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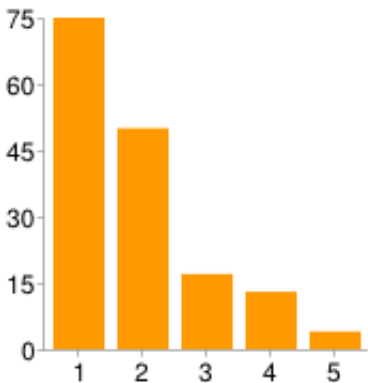
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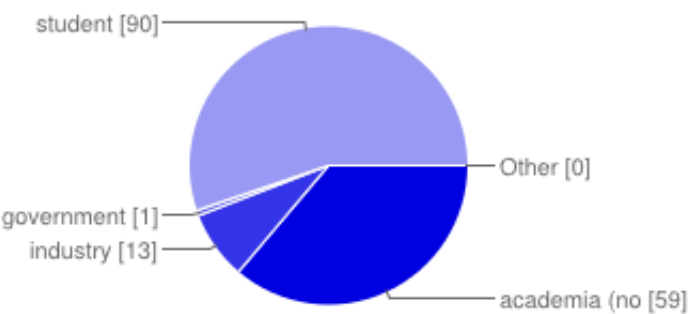
academia (non-student)	**59**	36.2%
industry	**13**	8%
government	**1**	0.6%
student	**90**	55.2%
Other	**0**	0%

Program

The technical quality of papers was high

1	**75**	46%
2	**50**	30.7%
3	**17**	10.4%
4	**13**	8%
5	**4**	2.5%

The papers presented interesting material
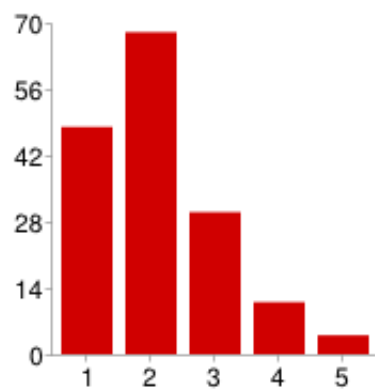
1	**48**	29.4%
2	**68**	41.7%
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The talks were well presented
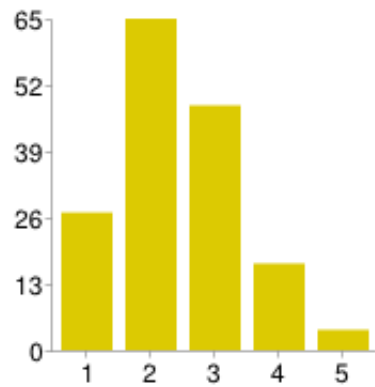
1	**27**	16.6%
2	**65**	39.9%
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The presented papers in my area of work were relevant
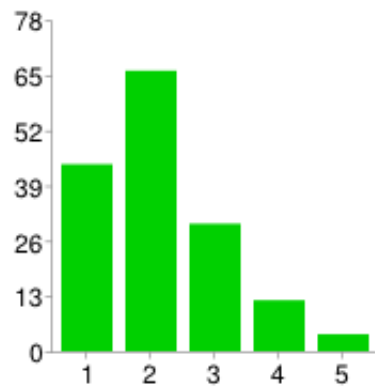
1	**44**	27%
2	**66**	40.5%
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4	**12**	7.4%
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Even with parallel sessions, I was able to attend most of the talks I was interested in
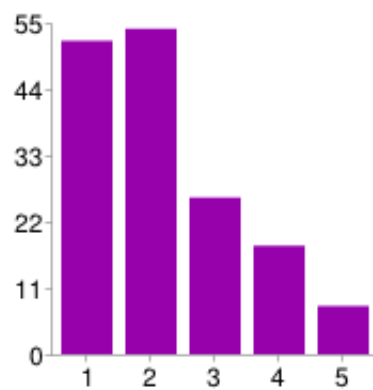
1	**52**	31.9%
2	**54**	33.1%
3	**26**	16%
4	**18**	11%
5	**8**	4.9%

The number of papers accepted was
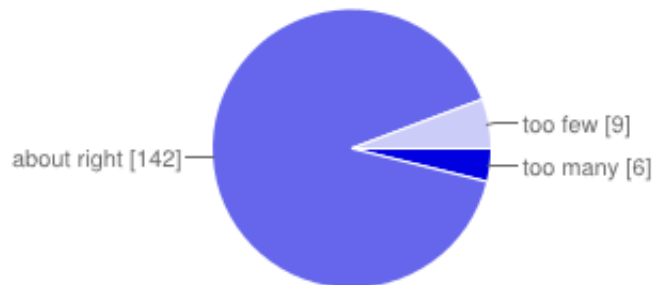
too many	**6**	3.7%
about right	**142**	87.1%
too few	**9**	5.5%

The length of POPL presentations (including questions) should be
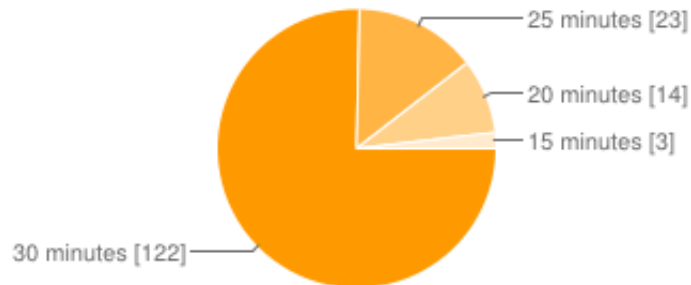
30 minutes	**122**	74.8%
25 minutes	**23**	14.1%
20 minutes	**14**	8.6%
15 minutes	**3**	1.8%

What type of proceedings do you find most useful during the conference?
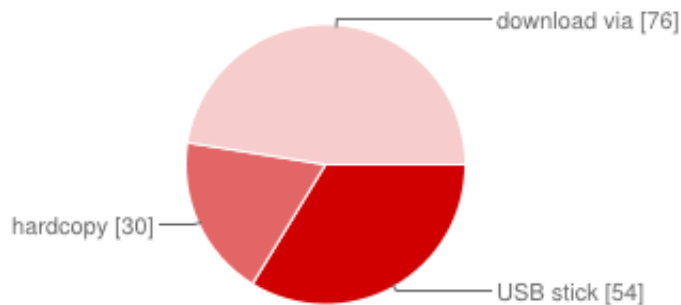
USB stick	**54**	33.1%
hardcopy	**30**	18.4%

download via internet during the conference   **76**   46.6%

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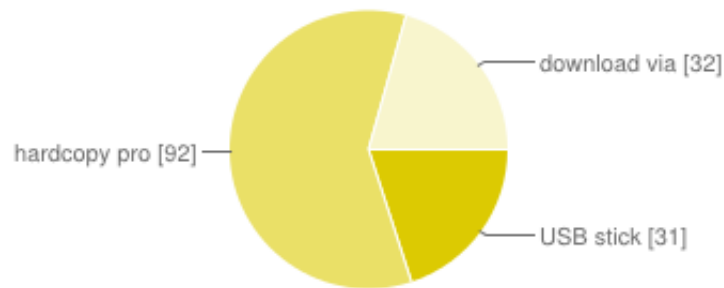
USB stick	**31**	19%
hardcopy proceedings	**92**	56.4%
download via internet during the conference	**32**	19.6%

Have you viewed any POPL video online?
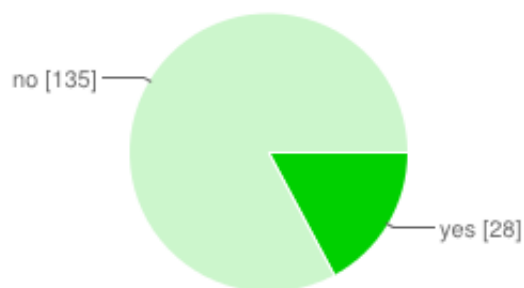
yes	**28**	17.2%
no	**135**	82.8%

POPL should have a best presentation award
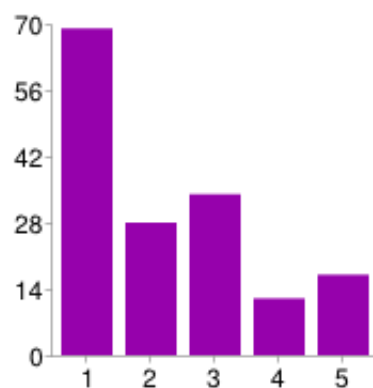
1	**69**	42.3%
2	**28**	17.2%
3	**34**	20.9%
4	**12**	7.4%
5	**17**	10.4%

In addition to the 10-year Most Influential Paper award, POPL should give out distinguished paper awards
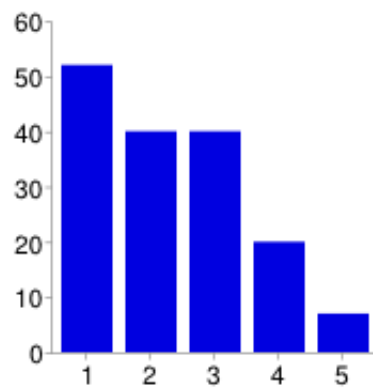
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I am a (co)-author of a paper accepted to POPL
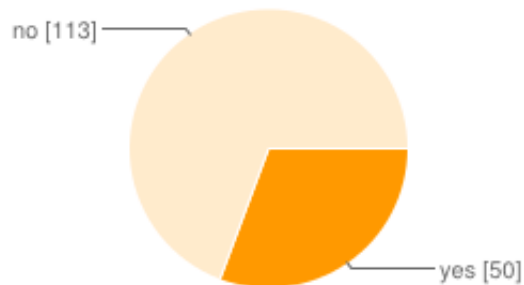
yes	**50**	30.7%
no	**113**	69.3%

I am a (co)-author of a POPL submission
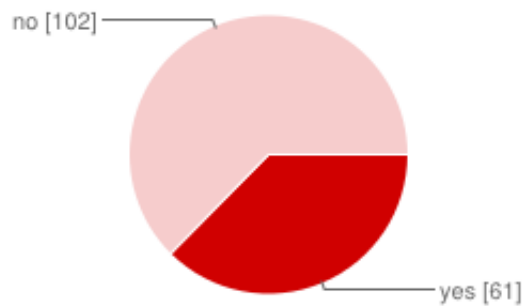
yes	**61**	37.4%
no	**102**	62.6%

Venue

I would not be attending POPL if I were not also attending a co-located event
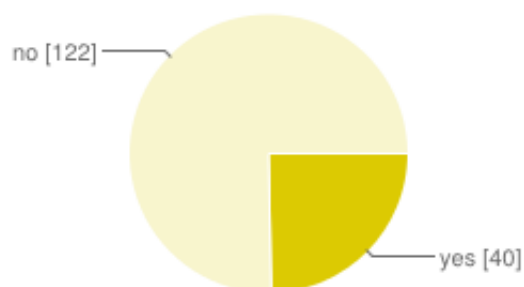
yes	**40**	24.5%
no	**122**	74.8%

If yes, which event(s)?

POPL tutorials, CoqPL
Cpp
VMCAI
VMCAI, CPP, OBT
coqpl, Tutorials
WEPL, CPP
vmcai
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OBT
PLMW
cpp
PEPM
CoqPL
CPP

The location of POPL played a role in my decision to attend
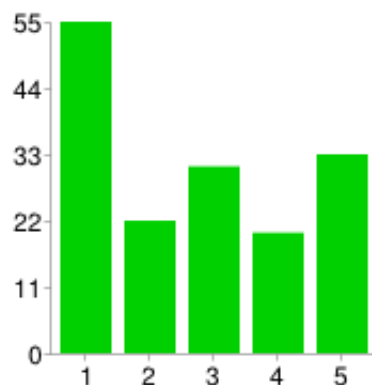
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2	**22**	13.5%
3	**31**	19%
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Given a choice of an "interesting/higher cost" location or a "less interesting/lower cost" location, I would prefer:

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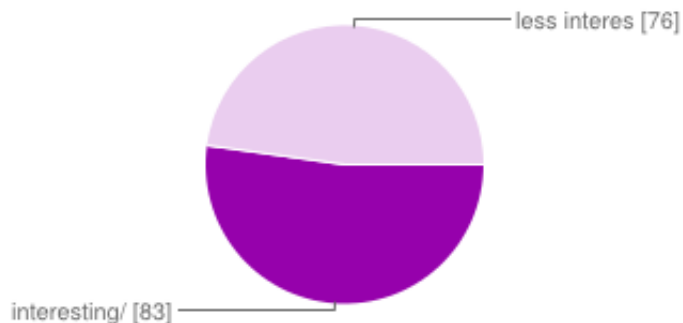
interesting/ [83]

interesting/higher cost	83	50.9%
less interesting/lower cost	76	46.6%

Regardless of the location, I will not attend POPL if the nightly hotel costs are above

$150	66	40.5%
$200	46	28.2%
$250	13	8%
$300	3	1.8%
doesn't matter	31	19%

Regardless of location, I will not attend POPL if the early registration costs for POPL are above

$500	73	44.8%
$600	22	13.5%
$700	17	10.4%
doesn't matter	45	27.6%
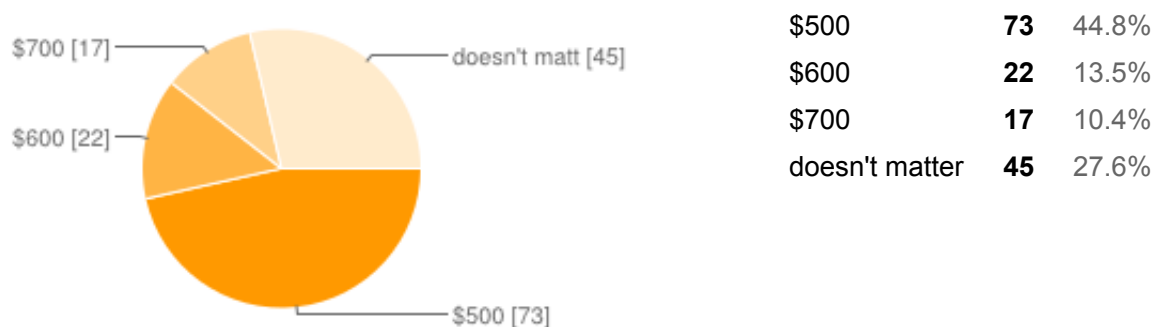
If POPL were held in the Pacific Rim area (China, Korea, Japan, Australia, etc.) how would this affect your likelihood of attending?

1	11	6.7%
2	31	19%
3	76	46.6%
4	19	11.7%
5	22	13.5%

If POPL were held in Israel, how would this affect your likelihood of attending?
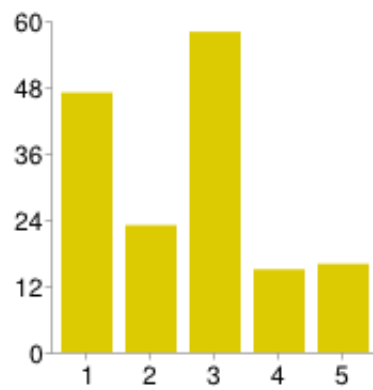
1	**47**	28.8%
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5	**16**	9.8%

Which week of January do you prefer to hold POPL?
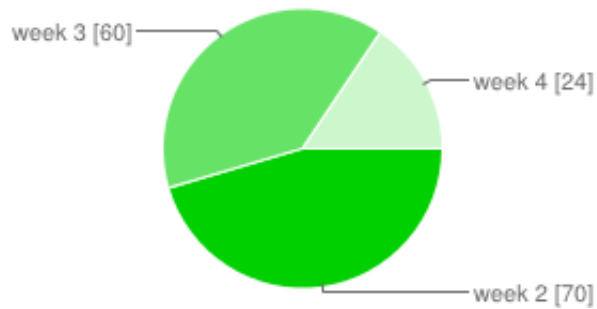
week 2	**70**	42.9%
week 3	**60**	36.8%
week 4	**24**	14.7%

Future POPLs should have more opportunities for socializing and fun
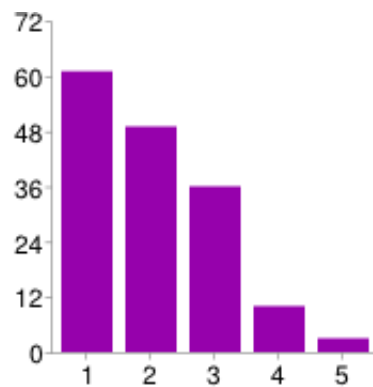
1	**61**	37.4%
2	**49**	30.1%
3	**36**	22.1%
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5	**3**	1.8%

Future POPLs should have an outing/social event, even if it increases the registration cost by $85
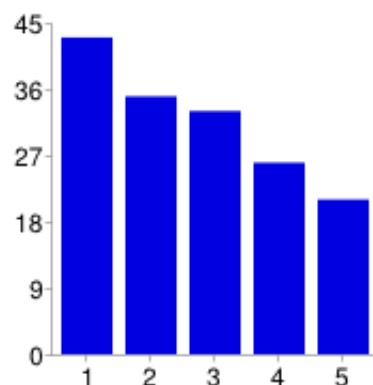
1	**43**	26.4%
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3	**33**	20.2%
4	**26**	16%
5	**21**	12.9%

What other factors would increase the likelihood that you would attend future POPLs as a non-author?

Co Events are useful so they must be present

Industry presentation.

Keynote presentations by renowned people in the industry/open source community such as Simon Peyton Jones (Haskell), Douglas Crockford (JavaScript), etc.

Talks should be delivered in a way dependent on the type of audience.

I would like to have more sessions for people in first year phd, people who are yet to chose their topic of research in their career. I found the some of the talks very specific. I would like to have talks over many areas instead of too many in same topic

Student scholarships :)

N/A

Longer tutorials, 4 days and fewer parallel sessions.

Conference registration cost. Location cost.

none. Little chance will attend future POPL's since I'm switching fields. Don't take my survey seriously.

Please continue to have PLMW type of mentoring workshops.

More papers involving category theory than usual

Being able to drink the water without fear of sickness.

great papers

some light weight talks for small groups of people that introduces a subject or discuss some ideas.

More funding for us students as being from India without funding it will be impossible to attend

Distance. Closer is better.

travel grants (for students) no fees for tutorials and workshops

Funding options

I would like to see more papers on concurrency

More insistence on balanced gender representation, especially at PLMW. A statement acknowledging the perceived risks of traveling as a single woman to India, and advice to female participants, might have helped in convincing more females to join?

Financial supports. For example, this year we were funded by PLMW.

Relevant and interesting workshops; inspiring (or at least offering the promise of being so) keynotes; excuses to attend such as committee meetings in which I'm involved

Low registration fee, availability of affordable accommodation

o Diverse and interesting co-located workshops o Tutorials o Networking events

Increasing the number of tutorials and satellite events.

Travel grant

Relevant workshops. If it happens that several papers that year are relevant to my research area. Something where the PC cannot make everyone happy.

Close to France, funds for travelling and registration costs, possibility to participate as an organizer.

Cost cost cost.

Cost

If POPL is organised in less costly countries like India etc.

US venue

chances to get an idea on research area ,as there are experts available in area that is relevant to me.

Scholarships or travel grants.

1. Some overview sessions or brief downloadable articles/booklets of an event, e.g. purpose, scope, and basic technical background ideas in VMCAI 2. Reduced registration costs 3. Regional POPLs culminating into the international POPL could make it easier to decide attending the top POPL

Good tutorials over new important topics. Mentoring workshop like PLMW. Interesting satellite workshops. Interesting venue

Funding for students

As a non-author, I can attend it pretty much only if it is in India.

If were held in a country that is open to people from all nationalities, sexes, sexual preference, etc, which India is definitely not!

Other than acceptance of a my own paper, related work especially by well-known academics/industry folks, focused workshops, more question/answers during paper presentations will encourage me to participate.

If it were in the USA especially on the East Coast or in Israel.

For me, the social/fun activities are talking shop with coworkers I don't see often. I don't care about other activities because I am usually too tired to enjoy them.

More accepted papers in program analysis and verification.

doing it in Europe, especially the warm southern part

Great invited talks

Travelling to far off locations from India is a limitation particularly for non-authors.

What other factors would decrease the likelihood that you would attend future POPLs as a non-author?

Country's security

Registration price should be in tandem with the actual organizing costs

Going to countries unfriendly to females

higher costs, non interesting papers.

If cost is too high.

International travel.

Long travel, talks not relevant for my area of interest, difficult visa procedures

N/A

That is very much beneficial,,so just ignored the negatuve things.

Converses of the above (ie no interesting workshops, boring keynotes or ones I've heard before, no other excuse to attend)

Distance. Farther is worse.

location - attending the conference as a non-author depends upon whether appropriate funding is available for me or not.

female unfriendly countries like India

None

Location with low air quality (smog) or high crime rate.

Less papers involving category theory than usual

n/a

Venue outside US/Europe

worse quality of the city, higher crime rate of the city, inconvenience of the city

If there are not enough opportunities to socialise with other researchers.

other commitments

This popl was very expensive to attend, and visa issues were very difficult. If I didn't have a paper I probably would not have attended.

Attending POPL outside of India for a non-author is impossible.

High registration cost.

If they have many talks in the same area , it would be less likely for me to attend it

Cost cost cost.

Cost

I do not travel to China, nor to other countries where human rights are not respected.

Location that require complex visa processes.

Influential paper award is less impotant than best paper one, since objective data such as citation numbers are easy to get for everyone, while subjective judgement by reviewers (and maybe attendances) is precious data.

Papers on topics that are not interesting to me

o Lack of cheap accommodation (does not have to be an official conference hotel) o Complicated VISA procedures o If the number of co-located events decreased

Facilities

I stayed at one of the conference hotels
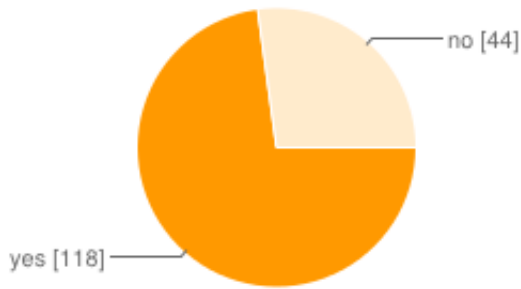
yes	**118**	72.4%
no	**44**	27%

The meals and break food met my needs
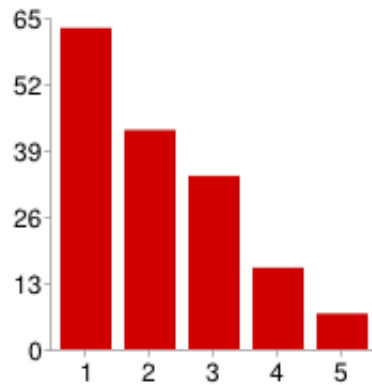
1	**63**	38.7%
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The conference facilities (internet, location, etc.) met my needs
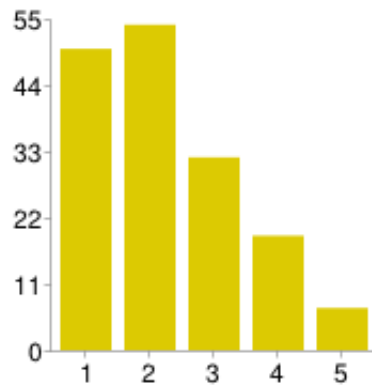
1	**50**	30.7%
2	**54**	33.1%
3	**32**	19.6%
4	**19**	11.7%
5	**7**	4.3%

Any comments on the facilities?

Wifi could have been better

The stay of the hotel and the city not comfortable.

thanks

Internet was slow, venue was fantastic. Hotels were great.

paper printing faciities could be added

Great site!

I stayed at Victoria hotel and it was bad. Not only because of the facilities which were ordinary, but they are very unprofessional and unethical. They charged their premium rates (as published on their website), and made the arrangements in their average rooms. This is cheating and may be most of the guests didn't realize this. they did not provide soap/shampoo replacements unless and until told. Same with the coffee and water. I didn't know that the "budget hotel" would be that bad. Please do not include this hotel in your future lists.

So beautiful! Wow.

Nice, and pretty relaxed, but the smaller rooms were a bit musty which did not help my coughing problems

excellent

Good. The venue was beautiful.

Internet connection was not very reliable.

poor internet connection

Some of the allergens in food were mislabeled.

Better WiFi needed

Internet didn't work well

None

Need for better wifi connections

Conference hotel (esp. Victoria) was very poor.

No

TIFR was a fine venue.

mismanagement of crowd.

I did not expect to have such great facilities , they are indeed great.

They are too far away from the hotels.

Poor choice of food at breaks and lunches specially for non-spicy food. Some breaks did not have food at all or only small biscuits.

Please do not serve water in such small bottles. It is a huge waste of plastic. At lunches, glasses and water jugs are more than sufficient. Water fountains outside lecture halls are also better than giving everyone small bottles.

Internet Problems

coffee breaks were bad

TIFR wifi a bit flaky, and my hotel (Vivanta) also low bandwidth unless you paid extra

I have faced a lot of problems in guest house..

WIFI a little weak. Otherwise, location was very nice.

Wonderful organization.

The location was fabulous, but the facilities could have been revamped. The lunch table cloths were never cleaned or switched out, making it very unpleasant to reuse the tables. One of the parallel sessions was held in a disproportionately smaller room.

Excellent

the sea palace hotel is terrible, definitively not a 3 star hotel

great.

Only allowed wifi on one device, boooo

In general great. Minor annoyances: A/C a bit too cold; wireless was unstable; projector in HBA was too dim/had low contrast

breakfast only started 10 minutes before busses left

TIFR did a great job!

Would like proper chairs in places where you can charge laptops

Internet frequently did not work for me

The internet cost at the hotel was separate, this was a bit surprising.

The organizers did an amazing job. They installed 4 wifi routers in the large lecture hall one day before the tutorials, so that the participants in our tutorial could use a web interface.

WiFi was unreliable

Open ended

What did you like best about POPL '15?

Networking and meeting new people; some of the synthesis and verification talks.

Location in Mumbai

Interaction with other researchers, talks, food, and TIFR location.

cultural program

Almost everything was perfect. Hence this is hard to answer.

POPL itself

The conference was very nicely organized.

o Location was very interesting. o Submissions were of very high quality o Tutorials o PLMW

The approach and the location

The People.

Tutorials Keynotes

The community

papers, people

The conference facilities. The PLMW workshop. The POPL talks.

Mumbai was fantastic! Kudos to Paritosh and Shriram for excellent arrangements. I wish more north american / europeans had made the trek.

* Diversity of the community. * High quality of papers and excellent attendees. * Well organised. * Fascinating venue. * PLMW is an excellent initiative - I was very pleased to talk with a woman persuaded to do a CS PhD by participation at PLMW'13.

Chance to meet legends.

the presentations.

Nice location, great programme.

Session 9A: Concurrency -III

Variety of papers. Good participation.

OBT, Tutorials were helpful Bus facilities were great

The venue.

location definitely but also the social aspect of the conference - as a student I enjoyed talking with other students going through the same experiences. The PLMW was also very useful especially talks about how to write research papers and give talks.

TIFR was a nice venue

Schmoozing with other researchers I want to give a shout-out to the excellent food served at TIFR, too! Waaaaay better than any vegetarian food option at any of the previous tens of conferences I've attended.

Two papers on category theory - 1. signal graphs and 2. conjugate hylomorphism.

Beautiful campus in an extremely interesting city.

Lots of people from different areas, I usually do not take time to fill surveys, but I am not at all finding it difficult to do for POPL'15 because i found the conference fun and technical and enjoyable.

Meeting Indian colleagues and students, whom we don't see often at conferences. Excellent local arrangements.

I liked the many opportunities for networking and meetings outside sessions. The long coffee breaks (30 minutes) and long lunch break (90 minutes) made possible to discuss interesting research ideas with people and get to a technical level. I estimate the discussions I had will lead to future research cooperation, and it was the most important part of POPL for me. Also, I attended PLMW, and it was very valuable for me. I think this workshop can be extended to 2 days.

Location: both city and site, program, food, attendees.

Quality of papers

Keynotes

Shuttles to and from hotels, presentations were kept on-time, good separation of interests for the tracks which allowed me to attend (almost) every talk that I wanted to see.

Interesting location

Nice locations, great food, many dinners together for better socializing.

The location by the sea.

organisation of conference was very good

Filter coffee on the last two days

I had asked to many of the experts in my area,,they are very much cooperative,,and given a lot of suggestions.

The location was wonderful.

I liked the meals at TIFR (workshop and POPL receptions). Food was good, atmosphere nice and plenty of opportunities to mingle.

The coverage of vast domains revolving around Programming Languages in the Publications.

tutorials, Stephanie's talks about writing papers and giving talks, workshops. --location --food

POPL was great, as always. This time the location was amazing.

The location, the people and the papers, it was a fantastic conference!

Ambience, food and talks

Sessions on program analysis; Remembering Radhia Cousot and Susan Horwitz

Everything. Tutorials and wshops (I attended PLMW) also added positively to the conference.

the talks, the people

The quality of papers in verification, especially verified compilation.

Its ability to attract intellects

Everything went smoothly and according to schedule.

Doubtlessly, many interesting talks from POPL and PLMW. The Indian Dance Program, which was beautiful.

the keynote lectures - I was able to get most of them and liked those fields of research

Diner in the lawns and perfectly timed schedule

The talks and the chance to meet people. I particularly valued the chance to meet young Indian researchers and students.

Some of the talks keynotes and some talks. Also co-events were useful.

The organizers did a fantastic job in preparing for the conference. The organized taxis from the airport and the shuttles to and from the hotels were very helpful and well thought out. And TIFR was a wonderful host.

Apart from the excellent content of the presentations: the 5km run, the meals, the location.

Some talks + friendly discussions with Indian students and scientists

I thought it was as well organized as it could possibly be for being in India. I really liked staying at the Vivanta by Taj hotel and liked the buses to the venue, which was very pretty. Having more meals than usual provided was also nice.

What about POPL '15 were you most unhappy about?

hygiene of the city

I could not eat most of the food

The location of the conference within Mumbai, the packed schedule, and the poor quality of the conference hotels. I think we should have held the conference at a top-quality hotel, maybe farther north between Colaba and the airport (e.g. Hilton/Hyatt/whatever, or even in the hotel where we had the banquet), and to provide a one-day guided tour to Colaba and the TIFR.

The illnesses I contracted there. I am lying in a bed as I write. But that is not due to POPL. When it comes to POPL, it took a bit long before the idea of filter coffee and snacks around coffee time to come through. I was surpised to see this change in the end, thinking things were like that for a reason. But of course, less snacking is also better for ones health.

Strict bus schedules for hotels <-> conference site Site of banquet

Should have a good thing to have negotiated rate for the hotel's internet connection. 990Rs+taxes is a lot !!

Coming to India was a nightmare for me, especially for the Visa.

T-Shirts

Sad to leave friends.

Bus transportation was probably the weakest link. There was some serious disorganization in helping folks find their buses leaving to different hotels (plenty of very avoidable missed-bus situations). The late hour getting home after the banquet was also a serious pain factor, in terms of how rested I felt the next day. The bus schedule on the post-conference workshop days seems to have gone too far in the other direction, overestimating travel time by at least an hour and forcing us to get up early for no pay-off. Perhaps this level of uncertainty is unavoidable in India, which may have been a reason to think harder about whether it's a suitable location (though I'm not at all convinced that Mumbai was a bad idea... *shrug*). I also miss the opportunity to chat with more of the usual suspects who go to POPL a majority of years, as I think most decided to skip this one because of complexities in travel, visas, etc. SIGPLAN might consider requiring that a host country meet some kind of semi-objective standard in quality of bureaucracy to apply for needed travel permissions. IMO India would fail any well-stated check of that kind. (Ironically, the U.S. might, too, but we're grandfathered in. :P)

Poor internet connection. Some conference rooms were too small.

N/A

1. The format of the POPL tutorials was extremely bad. 1.5 hours is enough for a long talk, not for a hands on tutorial that teaches someone to use a new tool or a new programming language. With this format the extremely full of impact "How to write your next POPL paper in Coq" tutorial (http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~plclub/popl08-tutorial/) at POPL 2008 would have never happened. Half a day is a minimum for a hands-on tutorial; in some cases a full day is necessary. So, at the very least, please allow the people who propose tutorials to specify how

much time they need, and don't try to squeeze everyone into 1.5 hours. 2. The whole conference was too geographically dispersed. With very many hotels that were far from TIFR and from each other it was very hard to just hang around with other POPL participants, spontenously arrange dinner plans, etc.

Expensive but not-so-well-organised banquet

the surroundings - Mumbai

Not much for beginner students. A session for them would be useful

I think having POPL in India complicated a lot of things especially for female attendees. Because the conference was not a hotel I could have stayed at, I was at the venue for almost 12 hours every day because I did not feel safe talking a cab there/back on my own. There was an additional hassle in coordinating travel to make sure that I was not arriving/departing the country on my own. I also had adverse reactions to the vaccinations recommended by the CDC. On another specific note, I didn't think the banquet venue made sense -- the food was very similar to other meals and the drive there was over an hour.

The first two Keynotes looked more like Microsoft Advertisements.

No free WIFI at the conference hotel (Trident). The visa procedure scared away a number of potential attendees, even though getting the visa was relatively easy in my experience.

The gender inbalance.

The list of the topics that were covered were not very diverce, they could have included some more topics like model checking and papers which were aimed at 1st year phd students

no hard-copy proceedings.

Banquet could have been better organized. I've talked to many people and almost everybody had a bad experience in the pre-booked taxi. The drivers could never find the hotels, even ones booked through the conference, and almost none spoke English. Shuttles could have been run more often, allowing people to leave the conference more often than the designated times. No announcements were made for the leaving of the shuttles.

Loved it all!

could've managed better - banquete queue for drinks and food could've been avoided/managed better - hundreds standing in a queue? parallel queues or serving at table and collecting coupons at table etc could've been considered. organizer could've a word with hotel at the very least. - food plate served inside the conference werent clean. two times, they were dusty.

POPL Banquet at ITC Grand could have been better.

Students(at least who ever wants to attend) of Host Institute should not have been made to pay for registration.

Minor: unavailability of "real" coffee. Some issues with the internet connection for the B track.

The location presented a variety of logistical challenges, most notably: 1. I forgot to get a typhoid vaccine booster, which made finding food in Mumbai stressful. 2. Getting around the city was difficult. Most cabs didn't know where the Grand Hotel was.

conference dinner, it was a disaster

The "social event". It was crowded and the atmosphere the whole evening not nearly as nice as the receptions at TIFR.

high cost

coach schedule was very confusing

Banquet (by far). Local transportations

the conference location was isolated from the rest of the city

Hotel selection. The hotel fee was not discounted at all for locals in contrast to what was advertised.

I missed tutorials due to my personal flight time. This time, the tutorials were given two days before POPL.

Banquet was too far away from the hotels, too crowded (very long queues) Difficult visa procedures for India High costs

Some talks + the place chosen for the banquet

coffee

Price of registration way too high.

Misses a scheduled/official tour

the banquet was not really interesting and the food was average

Horrible internet connection.

its fine.

I didn't find any links to the videos made during the talks. Will the talks held on 14th Jan (HBA) be published?

The food is not as good as I thought.

The meals were average. The banquet at the ITC was disappointing.

The coffee was very bad.

Awkwardness over availability of proceedings: we should have had a one-click download and/or borrowable USB sticks from the start, for the workshops as well as for POPL itself

I was very happy.

The conference banquet was far from ideal. Also it was a bit difficult to get to understand Mumbai for an occidental.

Banquet wasn't organized properly Few tutorials and talks going too deep technically without breadth. People not working in that domain couldn't understand them.

T-shirts. The design is very bad.

the city and a little evil people

There was no opportunity for people to get away from the conference venue and socialize as it was somehow not central and the buses left right after each event. The banquet was horrible. No table service caused the event to be a jungle and socializing properly was impossible.

Wi-fi was very bad at times.

Nothing at all.

Organization overall was poor. Banquet was ridiculous from the 90m rides to the food and service (long queues, unprofessional staff, coupons for drinks is very silly). It feels like the organization did some questionable cutoffs in the budget they spent. Food was horrible and cant believe thats how india's food is like, there should be minimum standards for lunches, breaks and specially banquet service and food when you pay such high registation fees!

* It's hard to absorb the large number of technical talks, and I get most out of discussion with the authors. I wonder whether there's something that could be done to make POPL talks support more discussion? Some kind of 'meet the authors' thing attached to each talk session? Uncertain, but this year I skipped a lot of talks and got a lot more out of POPL. * Some sessions were scheduled poorly, eg. Concurrency vs Program Analysis. I accept this is a hard problem, but it's a shame to have to miss interesting sessions. * It seems unfortunate that people leave immediately after the final session - little opportunity to chat with the presenters from the final session.

Nothing. Some presentations could be better but these were like, one out of every five that I attended.

The "coffee". Nescafe is not coffee. Once I found you could buy better coffee at the canteen for 2 Rupees, life was much better.
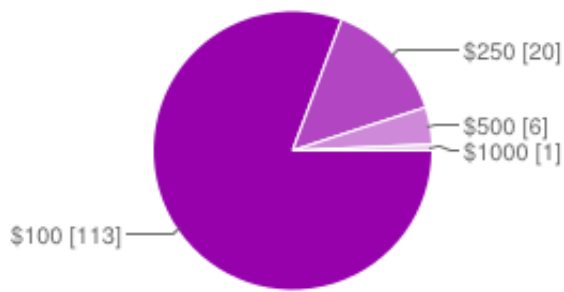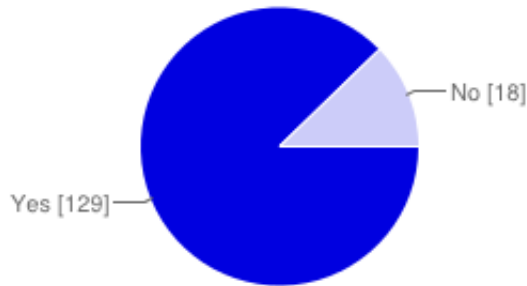
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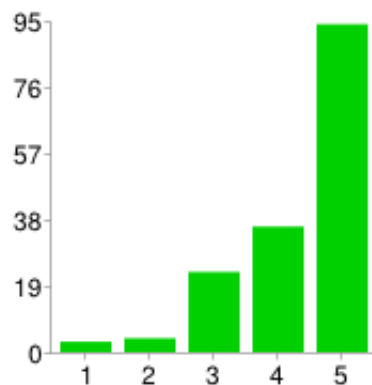
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