

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

2008 Land O'Lakes Bioanalytical Conference

Evaluations of the Entire Program

The following four evaluation questions were used to provide input regarding the program contents, relevance, utility and importance to their practice and program format. These were based on a five-point Likert Scale with five a very positive response and one a negative reaction.

The content seemed current. (mean response = 4.51)

100% Agreed or strongly agreed with statement

The program material was relevant. (mean response = 4.30)

97.7% Agreed or strongly agreed with statement

Overall, this program provided a valuable learning experience. (mean response = 4.47)

100% Agreed or strongly agreed with statement

My personal objectives in attending this program were fulfilled. (mean response = 4.30)

93.6% Agreed or strongly agreed with statement

Evaluation of the Conference Itself

An additional six evaluation questions focused on the conference organization, handout materials, nature of the presentations and faculty. These were based on a five-point Likert Scale with five as excellent and one representing a poor evaluation.

Organization (mean response = 4.64)

100% responded with excellent or very good

Quality of the handout material (program workbook) (mean response = 4.51)

97.9% responded with excellent or very good

Practical nature of the information presented (mean response = 4.15)

83.0% responded with excellent or very good

Presentation of new information (mean response = 3.77)

80.2% responded with excellent or very good

Quality of the faculty (mean response = 4.18)

86.7% responded with excellent or very good

Miscellaneous Comments from Conference Participants

<What was the major strength(s) of this update meeting?> "Relaxed open atmosphere, provided free exchange of information. Good networking event for all experience levels."

"The quality of the speakers/presentations was excellent. Topics were timely and very well conceived."

<What was the major strength(s) of this update meeting?> "Diverse subject matter, excellent speakers."

"The size and amount of attendees which allowed for a very social environment and the ability to meet many new people and make contacts."

<What was the major strength(s) of this update meeting?> "Not having to pick and choose between competing sessions."

<What was the major weakness(es) of this update meeting?> "I can't think of any!"

"I enjoyed it very much. I was not aware that conferences like this existed - very casual yet very informative."

"The mix of afternoon activities (i.e. recreation) really adds to the enjoyment of a fine meeting without detracting from the science."

<What was the major strength(s) of this update meeting?> Small size, informal, ability to socialize and interact with colleagues, non-commercial nature of conference, regulated representation, great presentations from highly qualified respected scientists.