

ISCRE 18 Post-Conference Attendees' Survey Executive Summary

Introduction: ISCRE 18 was held in Chicago, IL from June 6-9, 2004. Following the conference, an e-mail was sent to all the registered ISCRE 18 attendees (301 excluding guests) on June 15, requesting them to respond to an on-line survey (see Appendix A). The attendees were asked to rate various aspects of the meeting organization and technical content using numerical scores ranging from poor (1) to excellent (5). Space for comments was also provided in the survey.

The number of attendees who responded on or before the June 28 deadline was 134 (a 45% response). The survey results are presented below in two parts. The first part provides a summary of the quantitative evaluation based on the ratings of *all* respondents. The second part transmits the essence of comments under the various categories. It must be pointed out that only sentiments that were expressed *at least twice* were included. The ISCRE 18 Organizing Committee hopes that the results of the survey will be useful to the organizers of future ISCRE meetings.

Summary of Evaluations: Table 1 provides the mean scores and standard deviation for each evaluation item in the survey. The respondents rated the overall meeting experience as very good. The average ratings were "very good" in most categories pertaining to organization (meeting registration, opening reception, banquet, abstract and manuscript submission guidelines, poster guidelines, meeting communications, etc.). The ratings for the technical aspects generally ranged from good to very good. These ratings along with the several positive comments reflect a generally high level of satisfaction with the organization and the technical program content.

Various comments for improving the organization and the technical program are provided below. The number in parentheses reflects the number of sentiments expressed on that topic.

Plenary lectures (11): There was an impression that the plenary lectures were perhaps more heavily weighted in science rather than in reaction engineering aspects.

Lecture rooms (4): Two of the four lecture halls (the parlor rooms) did not have the same quality of projection as the other rooms (Adams and Monroe).

Poster sessions (7): The 2-hour duration was rather short for the number of posters displayed. Perhaps, the posters could be left longer or split into more sessions.

Panel discussion (2): This session should have been longer with more industry and audience participation.

Table 1 - Summary of Responses

ISCRE 18 Survey			
Please Specify Your Affiliation:	Academic	Professor	15
		Post Doc	7
		Grad Stud	30
	Industry		37
	Government		6
	Other		2
Overall Program Rating:			
	Average	3.76	131 Responses Std Dev 0.90
Meeting Registration Process:			
	Average	4.32	132 Responses Std Dev 0.76
Hotel Registration Process:			
	Average	3.83	96 Responses Std Dev 1.12
WEB SITE AND PAPER SUBMISSIONS			
ISCRE 18 Web Site - Overall			
	Average	3.84	128 Responses Std Dev 1.00
Web Site Submission of Abstracts			
Clarity of Abstract Submission Guidelines			
	Average	4.23	111 Responses Std Dev 0.79
Ease of On-Line Abstract Submission Process			
	Average	4.24	106 Responses Std Dev 0.97
Timeliness of the Abstract Review Process and Notification of Decisions			
	Average	4.03	108 Responses Std Dev 0.93
Web Site Submission of Manuscripts			
Clarity of Manuscript Submission Guidelines			
	Average	3.94	97 Responses Std Dev 1.00
Ease of On-Line Manuscript Submission Process			
	Average	3.96	92 Responses Std Dev 1.07
Timeliness of the Manuscript Review Process and Notification of Decisions			
	Average	3.87	94 Responses Std Dev 0.98
HOTEL			
Hotel Location:			
	Average	4.19	124 Responses Std Dev 0.87
Hotel Restaurants:			
	Average	3.31	75 Responses Std Dev 0.99
Hotel Guest Rooms:			
	Average	3.53	93 Responses Std Dev 0.96
Hotel Cost of Rooms:			
	Average	2.31	108 Responses Std Dev 1.11

HOTEL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS			
Hotel Meeting Rooms:	Average	126 3.55	Responses Std Dev 1.02
Hotel Audiovisual:	Average	128 3.74	Responses Std Dev 0.93
ISCRE 18 EVENTS			
Welcoming Reception:	Average	100 3.96	Responses Std Dev 1.03
Conference Banquet:	Average	102 4.02	Responses Std Dev 1.06
Poster Session Arrangements:	Average	127 3.41	Responses Std Dev 1.10
ISCRE 18 TECHNICAL CONTENT			
Overall Technical Content:	Average	129 3.62	Responses Std Dev 0.86
Plenary Sessions (Monday)			
Nanotubes and Nanowires	Average	113 3.48	Responses Std Dev 0.97
Combinatorial Methods for Discovery	Average	118 3.21	Responses Std Dev 1.02
Direct Methanol Fuel Cells	Average	108 3.31	Responses Std Dev 1.00
Plenary Sessions (Tuesday)			
Molecular Modeling and Microkinetics	Average	107 3.82	Responses Std Dev 0.95
Biosynthesis of Pharmaceutical Products	Average	99 3.67	Responses Std Dev 1.13
Informatics & RE	Average	95 2.82	Responses Std Dev 1.32
Poster Session			
Poster Session Technical Content	Average	117 3.54	Responses Std Dev 0.82
Technical Sessions (Monday)			
Session 1. Materials Synthesis & Processing	Average	39 3.59	Responses Std Dev 0.75
Session 2. Microreaction Technology	Average	69 3.51	Responses Std Dev 0.85
Session 3. Catalytic Rxns and Reactors A	Average	80 3.48	Responses Std Dev 0.83
Session 4. CFD in CRE A	Average	57 3.67	Responses Std Dev 1.07
Session 5. Fuel Cells	Average	52 3.38	Responses Std Dev 0.80
Session 6. Polymer Reaction Engineering	Average	30 3.50	Responses Std Dev 0.94

Session 7. Environmental Rxn Engg A	Average	3.13	52 Responses	Std Dev	0.79
Session 8. CFD in CRE B	Average	3.57	54 Responses	Std Dev	1.02
Technical Sessions (Tuesday)					
Session 9. Molec. Modeling in CRE A	Average	3.68	56 Responses	Std Dev	0.77
Session 10. Bio Rxn Engineering A	Average	3.38	37 Responses	Std Dev	1.01
Session 11. Advances in Ind. Processes A	Average	3.35	63 Responses	Std Dev	0.77
Session 12. Novel Reactors and Processes A	Average	3.42	84 Responses	Std Dev	0.84
Session 13. Molec. Modeling in CRE B	Average	3.44	48 Responses	Std Dev	0.87
Session 14. Bio Rxn Engineering B	Average	3.22	27 Responses	Std Dev	1.01
Session 15. Multiphase Rxns, incl. Pharma A	Average	3.45	58 Responses	Std Dev	0.94
Session 16. Novel Reactors and Processes B	Average	3.33	72 Responses	Std Dev	0.90
Technical Sessions (Wednesday)					
Session 17. Catalytic Rxns and Reactors B	Average	3.50	82 Responses	Std Dev	0.79
Session 18. Reactor Dynamics and Control	Average	3.50	48 Responses	Std Dev	0.80
Session 19. Advances in Ind. Processes B	Average	3.31	49 Responses	Std Dev	0.80
Session 20. Multiphase Rxns, incl. Pharma B	Average	3.51	51 Responses	Std Dev	0.90
Session 21. Multiphase Rxns, incl. Pharma C	Average	3.46	41 Responses	Std Dev	0.78
Session 22. Environmental Rxn Engg B	Average	3.15	34 Responses	Std Dev	0.86
Session 23. Novel Reactors and Processes C	Average	3.38	63 Responses	Std Dev	0.75
Wednesday Discussion Forum					
Panel Discussion	Average	3.14	103 Responses	Std Dev	1.06
Other Information					
Do you plan to attend ISCRE 19 in Potsdam/Berlin?			61 Yes		
			13 No		
			60 Undecided		
Do you think it is essential for you to receive a personal copy of the ISCRE 19 Proceedings Issue of the Journal?			85 Yes		
			28 No		
			17 No Opinion		