



9TH EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

All for Health, Health for All

9-12 November 2016, Vienna, Austria



RESULTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

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Summary of main results

A total of 1'837 delegates from over 70 countries gathered in Vienna to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. A total of 304 delegates (19% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

Overall outcome:

84.0 % of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the Vienna 2016 conference.

Conference venue:

89% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference venue.

Networking:

77.0 % of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the networking possibilities offered at Vienna 2016.

Scientific programme:

84% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference programme.

Plenary programme:

73% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the plenary programme at Vienna 2016.

Parallel programme:

78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme.

Skills building activities:

*78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the overall quality of the sessions.
81% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the selection of topics and 67 % of the respondents thought the sessions were relevant for practice.*

Exhibition:

73% of the participants visited the exhibition at least once.

Catering:

84% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the catering at Vienna 2016.

Welcome reception and Conference dinner:

65% of the respondents were satisfied/very satisfied with the Welcome Reception and 48% were satisfied/very satisfied with the Conference Dinner.

Conference website and information:

86% of the respondents indicated that the information provided in the conference newsletter is either excellent or good.

Conference app:

*57% of the respondents downloaded the conference app.
89% of the respondents thought the conference App introduced in Vienna 2016 was good or excellent.*

Stockholm 2017:

73% of the respondents is planning to attend Stockholm 2017.

Introduction

The 9th European Public Health Conference took place in the Austria Convention Centre in Vienna, Austria from 9-12 November 2016 (Vienna 2016). Vienna 2016 was organised by the European Public Health Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the Austrian Public Health Association (ÖGPH).

A total of 1'837 delegates from over 70 countries gathered in Vienna to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. The conference included 7 plenary sessions, 20 pre-conferences, 76 workshops, 44 oral sessions, 40 pitch sessions and 20 poster walks.

The theme for the 9th EPH Conference was 'All for Health, Health for All'. A healthy population is a key requirement for the achievement of society's goals. Good health for all enhances quality of life, improves workforce productivity, increases the capacity for learning, strengthens families and communities, supports sustainable habitats and environments, and contributes to security, poverty reduction and social inclusion. Reducing inequalities improves health and well-being for all. However, escalating costs for treatment and care are placing unsustainable burdens on national and local resources such that broader developments may be held back.

Vienna 2016 was organised in collaboration with a number of national and international partners (see the Vienna 2016 summary report).

Each European Public Health Conference is subject to a multi-layered evaluation. The objectives of this evaluation are:

- to learn from our experiences;
- to improve the organisation of future conferences.

The full evaluation report is an internal document that is distributed to our partners and future organisers. This part of the evaluation, the participants' evaluation, is made publicly accessible on the conference website.

The results presented here are based on the evaluation by the conference participants. 1'604 participants¹ received two emails shortly after the conference inviting them to evaluate the conference through a web-based questionnaire. A total of 304 delegates (19% of all invitees) filled out the evaluation form.

The questionnaire was divided in 9 parts:

1. General
2. Building skills
3. Plenary sessions
4. Parallel programme
5. Catering and social programme
6. Exhibition
7. Conference website and information
8. Conference app
9. Stockholm 2017

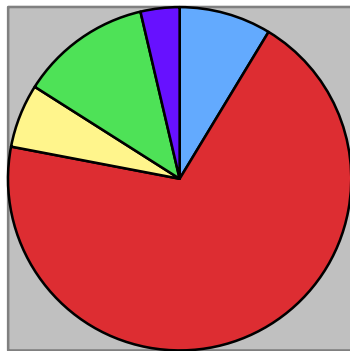
¹ Of the 1830 delegates, we did not include those only registered for a pre conference (233 delegates).

1. General

84% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the Vienna 2016 conference.

EPH Conferences are known for the excellent organisation, the high number of participants and a broad programme covering relevant public health topics. Vienna 2016 was no exception to this with 1,850 delegates, scoring high overall satisfaction by delegates and with a varied programme of plenary sessions, workshops, oral, pitch and electronic poster presentations.

What is your background/work field?



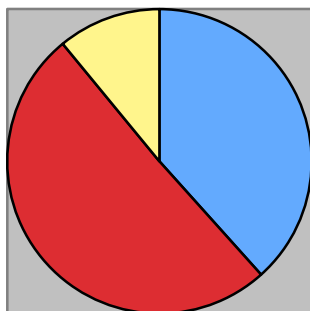
- Government (national, regional, local)
- Academic, Research, Teaching Institute
- Hospital/general practice, health services
- National/international institute for public health
- (International) NGO

Respondents:	300
No answer:	4

69% the respondents had a background in research/academia. Otherwise, the professional background of the participants showed a balanced mix of policy, practice and training.

How important was the conference theme 'All for Health - Health for All' for your work?

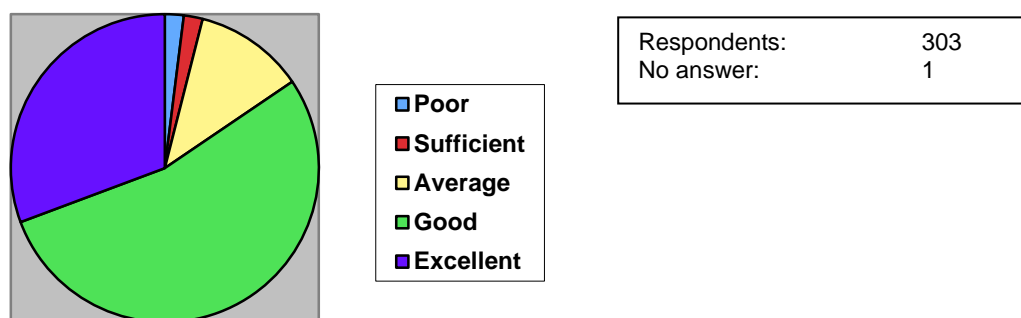
The theme of the 9th EPH conference was *All for Health, Health for All*. Majority of the respondents considered the theme important for their work.



- Very important
- Important
- Not very important

Respondents:	302
No answer:	2

How would you rate the conference as a whole?

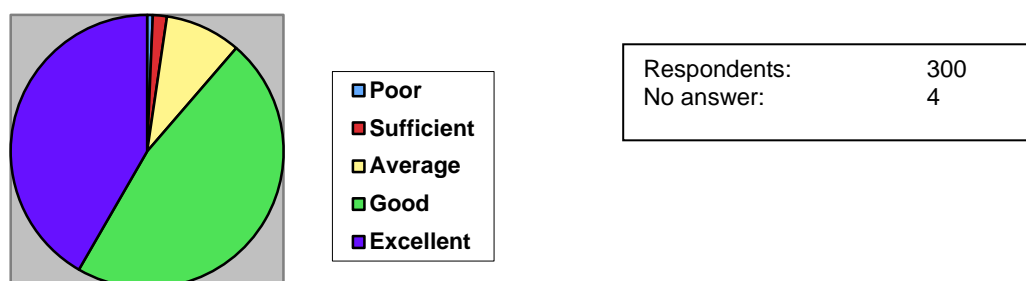


84% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the Vienna 2016 conference.

How would you rate the conference venue?

The 9th European Public Health Conference was held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Vienna, Austria. Austria's largest conference centre has a total capacity for 20,000 delegates and offers 24 lecture rooms for between 100 and 4,320 participants, 180 meeting rooms and 22,000 m² of exhibition space.

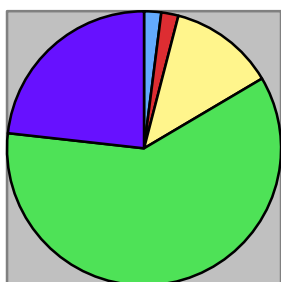
89% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference venue.



How would you rate the scientific programme as a whole?

Almost 1,850 delegates from over 70 countries gathered to discuss and debate the state of global and European health from the perspective of research, methods and practices. The scientific part of the programme included 7 plenary sessions, 20 pre-conferences, 76 workshops, 44 oral sessions, 40 pitch sessions and 20 poster walks.

84% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference programme.



Respondents:	297
No answer:	7

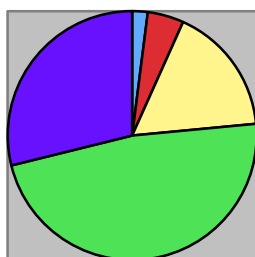
What were the highlights of the Vienna 2016 conference for you?

The following topics were specifically mentioned:

- The plenary programme was overall highly appreciated
- The diversity of topics and the opportunity to learn more about fields outside of the working field
- The skills building activities were highly appreciated
- The late breaker with the presentation on the consequences for public health of the US election outcome
- The clear message to go beyond research and get involved in implementation
- The Vienna Declaration
- The good networking opportunities

1.7. At our conference, we try to offer ample time for networking. How would you rate the conference as a networking tool?

Most respondents (77%) thought that the conference is an excellent/good place to network.



Respondents:	298
No answer:	6

1.8. Comments

Most comments received appreciated the scientific content and technical organisation. The possibility to network was again highly appreciated. Still, more opportunities for mingling and networking were requested by many respondents. As in previous years, the high number of activities was mentioned both as a positive (learning about the whole field of public health) and as a negative (unavoidable overlap).

2. Building Your Skills

Which skills building / educational events did you attend?

To the questions which two sessions per half day interested the respondents, many different sessions were mentioned as being highly appreciated, which highlights the good overall quality of the scientific programme. All plenary sessions were mentioned, and many workshops, pre-conferences and others were highlighted in this section.

Which skills building / educational events did you attend?

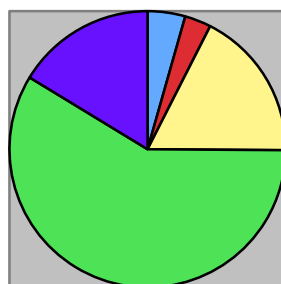
The organisation had given particular attention to identifying the skills building sessions. They were highly appreciated by the respondents. The Social Media workshop organised by EUPHANxt was one of the most popular sessions. The workshop on scientific integrity organised by the EUPHA section Ethics in Public Health, and the one on digital innovations in health were also highly appreciated.

The following workshops were specifically mentioned:

- Skills Building Seminar: Social Media for Public Health Actions (14)
- All for e-Health and e-Health for all: How to develop digital innovations for public health? (9)
- Skills building seminar: Knowledge translation in public health: moving from evidence to policy and practice (7)
- Health information is beautiful: tools and approaches to visualise data and health indicators (6)
- Skills building seminar: 50 shades of grey in scientific integrity (4)
- Skills-building: Sustaining resilient and healthy communities: how can you contribute? (3)
- Skills building seminar: TO-REACH- an international research program on transferring good models of care in Europe and beyond (2)
- Skills building seminar: Social security disability programs: interactive policy learning of Australia, the UK and US (2)
- Skills building seminar: Comprehensive strategies to tackle diabetes and chronic diseases (2)
- Skills building seminar for a successful HTA team: the value of HTA in public health agenda (2)
- Skills building seminar: Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance: case studies and ethical reflection (2)
- Complex public health interventions to increase Health Enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA) (1)

2.5. How would you rate the overall aspects of these sessions on the basis of:

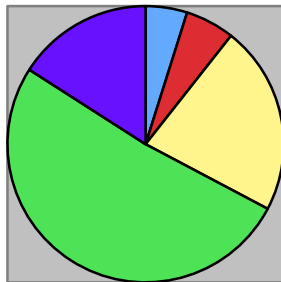
a. Educational content



Respondents:	227
No answer:	77

75% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the educational content.

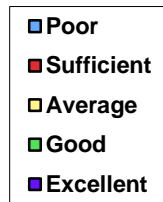
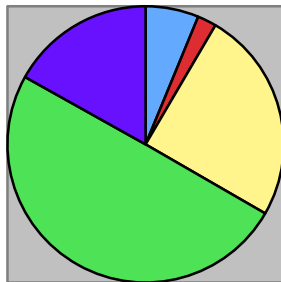
b. Relevance for practice



Respondents:	226
No answer:	78

67% of the respondents thought the sessions were relevant for practice.

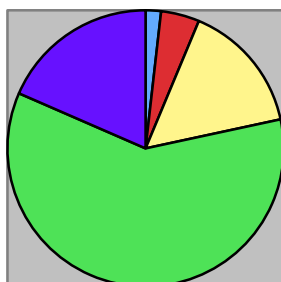
c. Questions and discussion



Respondents:	225
No answer:	79

67% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the questions and discussion in the sessions.

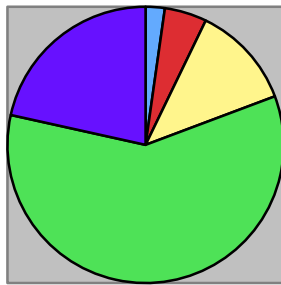
d. Quality of presenters



Respondents:	221
No answer:	83

79% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the quality of presenters.

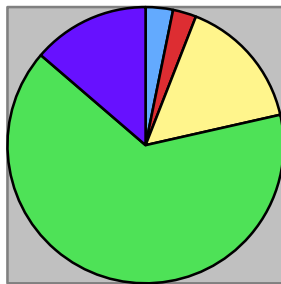
e. Selection of topics



Respondents:	223
No answer:	81

81% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the selection of topics.

f. Overall quality of the sessions

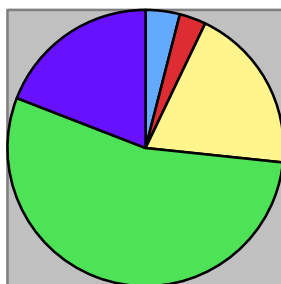


Respondents:	220
No answer:	84

78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the overall quality of the sessions.

2.6. How would you rate the overall impact of these sessions on:

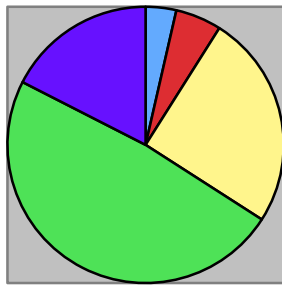
a. Knowledge



Respondents:	225
No answer:	79

73% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact on knowledge.

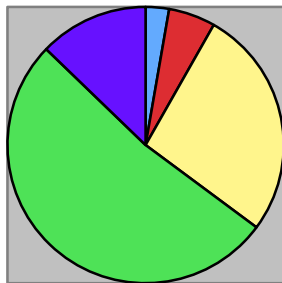
b. Competence



Respondents:	223
No answer:	81

66% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact on competence.

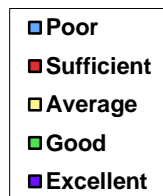
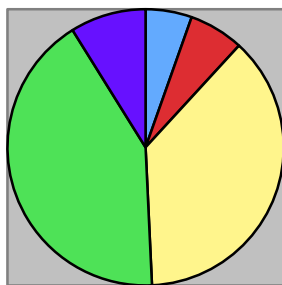
c. Performance



Respondents:	220
No answer:	84

65% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact on performance.

d. Patient outcome



Respondents:	203
No answer:	101

51% of the respondents thought these sessions had a good/excellent impact on patient outcome.

3. Plenary Sessions

73% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the plenary programme at Vienna 2016.

The 9th EPH Conference had 7 plenary sessions, including an opening and a closing session.

Opening session of the 9th EPH Conference

Thursday 10 November 2016, 13:00-13:40

- Thomas Dörner, Austria, Chair of the 9th EPH Conference 2016
- Armin Fidler, Austria

Plenary 1: From Ottawa to Vienna: 30 years of the Ottawa Charter

Thursday 10 November 2016, 15:00-16:00 - Organised by EUPHA and EuroHealthNet

- Nicoline Tamsma, EuroHealthNet (moderator)
- Julian Mamo, EUPHA (moderator)
- Gauden Galea, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Elodie Besnier, United Kingdom
- Aida Tanios, Austria
- Igor Grabovac, Austria
- Lindsay Sullivan, Ireland
- Emma Byström, Sweden
- Evelyne de Leeuw, Australia
- Bosse Pettersson, Sweden

Plenary 2: Achieving health in fragmented systems

Friday 11 November 2016, 09:40-10:40 – with Hauptverband für Sozialversicherung

- Stephen Peckham, United Kingdom
- Josef Probst, Austria
- Herwig Osterman, Austria
- Tit Albrecht, Slovenia
- Claudia Stein, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Plenary 3: All for Health: The contribution of science to Planetary Health

Friday 11 November 2016, 14:00-15:00 - Organised by ASPHER

- Jacqueline Müller-Nordhorn, ASPHER (moderator)
- Richard Horton, The Lancet
- Peter Groenewegen, Netherlands
- Matthew Fox, United States
- Katarzyna Czabanowska, Netherlands
- Raquel Lucas, Portugal

Plenary 4: Health technologies, personalized health and equity: conflict or alignment?

Friday 11 November 2016, 17:50-18:50 - Organised by EC and European Observatory

- Anjana Ahuja, United Kingdom (moderator)
- Fabrizio Renzi, Italy
- Martin McKee, United Kingdom
- Rod Collins, United States
- Andrej Rys, Belgium

Plenary 5: Health for All

Saturday 12 November 2016, 13:40-14:40 - Organised by EUPHA

- Juergen Soffried, Austria (moderator)
- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Malta

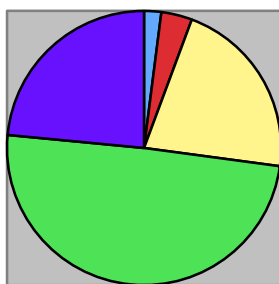
- Michael Moore, Australia
- David Stuckler, United Kingdom
- Allan Krasnik, Denmark
- Teodora Krumova, Bulgaria

Closing session of the 9th EPH Conference

Saturday 12 November 2016, 14:40-15:25

- Thomas Dorner, Austria, Chair of the 9th EPH Conference 2016
- Martin McKee, United Kingdom
- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Malta
- Birger Forsberg, Sweden, Chair of the 10th EPH Conference 2017

3.1. What is your opinion of the content of the plenaries?



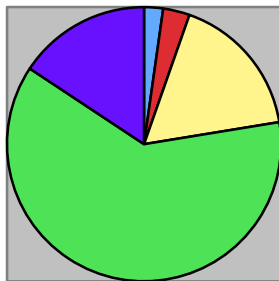
Respondents:	247
No answer:	57

73% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the plenary programme at Vienna 2016.

4. Parallel Programme

78% were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme.

How would you rate the quality of the parallel programme?



Respondents:	223
No answer:	81

78% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme.

What topic did you miss?

The respondents were interested in hearing more about the following topics:

- practice and practical aspects
- environmental health and climate change
- how to build a public health intervention
- economic aspects of public health

How could we improve the parallel programme?

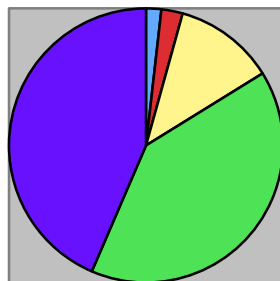
The main comment received here concerned the high number of parallel sessions, which sometimes caused an overlap of topic and sometimes difficulty in selecting the most interested sessions. Also mentioned was the overlap in topics of the Join the Network lunch meetings, which made choosing unavoidable. And more time for networking would be appreciated.

5. Catering and social programme

65% of the respondents were satisfied/very satisfied with the Welcome Reception and 48% were satisfied/very satisfied with the Conference Dinner.

84% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the catering at Vienna 2016.

How was the catering that was provided at the conference venue?

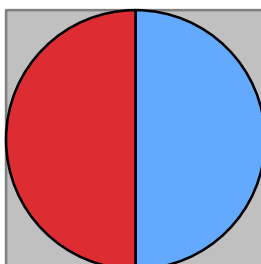


■ Poor
■ Sufficient
■ Average
■ Good
■ Excellent

Respondents:	278
No answer:	25

84% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the catering at Vienna 2016

Did you attend the Welcome Reception?

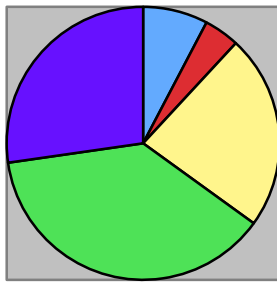


■ Yes
■ No

Respondents:	278
No answer:	23

50% of the respondents attended the Welcome Reception.

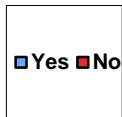
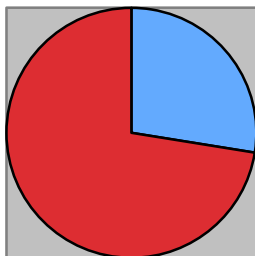
If yes, how did you enjoy the Welcome Reception?



Respondents:	143
No answer:	160

65% of the respondents were satisfied/ very satisfied with the Welcome Reception.

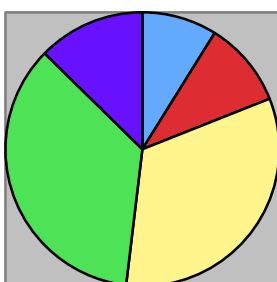
Did you attend the conference dinner?



Respondents:	278
No answer:	28

Registration for the conference dinner was at an extra fee. 27% of the respondents attended the conference dinner.

If yes, how did you like the conference dinner?



Respondents:	79
No answer:	227

48% of the respondents were satisfied/very satisfied with the Conference Dinner.

Comments

The catering was highly appreciated by most respondents. This year the organisers were applauded for offering a wide range of options and healthy food including fruit and vegetables. The food was complemented in many occasions.

The venues for both Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner were highly appreciated. The fact that the Welcome Reception and the Conference Dinner were not available to all participants was mentioned as a negative. Many respondents wished there was food offered at the Welcome Reception. The food at the Conference Dinner scored below average. It was stated that more attention should be paid for dietary requirements.

6. Exhibition area

73% of the participants visited the exhibition area at least once.

There were 16 exhibitors present at the conference. They can be categorised as follows:

Organisers & Partners

- EPH Conference Foundation
- EPH Conference Stockholm 2017
- EUPHA - European Public Health Association EuroHealthNet

Schools of Public Health

- ASPHER
- Institute of Public Health University of Porto, Portugal

Health organisations

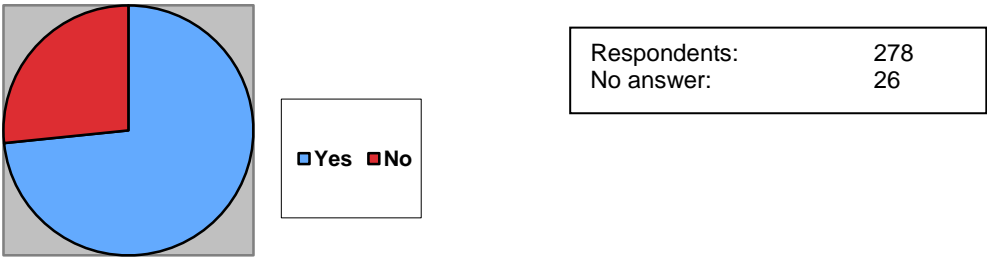
- EuroHealthNet
- European Commission - Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency
- Health community association, Turkey
- WHO Regional Office for Europe

Publishers

- Dittrich & Partner Consulting GmbH, Germany
- Emerald Publishing, United Kingdom
- Oxford University Press, United Kingdom
- Springer Nature - BoMed Central, United Kingdom
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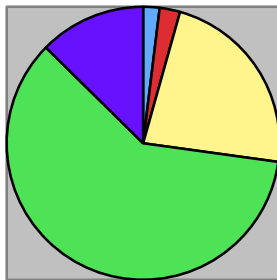
Did you visit the exhibition area?

Of the 278 respondents, 73% confirmed they visited the exhibition area at least once.



If yes, how would you rate the information provided by the exhibitors at the conference?

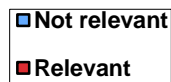
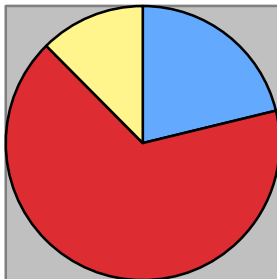
73% of the respondents thought the information provided by exhibitors was either excellent or good.



Respondents:	206
No answer:	98

How relevant was the exhibition for your work?

On average, the exhibition stands were seen as relevant.



Respondents:	217
No answer:	89

Comments

The comments included:

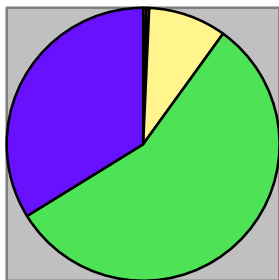
- The very helpful information at the stands
- The opportunity to sign the Vienna Declaration
- Not too commercial

7. Conference website and information

86% of the respondents indicated that the information provided in the conference newsletter is either excellent or good.

How would you rate the conference website?

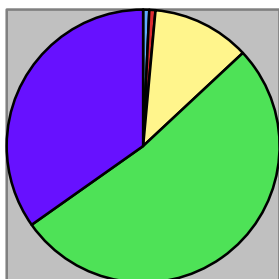
90% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the conference website.



Respondents:	281
No answer:	23

How would you rate the online conference programme?

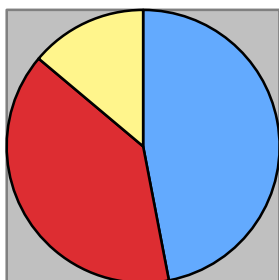
The online programme was available as in a preliminary version on 7 July and allowed participants to plan their activities for the conference. Most of the participants continue to highly appreciate the online conference programme.



Respondents:	276
No answer:	28

How would you rate the information received before the conference?

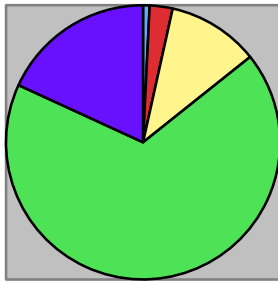
Most respondents (47%) indicated that the amount of emails before the conference was fine. However, 14% of the respondents also suggested that it was too much.



Respondents:	281
No answer:	23

How would you rate the information provided in the conference newsletter?

The information in the conference newsletters was again highly appreciated. 86% of the respondents indicated that information provided in the conference newsletter was either excellent or good.



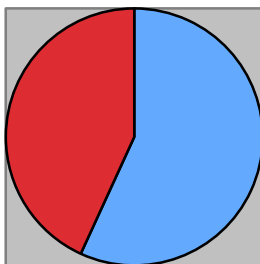
Respondents:	259
No answer:	45

8. Conference App

89% of the respondents thought the conference App introduced in Vienna 2016 was good or excellent.

Did you download the conference app?

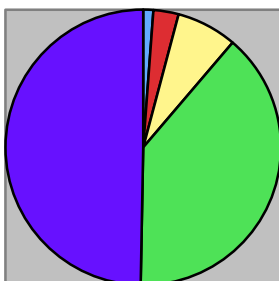
57% of the respondents downloaded the conference app.



Respondents:	285
No answer:	19

How would you rate the conference app?

89% of respondents were highly appreciative of the conference app.



Respondents:	169
No answer:	134

Comments

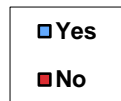
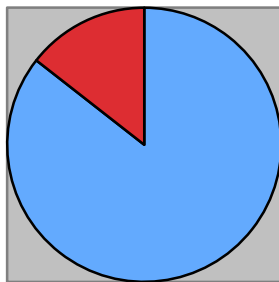
The conference app was highly appreciated. It was even suggested to be 'one of the best conference apps'. Recommendations and ideas how to improve the app were also received. For instance, some respondents suggested adding all the abstracts to the app. Input received include:

- "Don't print anything next time, the app was brilliant!"
- The links between 'setting up your personal programme' on the website and the conference app should be created.

9. Stockholm 2017

73% of the respondents is planning to attend Stockholm 2017.

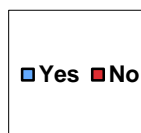
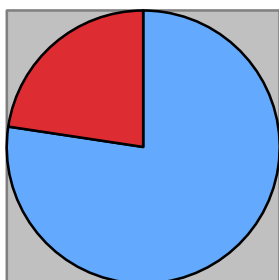
Did you receive the first announcement for the Stockholm 2017 conference?



Respondents:	284
No answer:	20

86% of the respondents received the first announcement for Stockholm 2017.

Are you planned to attend Stockholm 2017?



Respondents:	261
No answer:	43

73% of the respondents are planning to attend the Stockholm 2017 conference.