

## APPENDIX 10

### EXAMPLE OF SUMMARY TO ANZSCOS Executive (Courtesy, Sydney 08)

#### Evaluation of the 2007 ANZSCOS Conference

In 2007, the SSCIS hosted the Annual scientific meeting for the Australia and New Zealand Spinal Cord Injury Society. It was held from the 1<sup>st</sup> –3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Four Seasons Hotel and had the following format:

- Scientific papers with 2 international keynote speakers
- 2 minute oral poster presentations
- Workplace Participation Forum and public lecture
- Discipline specific workshops
- Concurrent interdisciplinary workshops: *Seating, Fitness, First 72 hours, Psychosocial*
- Additional invited speakers opening each session
- Gala Dinner and welcome drinks

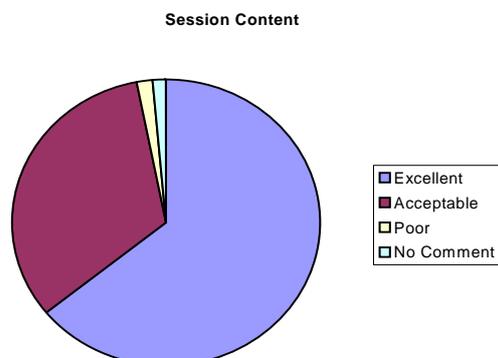
#### Summary

Overall, it appears that the comments were extremely positive regarding the format, content, quality, dinner and band. Thanks were expressed to the conference organisers many times. This would suggest continuance of the current model with consideration of a shorter day on the day of the gala dinner. The oral poster format seemed a popular way of exposing the audience to a wide range of issues, to which they had the opportunity of following up at the poster viewing in the breaks. Innovative ideas such as the Workplace Participation Forum were well supported and could be developed further for future conferences.

78 evaluations were returned for analysis. The results of the evaluation were as follows:

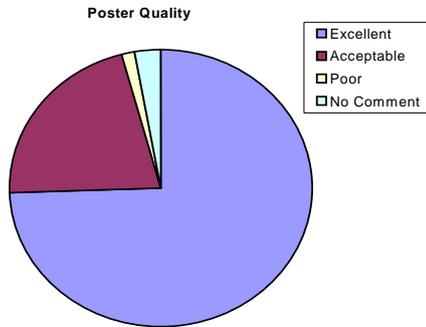
#### 1. Content of the scientific sessions

97% found the scientific sessions to be acceptable or excellent



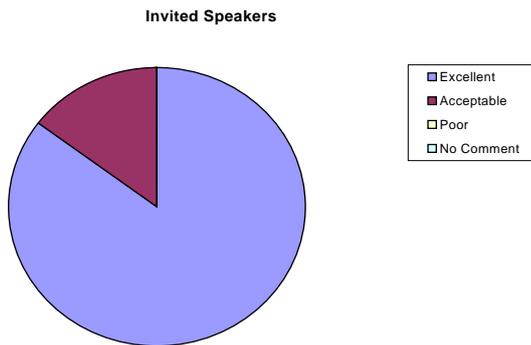
## 2. Appropriateness and quality of the posters

96% found the posters to be acceptable or excellent



## 3 Invited speakers

100% found the invited speakers to be acceptable or excellent



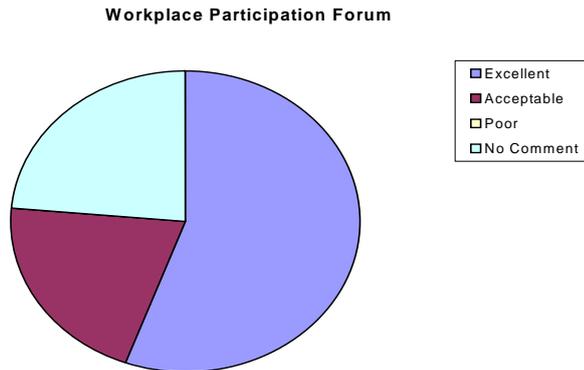
## 4. Saturday workshop

92% found the Saturday workshop to be acceptable or excellent. Many conference attendees did not attend on the Saturday, and some responses were left blank. Positive comments were received specifically regarding the Seating workshop.



## 5. Workplace Participation forum

76% found the WPF to be excellent or acceptable. Again there were many attendees who were unable to stay for this component and therefore did not comment and left the section blank

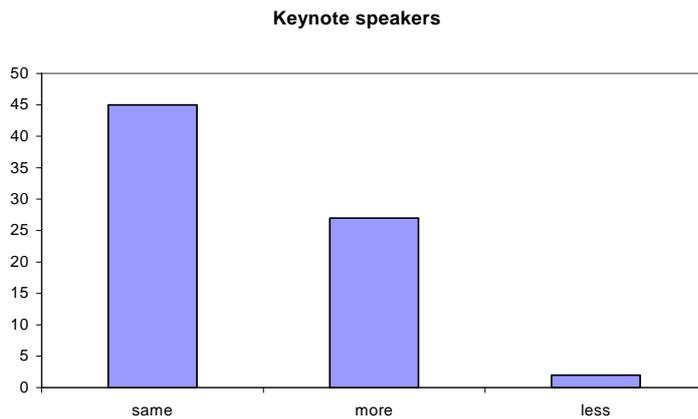


## 6. Concurrent Sessions

86 % of attendees favoured the availability of concurrent sessions. Of the people who did not favour this aspect, there was a strong indication that they would have liked to attend both sessions as they were of equal interest.

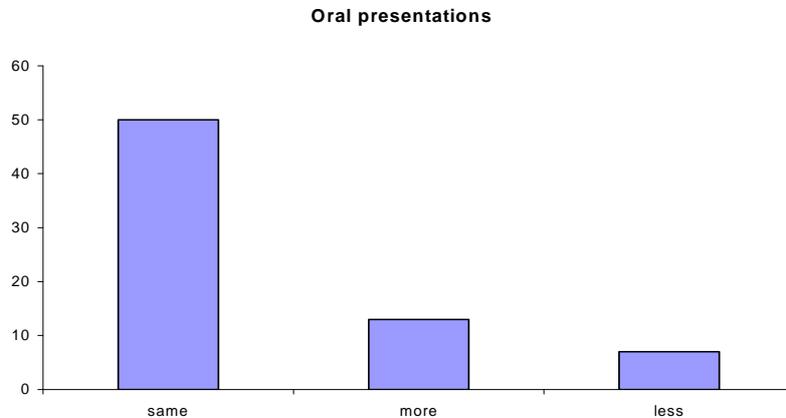
## 7. Keynote Speakers

Respondents were in general satisfied with the number of keynote speakers at the conference. 25% expressed a desire for more keynote speakers.



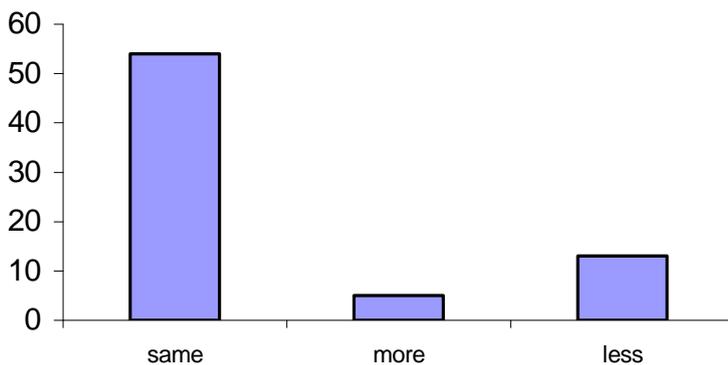
## 8. Oral Presentations

The majority of respondents were satisfied with the number of oral presentations.



## 9. Poster Sessions

The majority of respondents indicated they were satisfied with the number of poster sessions commenting that it encourages participation.



## Oral poster format

84% recommended the short 2 minute poster presentation format.

## 10. Breakfast Session

59% only were satisfied with the breakfast session. Comments were related to the quality of the breakfast, the length of the day, which included the dinner, and the difficulty in attending if not staying nearby to the venue. Positive comments were made about the speakers.

## 11. Topics of interest for future invited speakers

Biomechanics, respiratory decline over time, pressure care, stem cell therapy, rehabilitation environment, wound care technology, Ageing with SCI, implications of China and India, neuro- regeneration therapy, fitness, FES, nutrition, sleep pane, community follow up, VDQ, team work, bladder, sexuality, fertility, pain, spasticity management, botox, upper limb overuse, wheelchair prescription, healthy lifestyle, lifelong health maintenance, adjustment, behaviour, best practice in rehabilitation, carer support, seating evaluation and prescription.



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### **12. Topics for ANZSCOS in the future**

Botox in SCI, Upper limb prosthesis, intrathecal baclofen and morphine pumps, recreation, alternative therapies, shoulder pain, women's health, research, wound care and prevention, community based intervention, sexuality and fertility, whole of life management and models of care, division of resources nationally and advocacy for minimum resource allocation, changing case requirements with ageing, nursing topics, stem cell.

### **13. Suggestions for improvements**

too long, more time for discipline specific meetings 2 -2.5 hours with more action oriented discussion, breakfast-food not substantial and unsatisfactory, continued support of allied health issues, copies of power point presentations would be useful, consumer forum too late in the day- but was excellent, workshops should be held on separate days to assist with attendance ie not concurrent, videotape the workshops, many criticisms of the food and layout for meals, Thursday too long.

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