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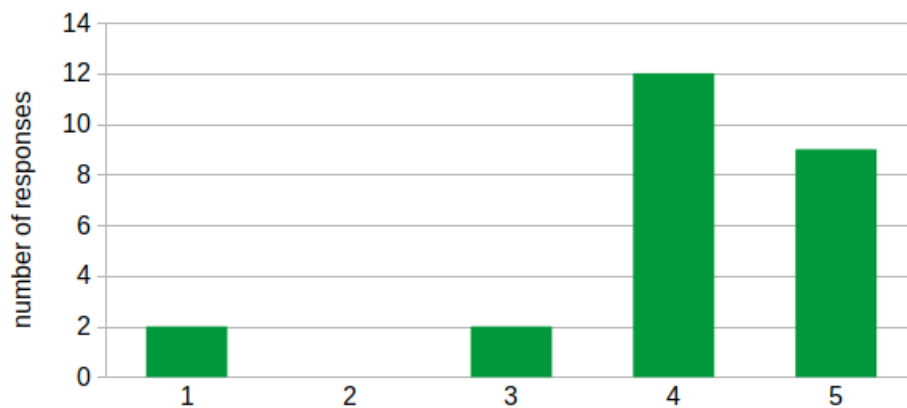
GerBI-GMB Core Facility Managers/Annual Community Meeting

on 27-29 March 2019 in Mainz

An email was sent on 4th of April to all 47 participants and 8 guests of the meeting to ask them to fill in the questionnaire. 27 entries for the questionnaire were received between 4th and 18th of April.

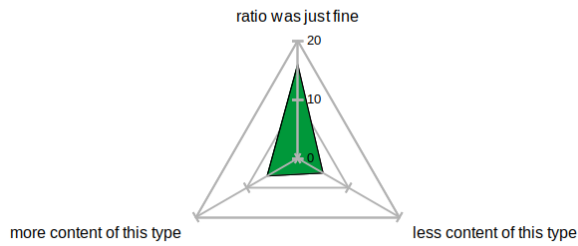
Questions to “The Program”

How do you rate the program overall?
(5 being top)



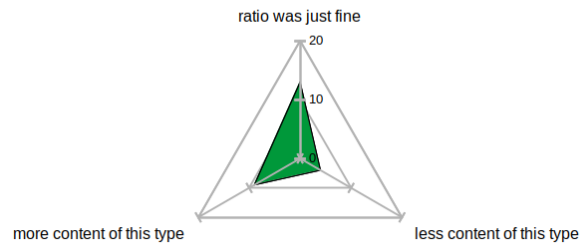
What do you think about the balance of the program?

- Scientific talks -



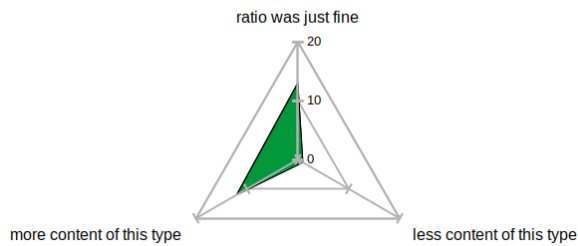
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- Funding opportunities and upcoming calls -



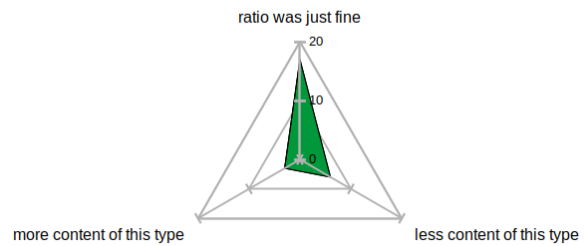
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- Workgroup discussions and German Biolmaging related content -



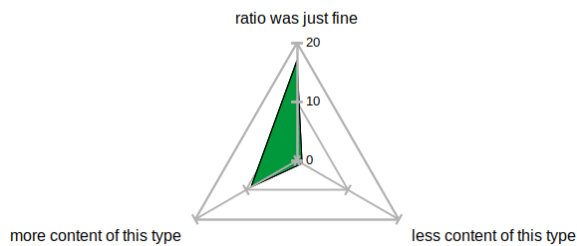
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- Corporate session -



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- Networking opportunities -

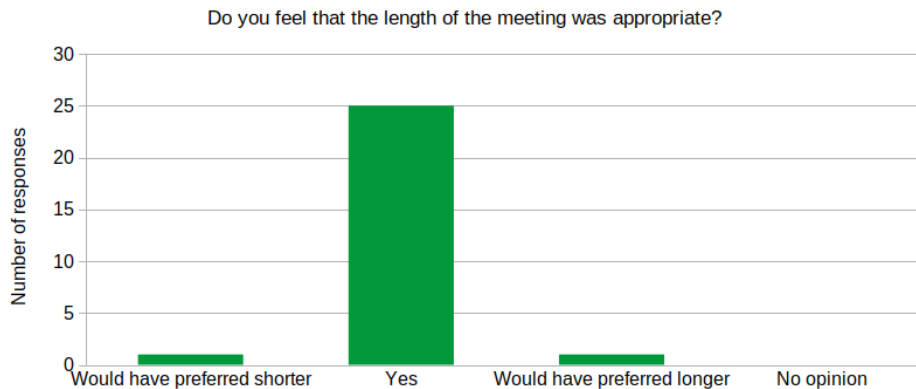


Do you have any further comments regarding the program

- Time for work in workgroups was too short. Would be cool to have some free time inbetween to discuss in small groups.
- Punkt 2 nicht für Firmen offen gewesen, daher keine Bewertung
- At the UK Bioimaging meetings we gave companies the opportunities to present their hottest new features in 3-min flash talks before coffee / lunch breaks, which could then be discussed in detail over the breaks. Was pretty popular for both sides.
- It may be helpful to prepare participants 4 weeks ahead of the meeting with preparatory materials, various workgroup/session/networking agendas. Otherwise, information is presented and lost within the moment.
- It would be nice to have more time for the workgroups, e.g. one meeting on day 1 and a second on day 2?
- Probably, the discussion with the company representatives about quality standards could be done in a different format? I had the feeling nothing changed since last meeting.
- Maybe the companies could contribute in workgroup 1/7 and present their contribution or perspective in the end? I think, we as a community should decide about "standard protocols" or "standard samples".

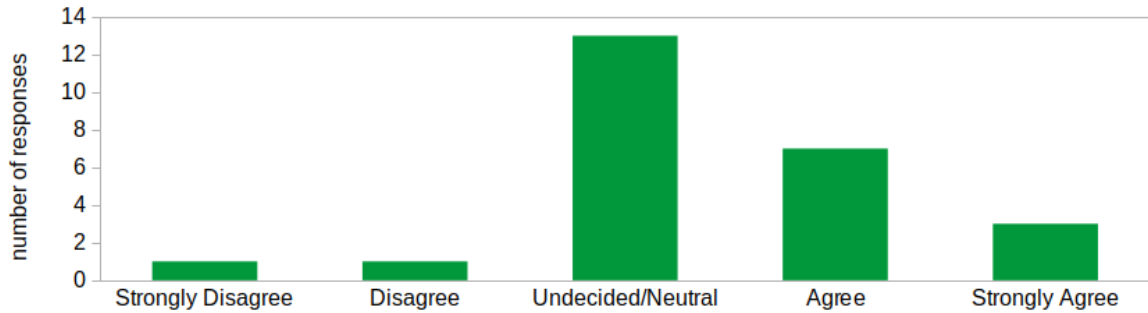
- Mutual introductions of the Imaging Facilities. 2 or 3 Facility Managers per day could introduce their microscopes and specialties, 15 min presentation each. all voluntary
- More time for WGs to discuss and present topics, strategy
- The above are only mild +/-s. In general, a great time!
- I did not like the company session at all! First of all it had the atmosphere of a "tribunal" like the companies being charged for some crime. Second it repeated topics we had in the last GerBI meetings (it would have been OK to just remind the companies that we are waiting for standards, procedures, specifications etc.).
- And most important I think we need to integrate the company representatives as belonging to GerBI, both personal (company) and gold/silver/bronze members! Maybe we should find out what they would like to do/discuss and which type of sessions would be helpful for them. Of course this should not happen in a way reducing the experience/quality of the meeting for core facilities/ academic groups, but I am sure it is possible to find ways. And if we do this, we should not call it "Core Facility Managers Meeting", but GerBI-GMB annual meeting (which could include a Core Facility Managers Meeting and potentially a company representative meeting and Microscopy/Image analysis developer meeting).- the scientific talks were a bit "average". A more keynote-like invited talk would be good.
- the corporate session was a bit a waste of time, because we discussed old topics again that have been raised in other occasions multiple times. And there were the wrong people. Mostly sales people. But the questions were asking for more strategic answers. → needs better preparation, I think.

Questions to "Set-up of the Meeting"

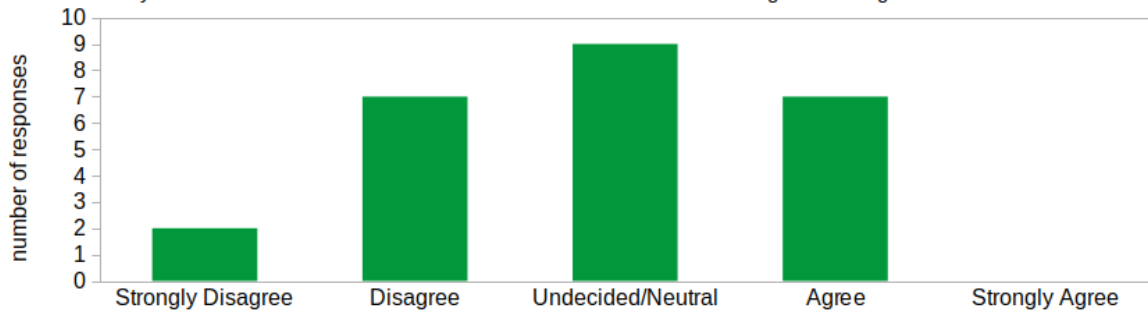


Which set-up of the next Annual Community / Core Facility Managers Meeting do you prefer?

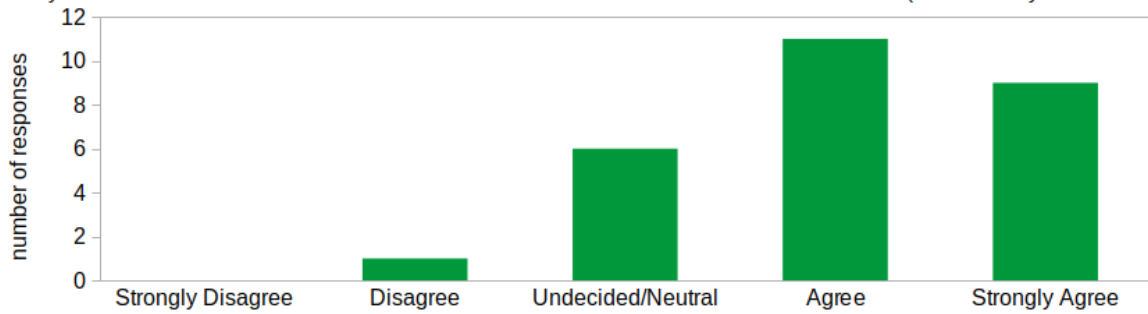
- Do you think the event should be held for the whole duration of the meeting in a conference hotel (such as in Fulda 2012-2017)? -



- Do you think the event should be held for the whole duration of the meeting at a hosting research institution? -

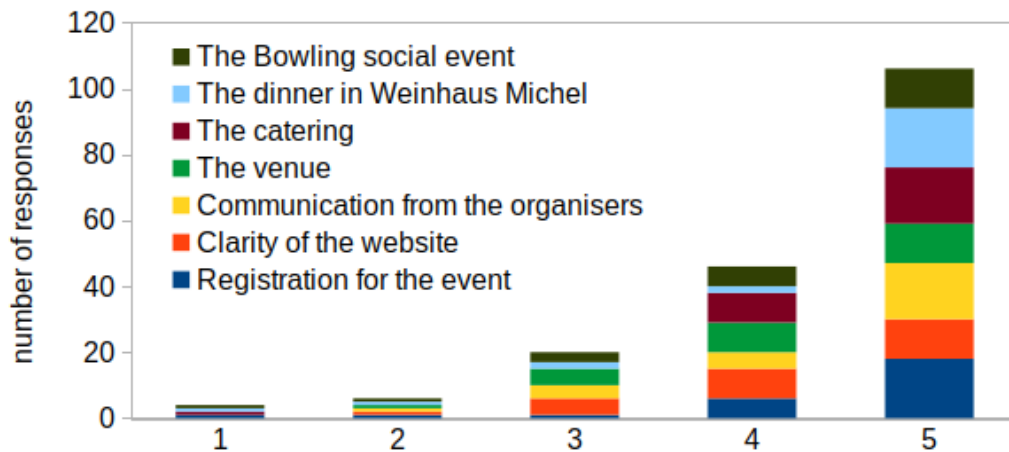


- Do you think the event should be held in a combination of conference hotel and research institution (such as this year in Mainz)? -



Questions to “Organisation”

How do you judge the different aspects of the organisation?
(5 being top)

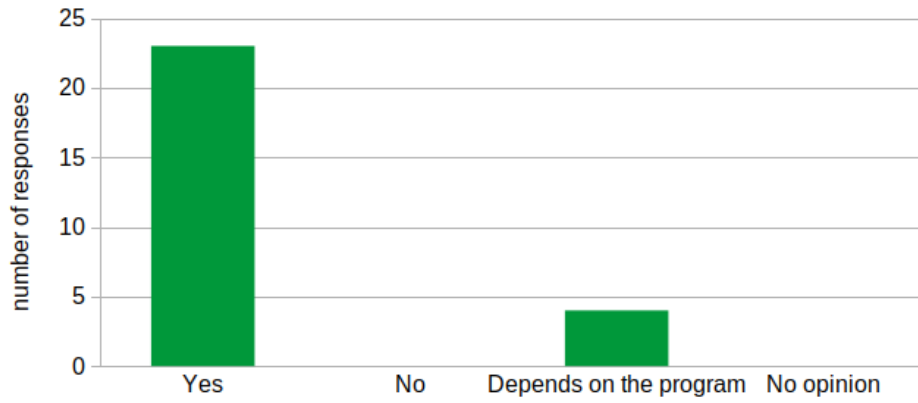


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- Für das nächste Meeting sollte deutlich wert darauf gelegt werden, mehr Mikroskopiebeauftragte/spezialisten auch außerhalb der bestehenden Core Facility Community einzubeziehen. Das könnte einhergehen mit der Initiative, mehr Mitglieder für den GerBI-GMB zu werben.
- The social event was very good, I'm just not so into bowling. Main (and only) criticism: It can't be that the hotel booking is cheaper through the hotel's own website than through the meeting, and that the latter is higher than the civil "TMS Hotelliste", while the former is well within the range.
- Many thanks to the organizers!! I very much appreciated the meeting. Especially the open atmosphere, the lively discussions and contributions from the members.
- Hotel rooms should be only slightly higher than "städtekatalog", or larger contingent of special price
- But less "stars" and a bit reduced level of meals would be also fine to keep costs lower
- The auditorium at IMB was too large and not good for the introduction round and discussions, but it was good for the talks. We should announce the meeting more actively to attract new members, for example consider to announce it in the confocal list like the CF management course. [Comment by GerBI-GMB office: the meeting was announced via the confocal mailing list]
- Which set-up of the next Annual Community / Core Facility Managers Meeting do you prefer? The decision depends on the location, so in Mainz the distances were somehow a little bit to large between Hotel and IMB. It was nice to see all the facilities at the IMB. If the hosting research institution has enough good rooms for WG breakout it would work only staying at a hosting institute. From organisation it is more work to always do it in a different location. The conference room in the hotel was a little bit to small.

Questions to “Recommendation”

Would you consider attending the next GerBI-GMB Core Facility Managers/
Annual Community Meeting?



Would you recommend this meeting to your colleagues?
(5 being very likely)

