2018 SIGDAT Survey

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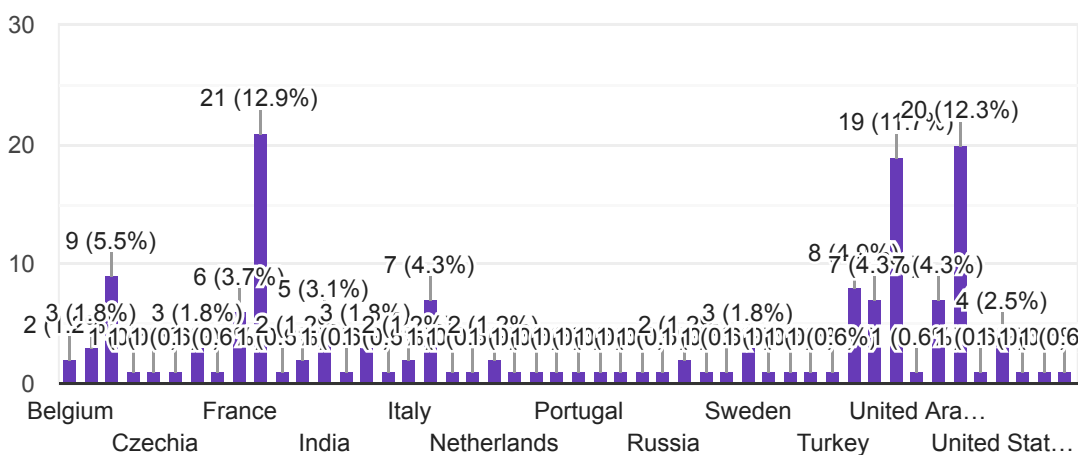
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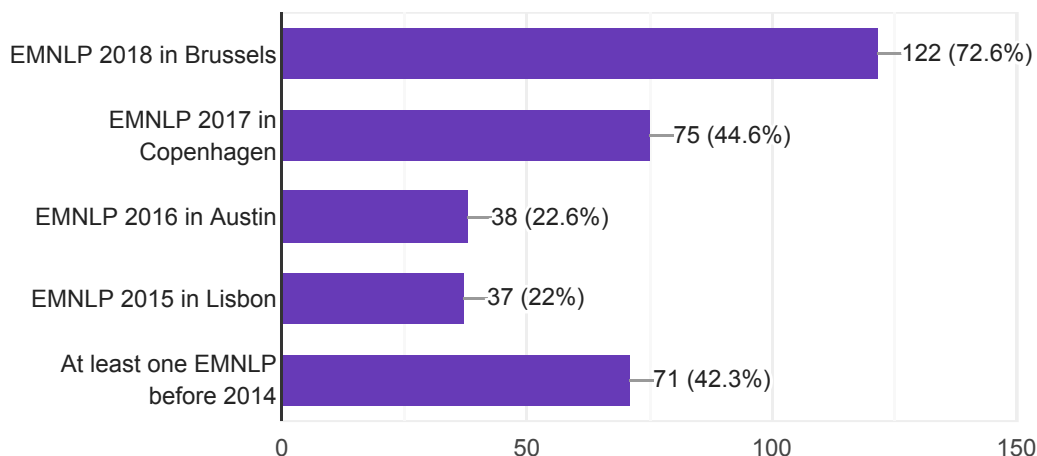hinrich@hotmail.com

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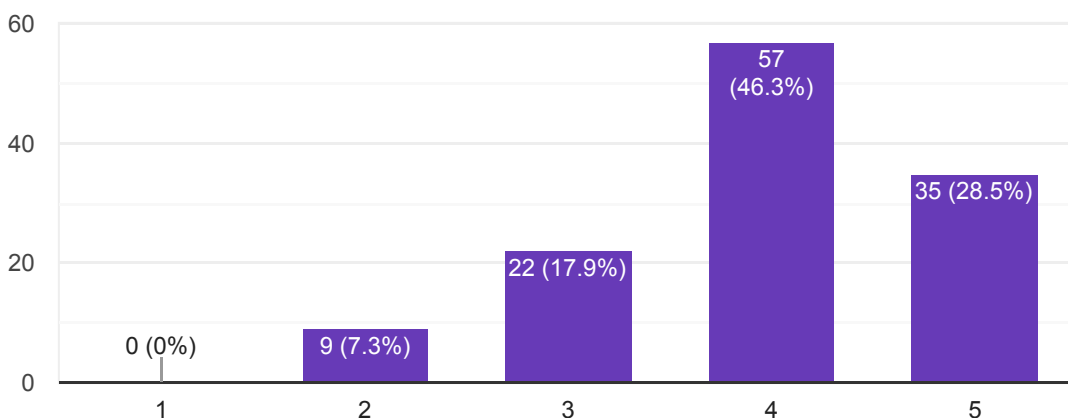
163 responses

Bar chart showing country distribution. Visible labels include: 3 (1.8%), 9 (5.5%), 21 (12.9%), 6 (3.7%), 5 (3.1%), 3 (1.8%), 7 (4.3%), 3 (1.8%), 2 (1.2%), 2 (1.2%), 3 (1.8%), 8 (4.9%), 7 (4.3%), 19 (11.7%), 20 (12.3%), 4 (2.5%). X-axis countries: Belgium, Czechia, France, India, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, United Ara…, United Stat…

Which SIGDAT conferences have you attended?

168 responses

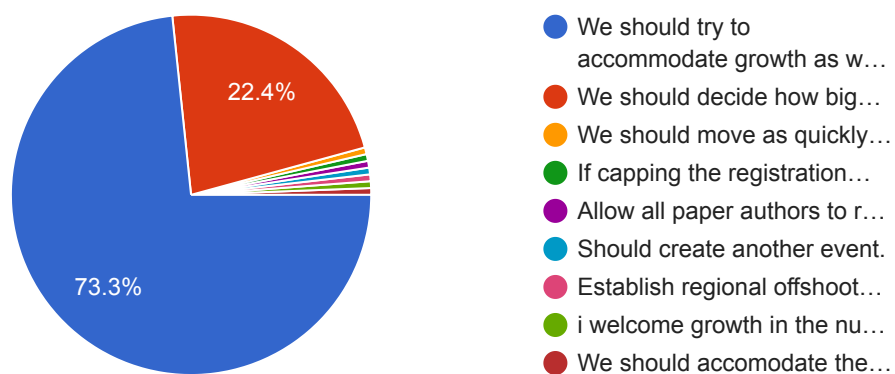| Conference	Responses
EMNLP 2018 in Brussels	122 (72.6%)
EMNLP 2017 in Copenhagen	75 (44.6%)
EMNLP 2016 in Austin	38 (22.6%)
EMNLP 2015 in Lisbon	37 (22%)
At least one EMNLP before 2014	71 (42.3%)

Overall, how satisfied were you with EMNLP 2018 in Brussels? (Please answer only if you attended.)
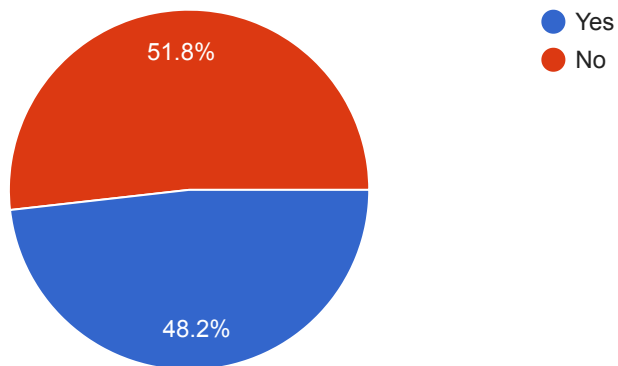
123 responses

EMNLP 2018 was the largest ever, with around 2500 attendees. Which best summarizes your opinion about growth of the EMNLP conference?

165 responses

- We should try to accommodate growth as w…
- We should decide how big…
- We should move as quickly…
- If capping the registration…
- Allow all paper authors to r…
- Should create another event.
- Establish regional offshoot…
- i welcome growth in the nu…
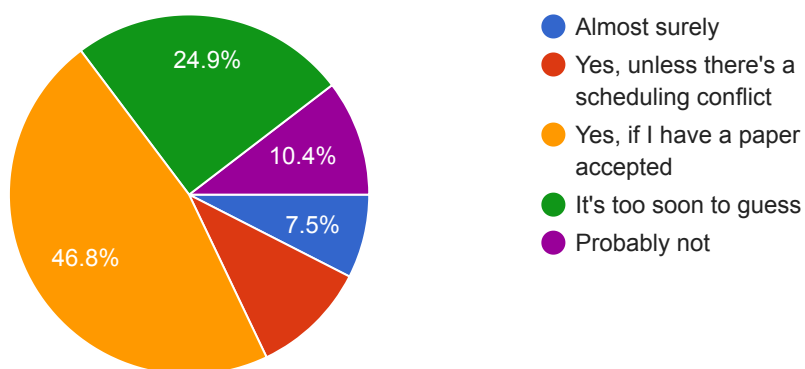- We should accomodate the…

Some conferences assign every paper a place in a poster session, even those that have an oral presentation. Should we adopt this at EMNLP?

168 responses

- Yes — 51.8%
- No — 48.2%

Do you plan to attend EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019 in Hong Kong (November 3-7, 2019)?

173 responses

- Almost surely — 7.5%
- Yes, unless there's a scheduling conflict
- Yes, if I have a paper accepted — 46.8%
- It's too soon to guess — 24.9%
- Probably not — 10.4%

Will you work toward submitting a paper to EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019?
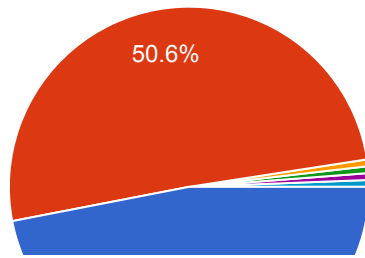
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For EMNLP 2020, which of these locations appeal to you (i.e., you would be likely to submit a paper or attend)? Note that EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019 will be held in Hong Kong and ACL 2020 will be held in Seattle in the summer. Select *all* of the venues that appeal to you.

172 responses

Location	Responses
Eastern US/Canada	85 (49.4%)
Puerto Rico	99 (57.6%)
Mexico	95 (55.2%)
United Kingdom	121 (70.3%)
Ireland	128 (74.4%)
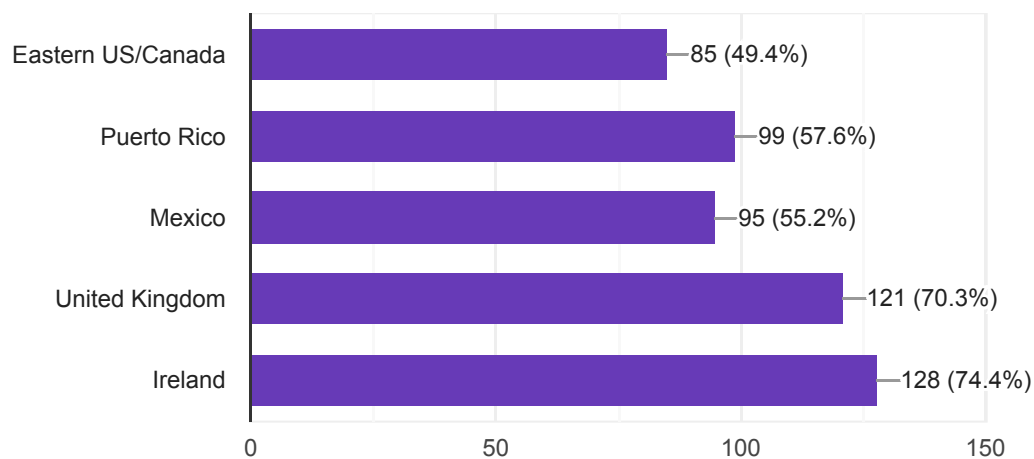
Currently, (voting) SIGDAT membership is defined as attendees of SIGDAT conferences in the past 36 months, plus current ACL members (see http://sigdat.org/constitution). Would you support a proposal to redefine SIGDAT membership only as current ACL members? Note that joining the ACL is a prerequisite to registering for EMNLP, so current-year EMNLP participants will always be included. (We are polling to determine whether there is support for a more formal referendum; this is not a binding vote.)

164 responses

- ● Yes
- ● No
- ● No preference
- ● I don't have a sense of the trade offs.
- ● Idk
- ● I'm not sure I understand the

50.6%

Any other comments?

14 responses

I think more thought and resources needs to go into the poster sessions, such that posters have "addresses" and attendees know beforehand (from a "poster handbook") where each address will be located.
In other fields, I've seen poster sessions with over 600 posters, but each aisle had an alphabetic ID (like in a multi-story carpark) and each poster was listed in the handbook with the aisle it would be in and its "address" in the aisle.
This requires considerable pre-planning, and means that poster sessions have to be treated as "first-class objects", not as an after-thought.

The community needs to have a proper proposal to deal with travel bans, specifically when planning to hold conference in th US.

I found the registration fee for EMNLP2018 rather expensive, given that not much was provided (e.g. no meals). I worry that this high cost may have an impact in that prospective authors from less well off countries may not be able to attend and present their work.

I got the invitation to vote twice at my two different e-mail addresses. This should be improved, as people change affiliations, they should not be counted multiple times.

The relationship between SIGDAT and ACL as well as their conferences needs to be better defined in the current world. EMNLP 2018 has got significantly larger than ACL 2018. There is no difference in their content. So what are the USPs of the respective communities and venues?

Don't schedule posters at same time as talks, it's okay if there's overlap, but give some designated time for just posters.

it is high time the community addressed the problem of the environmental impact of NLP conferences. A good start would be to make attendance optional to have a paper published.

EMNLP 2020: won't attend if location is not accessible without flying.

1. The issues of quality of reviews (as author) and quantity of reviews (as reviewer) are as pressing as ever.
2. Also, given the emergence and convergence of the community on DL we must do something to allow and retain some diversity of discussion as well as avoid shallowness of number-crunching, as it happens.
3. There are very many new data sets. Too many. More then ever. All required large efforts to create, and many remain out of use. The community should streamline the process of benchmarking and define strict "entry barriers" for new resources.

I suggest organize EMNLP in Middle/East Europe, e.g. Poland.

Is there still any difference between EMNLP and *ACL conferences? Why is SIGDAT still needed?

reception event was terribly overcrowded.

Due to difficulties obtaining a visa to the US and assuming that we want as a community to support diversity and inclusion, any USA-based should be really avoided. The same issues may also arise in relation to visas to the UK, post Brexit, which has been now officially decided to take place in March 2019, but without any clear plan as to what happens next in relation to many issues, even visas for EU citizens who may want to travel to the UK.

No more conferences over weekends

Re posters and orals in EMNLP: let's try doing very short talks (4-5min, no questions), and giving all long papers both poster and oral.