating workshops on topics where people are collaborating and participating would be much more interesting. |
| Spread them out - not all in one day. |
| This year was much better than last year as it was more about training and practice and less about a sales pitch for someone`s new software. Only change would be to create dual sessions for items (such as the cybersecurity game) which organizers know in advance will be heavily oversubscribed. |
| I always have to choose the cheap way as my budget is usually low, therefore, I always miss the workshops, because of cheap flight on Thursday night. So my selfish change would place the workshops (at least some) on a different day. |

**Q47 - How often have you attended the SD conference before?**

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | Never, this was the first time I visited the SD conference | 37.93% | 44 |
| 2 | 1 time before | 20.69% | 24 |
| 3 | 2-5 times before | 18.10% | 21 |
| 4 | 6 times or more | 23.28% | 27 |
|  | Total | 100% | 116 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count | Bottom 3 Box | Top 3 Box |
| 1 | How often have you attended the SD conference before? | 1.00 | 4.00 | 2.27 | 1.19 | 1.42 | 116 | 76.72% | 62.07% |

**Q70 - Which type of poster session or sessions do you prefer?**

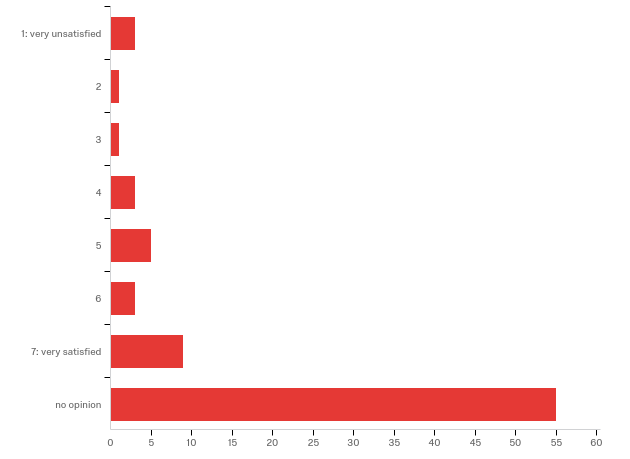


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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | one evening session | 38.84% | 47 |
| 2 | different sessions during coffee breaks | 18.18% | 22 |
| 3 | a combination of sessions during the evening and coffee breaks | 36.36% | 44 |
| 4 | other, please specify | 6.61% | 8 |
|  | Total | 100% | 121 |

other, please specify

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| other, please specify - Text |
| one evening and keeping them up throughout the conference |
| no opinion |
| Spread posters out over several sessions, too much to take in in a single session. This year, it was too crowded and noisy to get much out of the posters. |
| One lunch session |
| The posters should be grouped better related to specific subjects (business, psychology, education …) The areas should be made visible with "street signs" |
| Coffee breaks are not really breaks. They are loaded with meetings, so if we held poster sessions at those times, it would be very hard to attend. |
| the single session works well. I have also seen multiple coffee break sessions work well. The education day session (in a different venue away from food, with a very small number of posters) was a disaster. Students traveled many miles and spent a lot of their own money to be part of this, and only had conversations with just a small number of people. |
| One session but let posters displayed until the end of the conference |

**Q62 - If you have used the conference schedule smartphone app, how satisfied were you?**

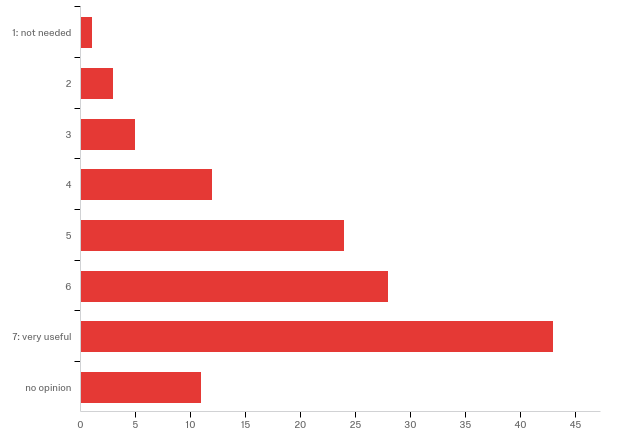


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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very unsatisfied | 3.75% | 3 |
| 2 | 2 | 1.25% | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 1.25% | 1 |
| 4 | 4 | 3.75% | 3 |
| 5 | 5 | 6.25% | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 3.75% | 3 |
| 7 | 7: very satisfied | 11.25% | 9 |
| 8 | no opinion | 68.75% | 55 |
|  | Total | 100% | 80 |

**Q68 - If you have any suggestions for improvements in the conference schedule (online or printed), please list them here.**

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| If you have any suggestions for improvements in the conference schedule (online or printed), please list them here. |
| Didn't know there was an app |
| search function was not always operating the way I am used to like ctrl-f or google style |
| It would be helpful to communicate in the registration packet (or on the printed schedule) that there is an online schedule with more comprehensive information. I didn't find it until halfway through the conference. |
| Make it more visible that there is an app (e.g. during the registration) Declutter the breaks. Make sure meals are nutritious enough to go through the day |
| I didn't know the smartphone app. Was it announced? |
| if it is possible to use screens in different places as a reminder. |
| Print them on A4, not that silly American shaped paper... ;-) |
| I used the tab version on my surface pro. It was clear and well layed out i thought. |
| Should be better access to papers; if that was possible online, it wasn't clear to me |
| I didn't know about the smartphone app |
| the online schedule requires way too much clicking to get to the presentations and presenters information. It would be easier if we could immediately see all the presentations. |
| Reduce the number of parallel sessions specially if they cover related topics |
| I'm unaware of the conference schedule smartphone app. Since there's one, I suggest updating the schedule on the app as well as allowing members to select sessions could give the conference organizers insight into which sessions attendees are more interested in. |
| I didn't know about that application, it should be presented at the beginning of the conference. |
| use an app that makes social networking possible during the conference (eg pathable) |
| Was there a smartphone app? I didn't know. Where was that information made available? I would have loved to use it, but only used the website with my phone. It would also be great if it was possible to download individual sessions into Outlook. |
| Make the URL more memorable so that I can find it or remember it. |
| Again, some way to tie sessions I plan to attend to my Google calendar. |
| printed not required, save paper. was not aware of app, so would have been helpful to know |
| Website and online conference schedule difficult to navigate |
| I used the online version. It would've been nice to be able to "save" sessions to a personal schedule digitally. |
| There wasn't a smart phone app, was there? This would have been really helpful. Also, although officially not part of the conference, I heard a lot of negative feedback about the pre-conference summer school from both newcomers and experienced system dynamicists. The SDS should seriously consider this. The idea of a summer school is actually quite good and could provide some valuable opportunities for faculty to learn from each other and introduce both newcomers and advanced practitioners to methods, but in its present form, it's a problem. |
| Unfortunately, I did not know there was an app, so I have used the online-schedule only on my smartphone. However I would have used it if I knew it existed. |
| Note on the smartphone app question: there was not a smartphone app. |
| I could not access the drop-downs of the conference schedule on my smartphone. the paper schedule was too difficult to understand easily--perhaps add headings with day and am/pm to it? |

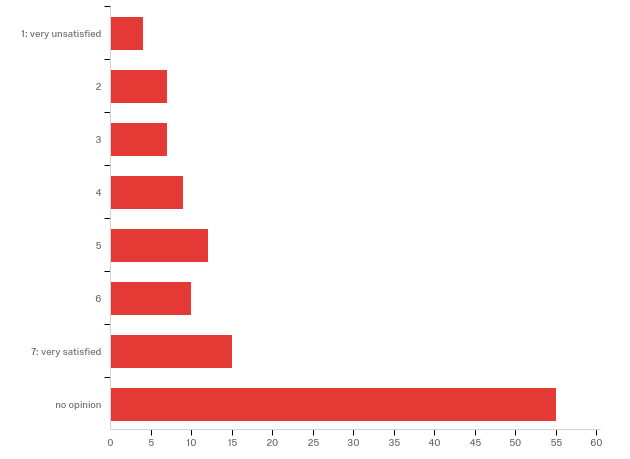
**Q72 - When it comes to the conference Online Program and access to presented work my evaluation is:**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | When it comes to the conference Online Program and access to presented work my evaluation is: | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.88 | 1.47 | 2.17 | 127 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: not needed | 0.79% | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2.36% | 3 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.94% | 5 |
| 4 | 4 | 9.45% | 12 |
| 5 | 5 | 18.90% | 24 |
| 6 | 6 | 22.05% | 28 |
| 7 | 7: very useful | 33.86% | 43 |
| 8 | no opinion | 8.66% | 11 |
|  | Total | 100% | 127 |

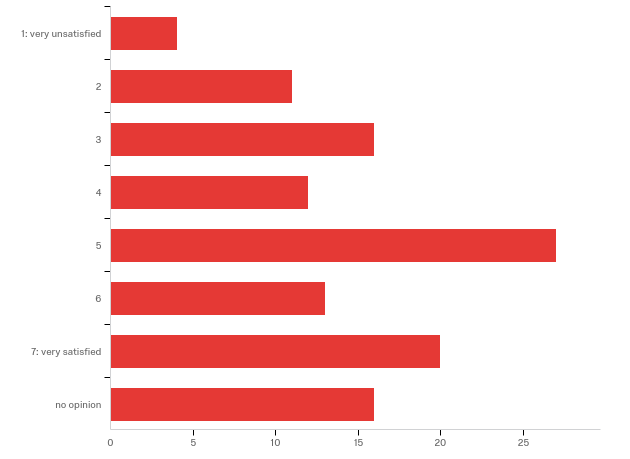
**Q74 - ​The education day posters are presented on Thursday. How satisfied are you with the education day poster sessions?**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | ​The education day posters are presented on Thursday. How satisfied are you with the education day poster sessions? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 6.22 | 2.15 | 4.64 | 119 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very unsatisfied | 3.36% | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | 5.88% | 7 |
| 3 | 3 | 5.88% | 7 |
| 4 | 4 | 7.56% | 9 |
| 5 | 5 | 10.08% | 12 |
| 6 | 6 | 8.40% | 10 |
| 7 | 7: very satisfied | 12.61% | 15 |
| 8 | no opinion | 46.22% | 55 |
|  | Total | 100% | 119 |

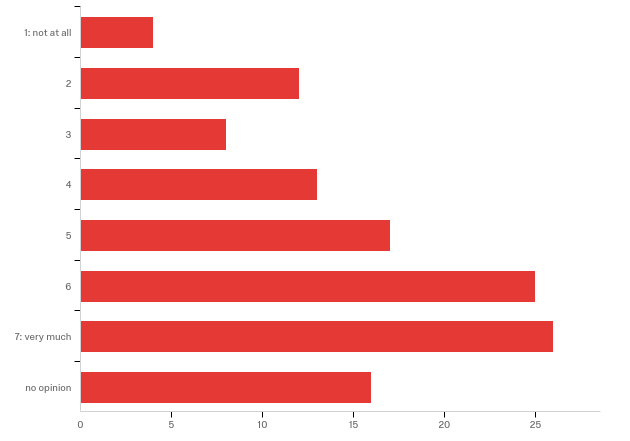
**Q75 - How satisfied are you with the work in progress (WIP) sessions?**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | How satisfied are you with the work in progress (WIP) sessions? | 4.00 | 11.00 | 8.07 | 2.00 | 4.00 | 119 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 4 | 1: very unsatisfied | 3.36% | 4 |
| 5 | 2 | 9.24% | 11 |
| 6 | 3 | 13.45% | 16 |
| 7 | 4 | 10.08% | 12 |
| 8 | 5 | 22.69% | 27 |
| 9 | 6 | 10.92% | 13 |
| 10 | 7: very satisfied | 16.81% | 20 |
| 11 | no opinion | 13.45% | 16 |
|  | Total | 100% | 119 |

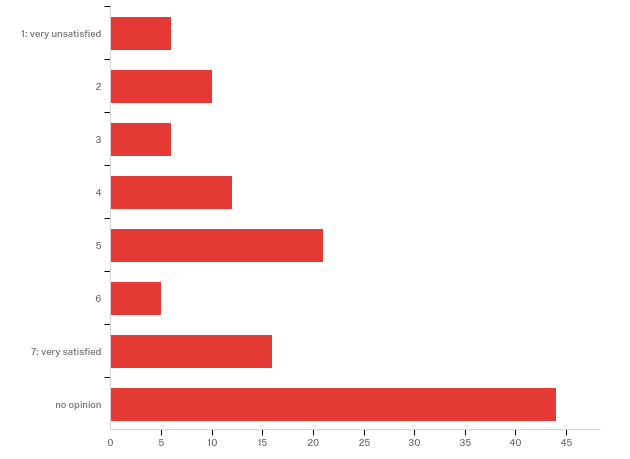
**Q77 - To what extent do the work in progress (WIP) sessions add value to the conference program?**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | To what extent do the work in progress (WIP) sessions add value to the conference program? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.36 | 1.98 | 3.92 | 121 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: not at all | 3.31% | 4 |
| 2 | 2 | 9.92% | 12 |
| 3 | 3 | 6.61% | 8 |
| 4 | 4 | 10.74% | 13 |
| 5 | 5 | 14.05% | 17 |
| 6 | 6 | 20.66% | 25 |
| 7 | 7: very much | 21.49% | 26 |
| 8 | no opinion | 13.22% | 16 |
|  | Total | 100% | 121 |

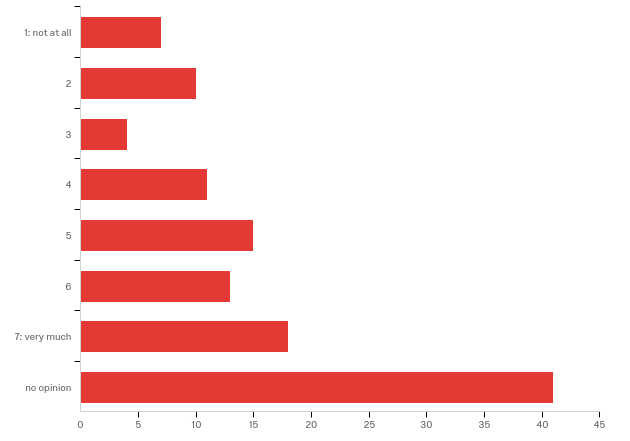
**Q76 - How satisfied are you with the feedback sessions?**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | How satisfied are you with the feedback sessions? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.76 | 2.27 | 5.15 | 120 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very unsatisfied | 5.00% | 6 |
| 2 | 2 | 8.33% | 10 |
| 3 | 3 | 5.00% | 6 |
| 4 | 4 | 10.00% | 12 |
| 5 | 5 | 17.50% | 21 |
| 6 | 6 | 4.17% | 5 |
| 7 | 7: very satisfied | 13.33% | 16 |
| 8 | no opinion | 36.67% | 44 |
|  | Total | 100% | 120 |

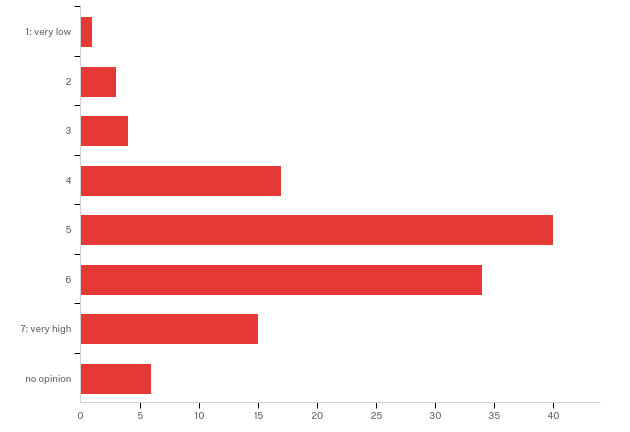
**Q78 - To what extent do the feedback sessions add value to the conference program?**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | To what extent do the feedback sessions add value to the conference program? | 1.00 | 8.00 | 5.80 | 2.26 | 5.10 | 119 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: not at all | 5.88% | 7 |
| 2 | 2 | 8.40% | 10 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.36% | 4 |
| 4 | 4 | 9.24% | 11 |
| 5 | 5 | 12.61% | 15 |
| 6 | 6 | 10.92% | 13 |
| 7 | 7: very much | 15.13% | 18 |
| 8 | no opinion | 34.45% | 41 |
|  | Total | 100% | 119 |

**Q73 - The following question concerns the overall quality of the presented work (in plenary, parellel, poster and other sessions). How do you rate the overall quality of the presented work?**



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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
| 1 | The following question concerns the overall quality of the presented work (in plenary, parellel, poster and other sessions). How do you rate the overall quality of the presented work? | 1.00 | 12.00 | 9.33 | 1.47 | 2.16 | 120 |

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| # | Answer | % | Count |
| 1 | 1: very low | 0.83% | 1 |
| 6 | 2 | 2.50% | 3 |
| 7 | 3 | 3.33% | 4 |
| 8 | 4 | 14.17% | 17 |
| 9 | 5 | 33.33% | 40 |
| 10 | 6 | 28.33% | 34 |
| 11 | 7: very high | 12.50% | 15 |
| 12 | no opinion | 5.00% | 6 |
|  | Total | 100% | 120 |