



**RESULTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS'
EVALUATION OF THE 2nd JOINT
EUROPEAN PUBLIC HEALTH
CONFERENCE
25-28 November 2009, Lodz, Poland**

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SUMMARY OF MAIN RESULTS

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The 2nd European Public Health Conference took place in Lodz, Poland from 25 to 28 November 2009. The conference was organised by EUPHA, ASPHER, the Polish Association of Public Health and the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine. A total of 921 experts registered for the conference. Over 560 abstracts and workshops were submitted, scored and evaluated. The programme included 5 plenary sessions, 70 parallel sessions and 249 posters presented in 13 poster sessions. More information on the conference and the organisation can be found in the Lodz 2009 report.

Each European Public Health Conference is subject to a multi-layered evaluation. The objectives of this elaborate 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 in this document are based on the evaluation by the conference participants. Participants had two possibilities to fill out the questionnaire: via the hard copy included in the conference bag or via the web-based questionnaire after the conference. A total of 85 participants (9% of all registrants) returned the evaluation form, of which 58% used the hard copy and 42% the online questionnaire). The questionnaire included 53 questions:

- 24 questions to indicate satisfaction using a 5-scale rating (poor, sufficient, average, good, excellent)
- 21 multiple-choice questions
- 8 open questions (comments)

The questions in the evaluation form were divided in 8 parts:

1. Plenary sessions
2. Parallel sessions
3. Pre conferences
4. Poster sessions
5. Registration procedure
6. Conference venue and catering
7. Abstract submission
8. Your opinion on EUPHA and ASPHER

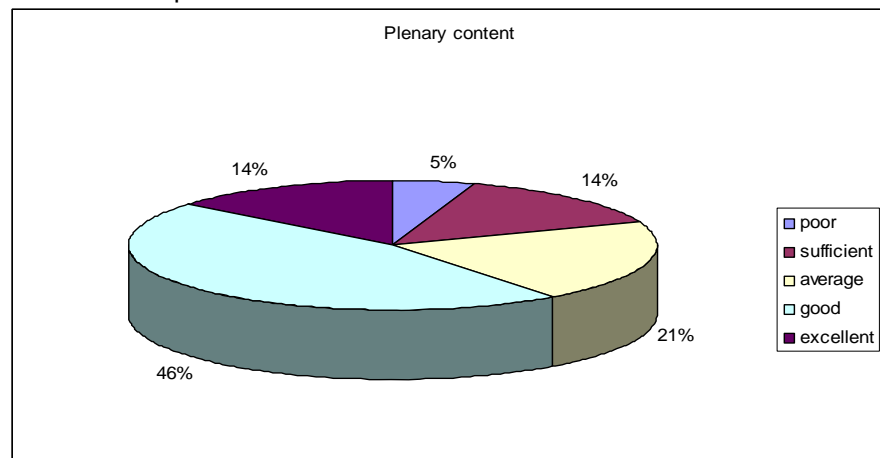
1. Plenary sessions

60% of the participants were very satisfied/satisfied with the content of the plenary sessions and 62% were very satisfied/satisfied with the keynote speakers.

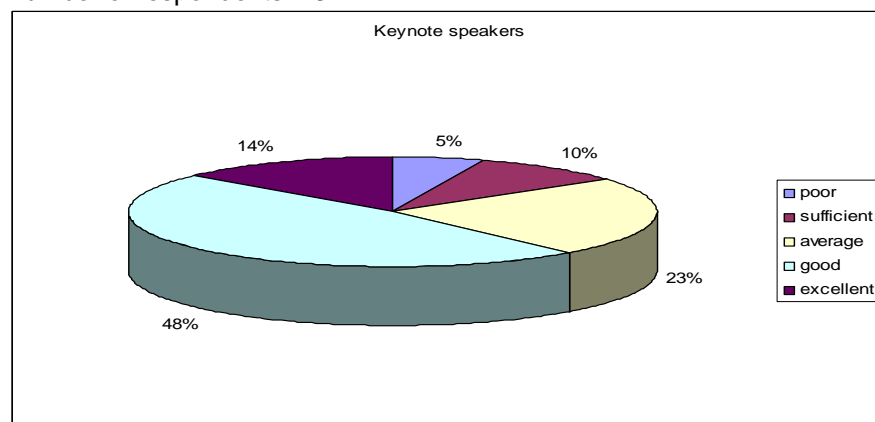
The 2nd European Public Health Conference included 5 plenary sessions, and an opening and closing ceremony. The five sessions included presentations by:

- Marc Danzon, WHO/EURO
- Andrzej Rys, European Commission
- Zsuzsana Jakab, ECDC
- Anthony J. McMichael, Australia
- Jean-Francois Guégan, France
- Jorma Rantanen, Finland
- Jutta Lindert, Germany
- Johan Mackenbach, Netherlands
- Helmut Brand, Netherlands
- Zbigniew Szawarski, Poland
- Cezary Wlodarczyk, Poland

Number of respondents: 78



Number of respondents: 73



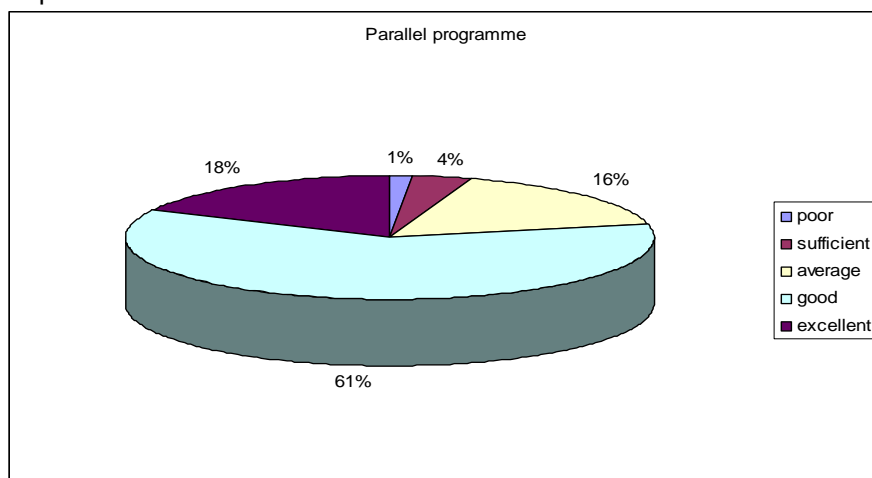
In the comments box, remarks were made concerning:

- The quality of the sound system in the plenary hall.
- The variety in keynote speakers, some very good, others average.
- The ratio male-female keynote speakers was not balanced.
- The lack of 'young upcoming' keynote speakers.
- Not enough focus on new developments in public health.

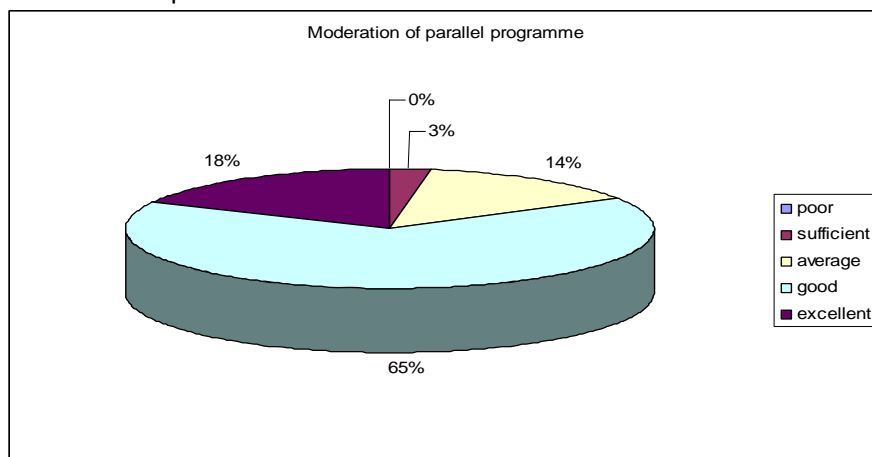
2. Parallel sessions

77% of respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the parallel programme and 79% were very satisfied/satisfied with the moderation of the sessions.

respondents: 79



Number of respondents: 79



In the comments box, remarks were made concerning:

- The number of presentations (6) in a 90-minute parallel session is too high. This leaves no time for discussion.
- Some rooms were not properly equipped (e.g. no microphone or manual slide handling)
- Any changes in the parallel programme should be announced more clearly.
- Too many sessions simultaneously.

3. Pre-conferences

33,8% of conference participants also registered for a pre-conference activity. 72% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the pre-conference programme and 91% were very satisfied/satisfied with the organisation of the pre-conferences.

A total of 13 pre-conferences were organised. Most required an additional registration fee, some were free of charge.

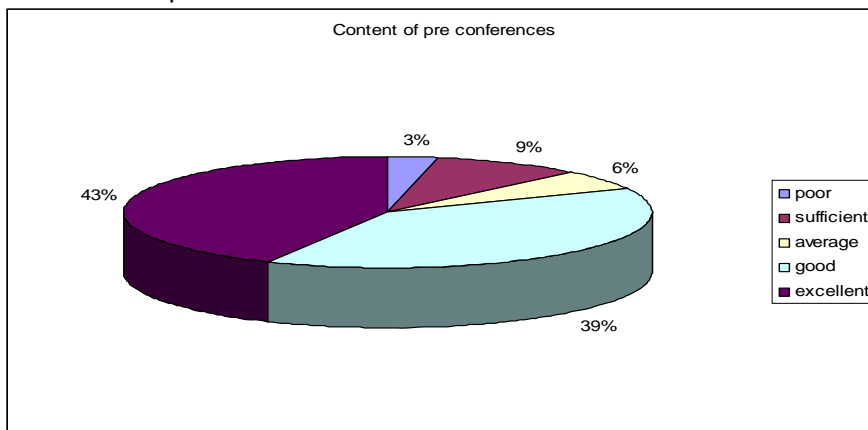
Overview of pre-conferences:

Pre-conference	Date	Registration fee	No. Of registered participants	Evaluated by	Content average	Organisation average
Pre-conference day of the EUPHA section on public mental health	25-11-2009	110	37	2	5	5
7th Pre-conference of the EUPHA section on social security and health: theories and methods in research on gender aspects of sickness absence	25-11-2009	80	60	8	4,29	4,43
Pre-conference training seminar in environmental public health	25-11-2009	50	7	0		
EPHA policy workshop: Tackling wider determinants of health: effective policy change	25-11-2009	50	15	1	4	4
Pre-conference - Alcohol, accidents and injuries - risk factor and prevention	25-11-2009	50	21	2	3	4
ASPHER: young researchers forum	25-11-2009	0	62	4	2,75	4
Technical meeting: Setting research strategies in the field of migrant and ethnic health (open for section members)	25-11-2009	0	35	2	4	4
ASPHER pre-conference: Development of the European public health core competencies for public health education: principles, coordination and administration	26-11-2009	50	36	1	4	3
EPHA policy workshop: The Future of Public Health Advocacy in Poland (in Polish language)	26-11-2009	50	3	7	4,86	4,57
Closing the health gap in the European Union	26-11-2009	0	103	4	4	4,5
Pre-conference of the EUPHA section on public health economics: Health and economic growth in Europe with infertility case studies	26-11-2009	50	cancelled			

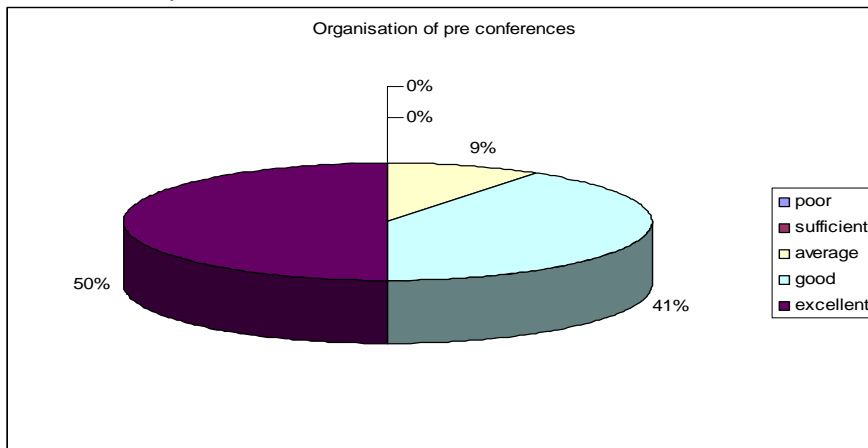
Pre-conference	Date	Registration fee	No. Of registered participants	Evaluated by	Content average	Organisation average
Round table: Immunisation of adults and elderly: how to make life course vaccination a successful public health strategy	26-11-2009	0	51	2	4,5	5
Pre-conference of DG Research: Future research priorities	26-11-2009	0	1	3	3	4

311 participants (= 33,8%) also registered for at least one pre-conference activity. Of these, 36 (11,6%) evaluated the pre-conferences. The satisfaction with the pre-conference programme was high.

Number of respondents: 33



Number of respondents: 32

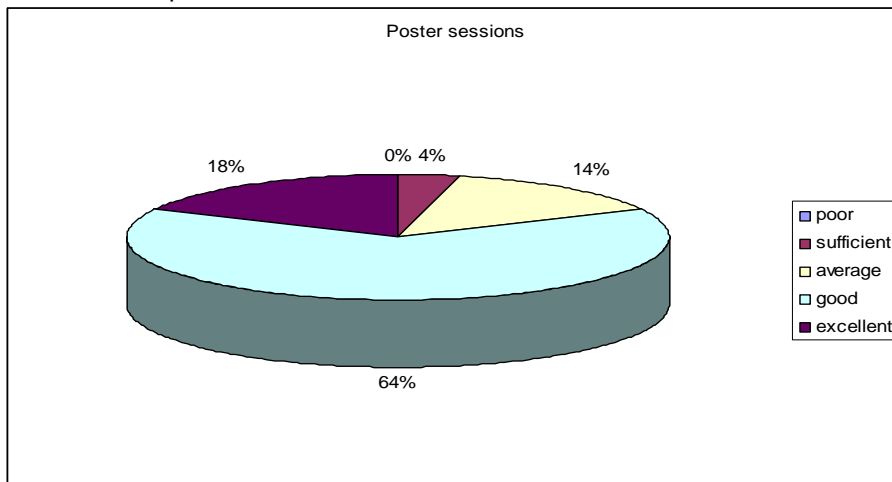


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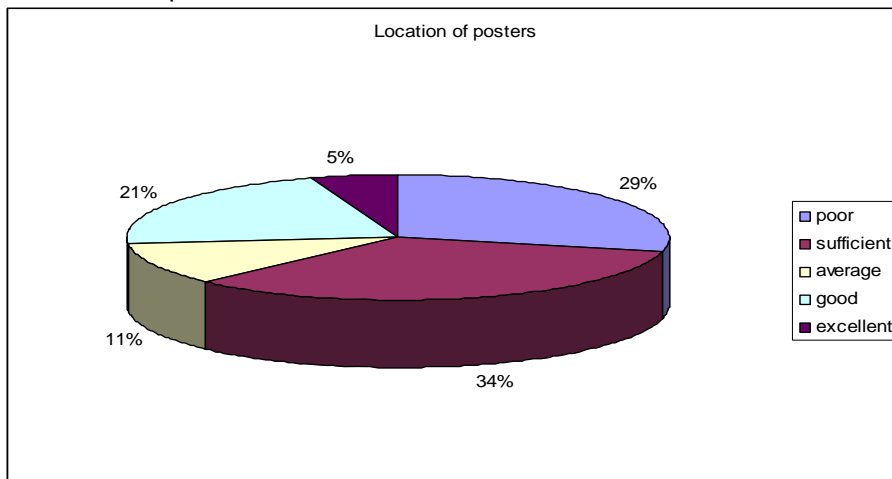
67,6% of conference participants attended the poster sessions. 82% of the respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with the poster sessions, 26% were very satisfied/satisfied with the location of the posters.

For the first time, the posters were presented in moderated poster sessions (13 in total). 67,6% of the participants attended at least one poster session. 75% of the participants feels that the poster slide show at the EUPHA/ASPHER stand increases the visibility of the posters. However, only 30% reported seeing the slide show. The poster sessions were highly appreciated (82% excellent/good), the location of the posters could be improved.

Number of respondents: 56



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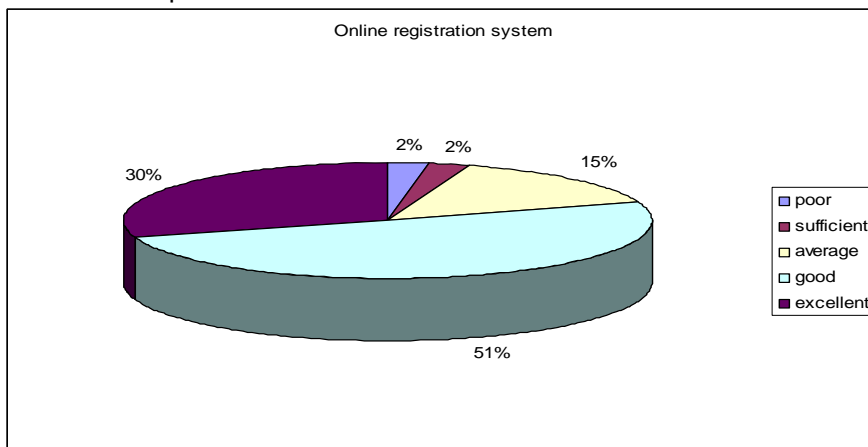
- The posters should be more centrally located.
- The poster sessions with moderator and discussions are an excellent format.
- All poster presenters should be at their poster during the moderated session.
- The poster slide show should be more visible.
- Poster sessions should not be in parallel with the oral sessions.
- Presenters should be encouraged to present handouts.

5. Registration procedure

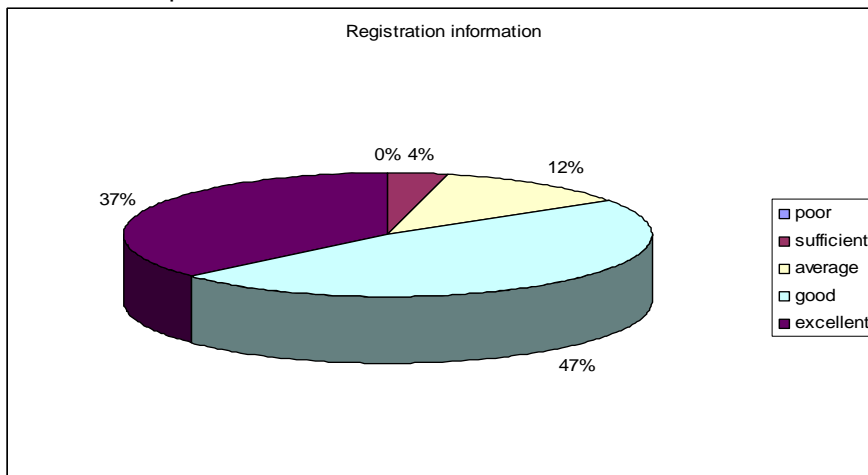
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The registration for the conference included registration for all pre-conference activities and social programme. The registration was available online from 1 May 2009 until 15 November 2009. After that, registration was to be organised on-site.

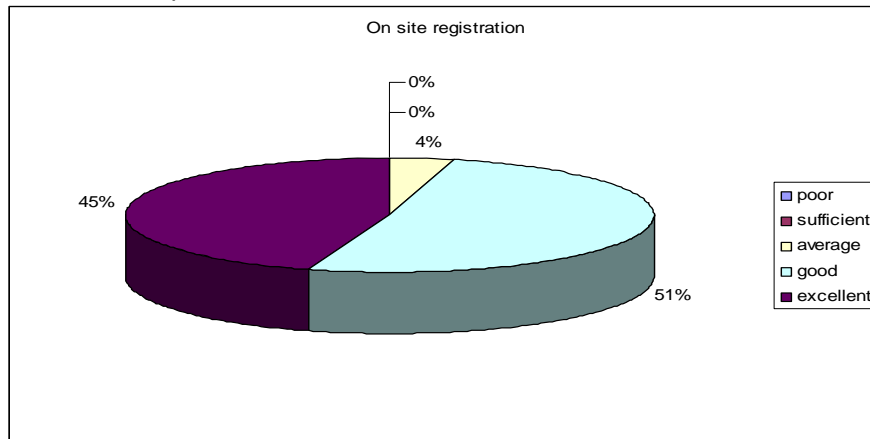
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Number of respondents: 78



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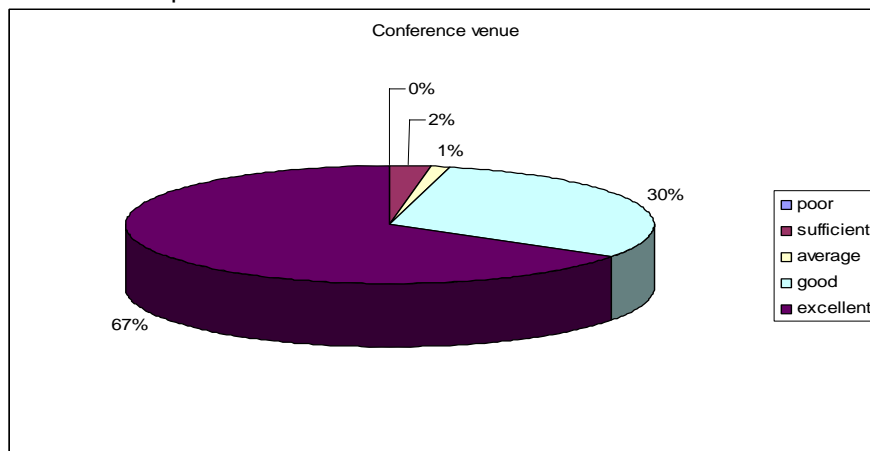
- The shuttle service between Warsaw airport and the conference venue was comfortable.
- Conference location and how to get there was given very late.
- Registration process was really excellent.
- On-site registration was excellent, very cooperative and friendly.

6. Conference venue and catering

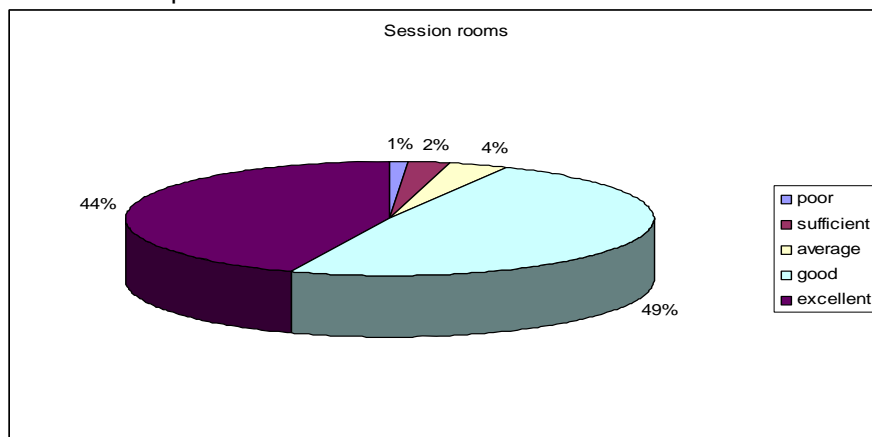
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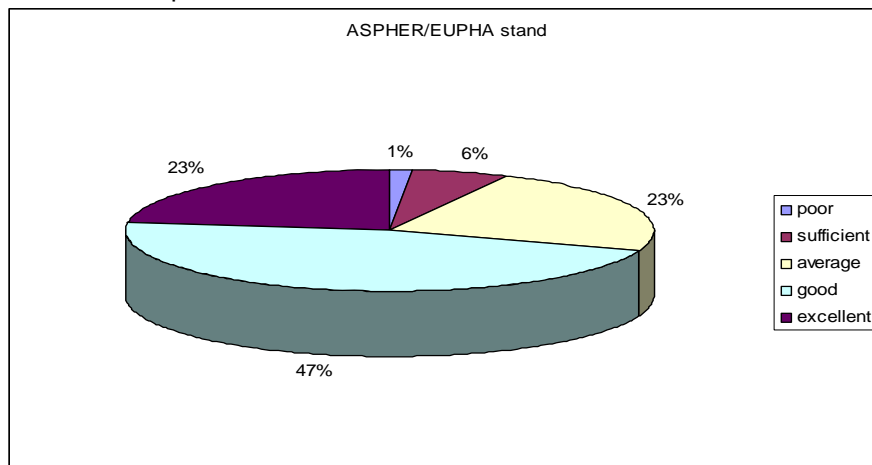
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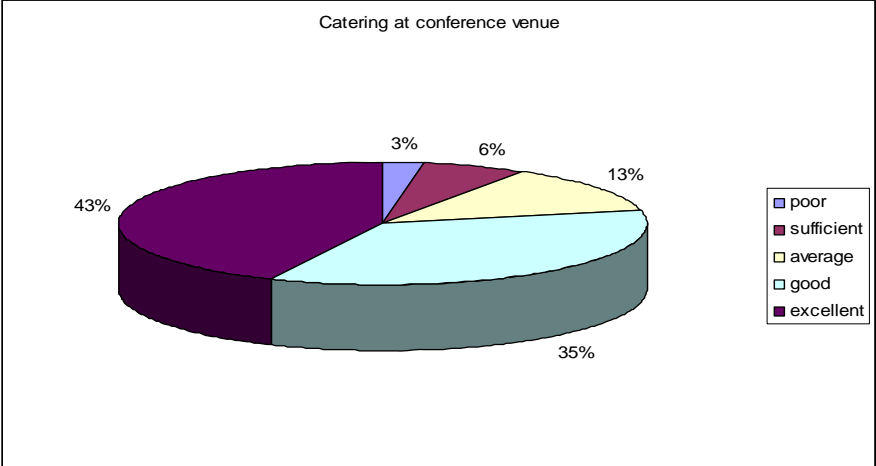


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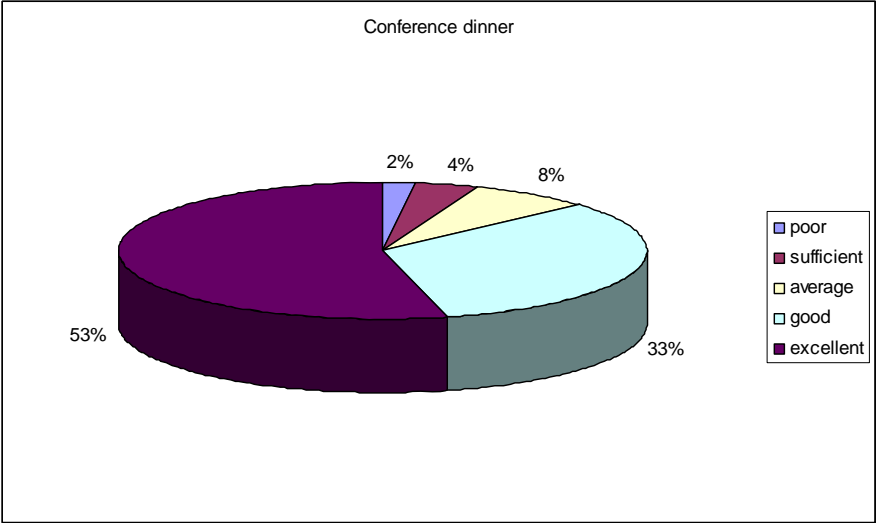
- Lodz is difficult to reach, but once you were there it was perfect.
- The cloakroom was a problem.
- The air circulation caused some problems.
- More sitting areas for networking would be helpful.

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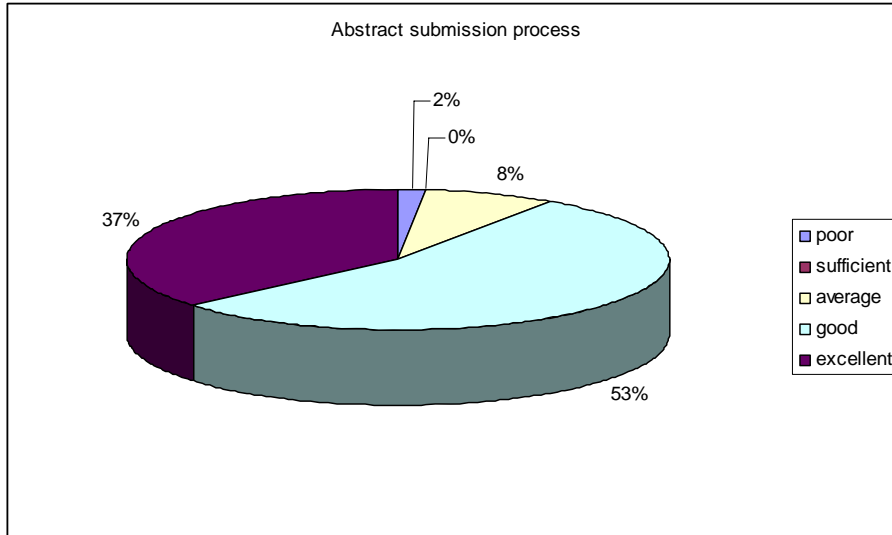
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- The vegetarian options could be more varied and should be clearly labelled.
- More places to get your coffee should have been put in place, now there was queuing.
- Lunch for the section meetings should have been served in the meeting rooms.
- Water should have been available throughout the day.
- Coffee should have included fruit and not just sweets.
- Food during lunch was excellent.
- The conference dinner was beautifully arranged, the setting and choreography excellent.
- The live music was great.

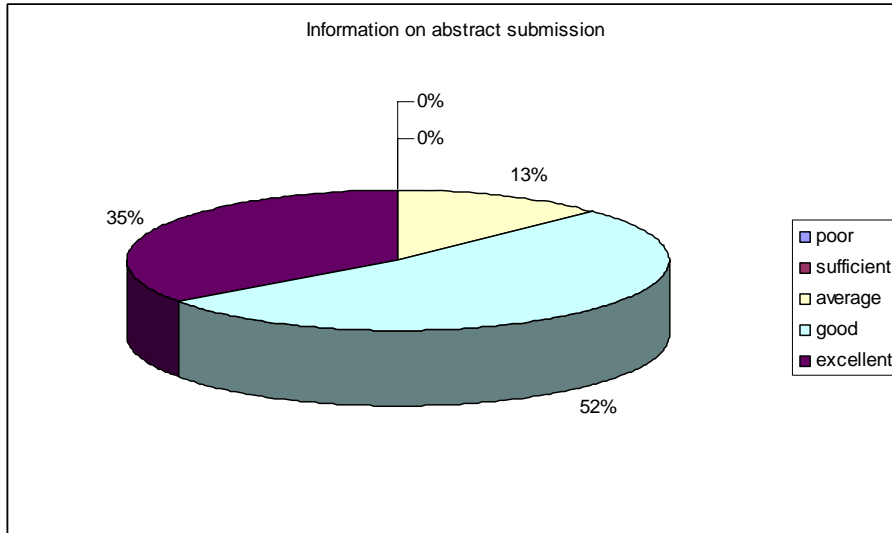
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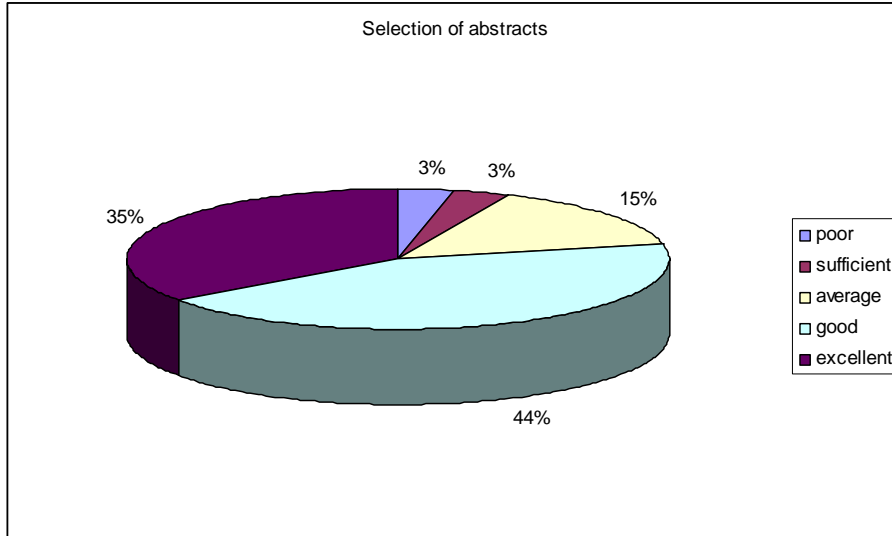
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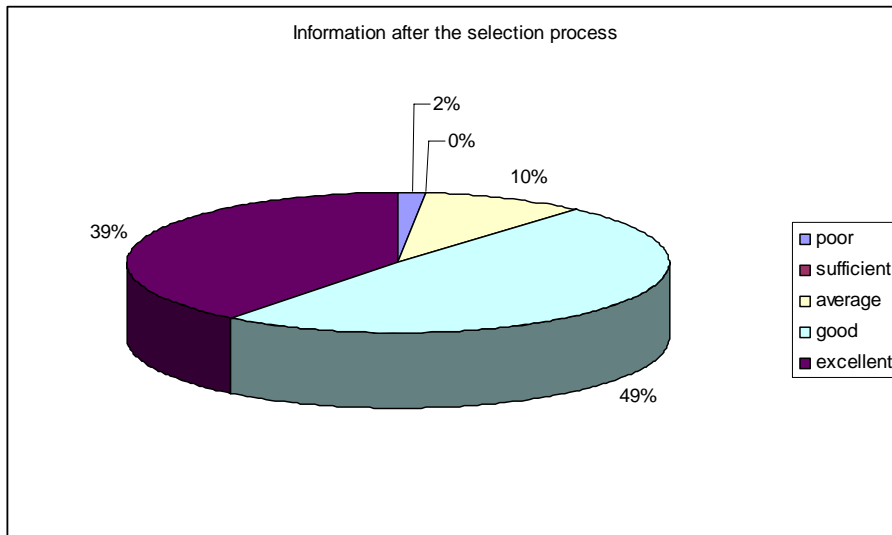
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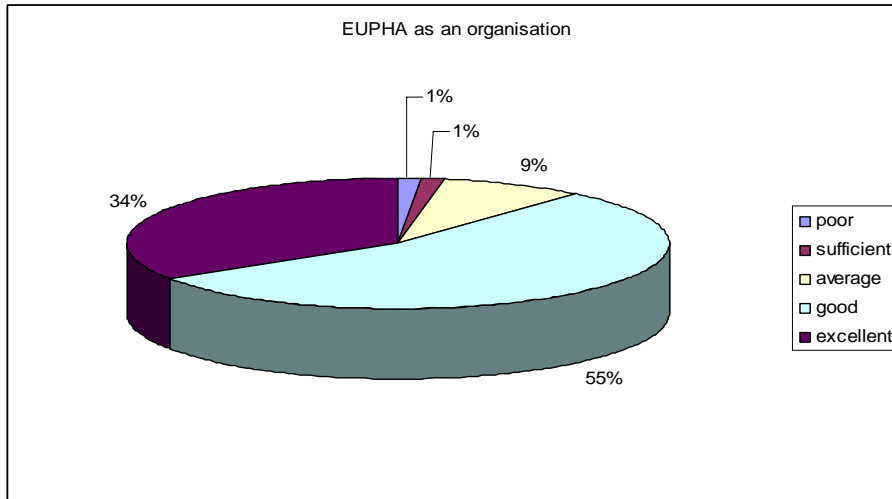
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- The abstract handling procedures are good and professional.
- The criteria for selection are not very clear.

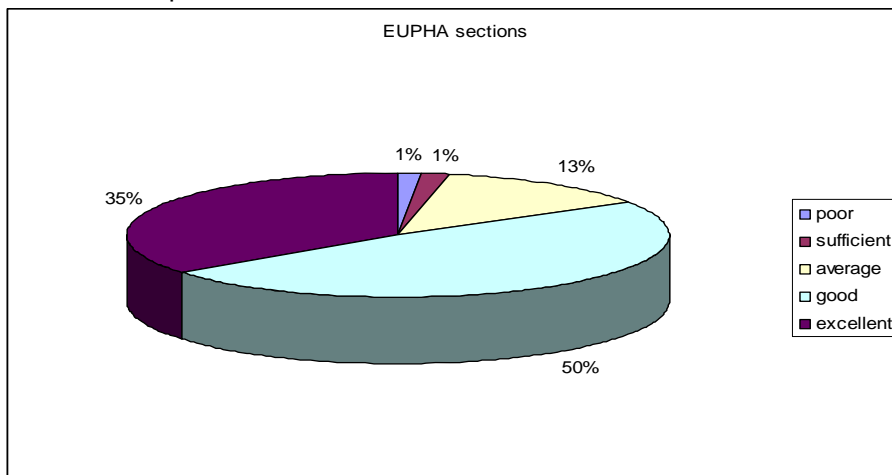
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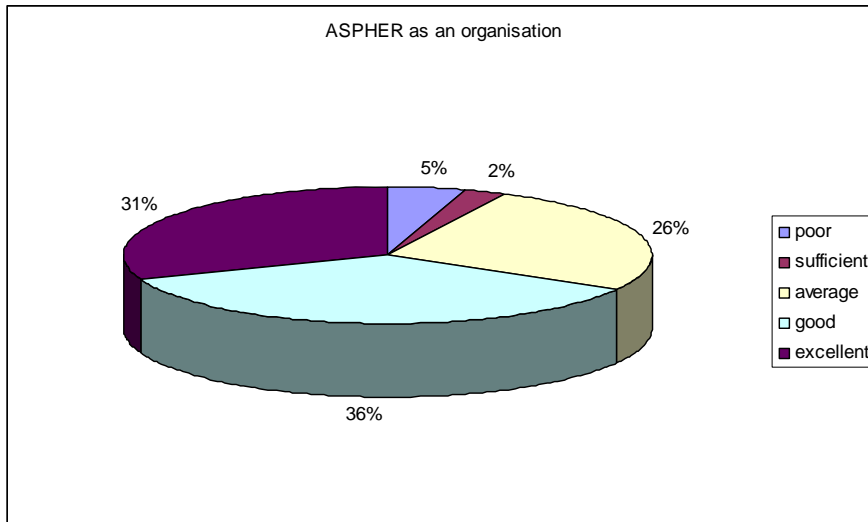
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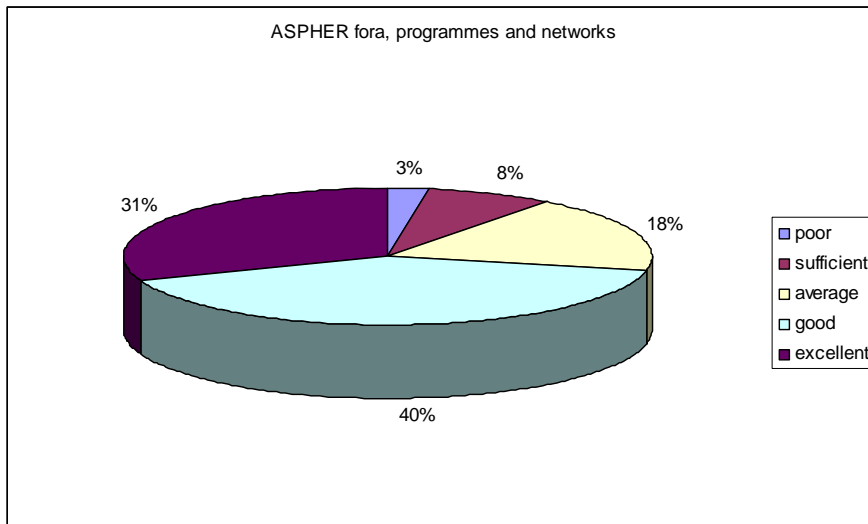
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1ST ANNOUNCEMENT

3rd European Public Health Conference



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