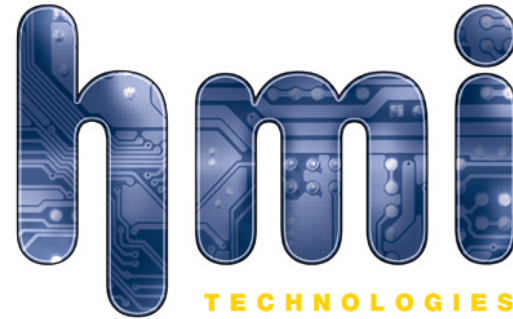


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IPENZ Transportation Conference

New Plymouth, 2-5 November 2008

IPENZ Conference Summary

How would you rate the IPENZ Transportation Conference Overall?

(1 poor and 5 excellent)

Average 4.09

How would you rate the organisation for the IPENZ Conference?

Average 4.54

Was there the right amount of time for discussion of presentations at the Conference?

55 people stated the right amount of time

10 people thought there was too little time



How would you rate the MC?

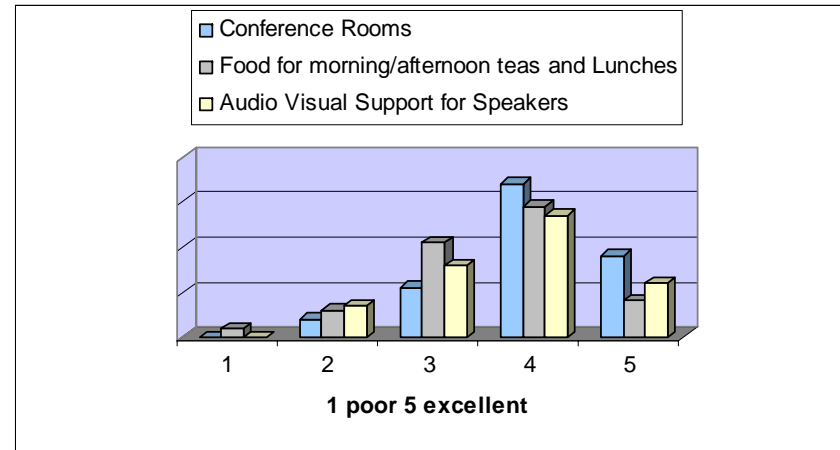
1 poor and 5 excellent

Greg Ward scored an average of 4.32

Comments

- Great MC
- MC kept a tight rein, which was good, tables to sit at good
- I think Greg Ward did very well but I think the technical sessions are best chaired with a technical/professional chairman and their technical/professional comment at the end. Also I would prefer questions after each presentation managed by an experienced chairman

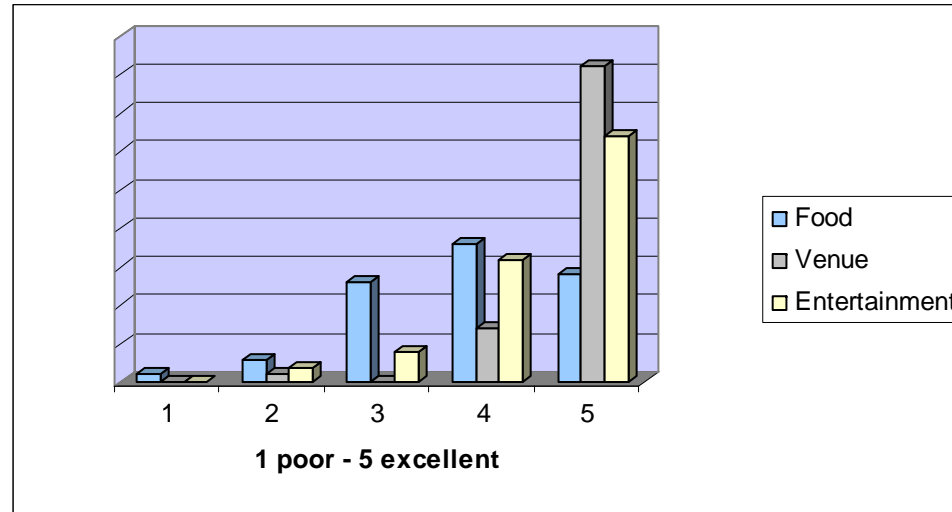
Please rate the IPENZ Transportation Conference Venue on following areas



Comments

- Speaker too far from delegates, Delegates too spread out, screen too small and poor quality image
- Light in venue not good as too few lights - throughout the conference my writing hand caused dark shadows on my notes and can't see the lines to write on, my notes are all over the place
- Main room generally slightly too cold
- Fantastic to be seated at tables, much more comfortable than theatre seating
- Screen may have been too small for the size of the room. Some times difficult to see stuff from the back. Data projector seemed to wash out some colour
- Data project image was poor quality
- More fruit and less sweet stuff would be my only suggestion
- Probably a bit heavy (food)
- Healthier choices for lunch, less carbs
- Food for lunches - a bit heavy going - maybe if we could have some "lighter" options rather than all "bloke" level food
- Average - mainly the buns served at lunch on Monday - not nice

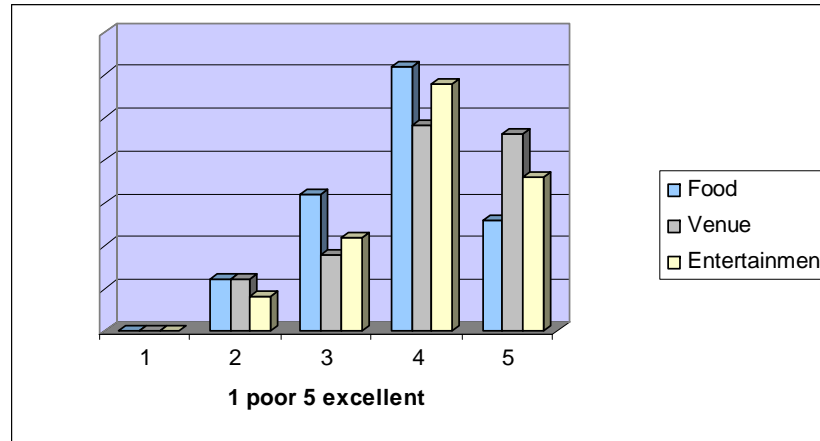
Please rate the Dinner at Okurukuru



Comments

- Very well done
- Nibbles a good idea
- Okurukuru
- Lots of people do not eat pork, needed more variety
- Expected a full dinner rather than just finger food

Dinner at Bowl of Brooklands



Comments

- Didn't bring veggie till mains finished, would have been better if it didn't rain and buses could come to the door
- Elton John good
- Venue not suitable for non-summer season! An inside only venue would have been better as too cold and wet
- Unfortunately there were no veggies being served to our table - Suggest to have a table to be reserved for the sponsors, also it was not very clear where the buses were leaving from, hence we got dropped off from one end and picked up at the other
- Would have given it a 5 but poor access to toilets
- Pity about the weather, band not as good as past years but we still had fun
- Vegetarian food was not good at the Bowl of Brooklands
- Music too loud so could not hear the words

Please rate the Technical tour

1 poor and 5 excellent

Average 3.85

Comments

- It was good to get outside on the bikes, would have liked to have seen a bit more maybe split cyclist into 2 groups, those who can handle more distance faster so can see more and the slower 15km ride for the others
- Too few bikes for the bike tour
- Technical tour needed to be managed better (wanted to cycle ended up walking)
- Commentary, Andrew Wilson OK, others not clear and loud enough



Did we cater for all your requirements?

54 people said yes

3 people said no

Comments

- Need lollies for nibbling
- Food for lunches - a bit heavy going - maybe if we could have some "lighter" options rather than all bloke" level food
- Dinners were good
- More fruit and less sweet stuff would be my only suggestion
- Vegetarian, very impressed
- Vegetarian food was not good at the Bowl of Brooklands. At breaks it was not always clear which was the vegetarian food
- Yes, however discovered most remits/presentations are in great detail about specific issues, rather than bigger picture items which is more suited to my work
- And beyond!
- A debate would be interesting addition to really liven things up - i.e. Formal debate about controversial issues in transport engineering
- On the whole, conference was good, well organised
- Yes - too much coffee - need more bathroom breaks



Was the information leading up to the conference sufficient in detail?

56 people said yes, 4 said no

Comments

- Conference location not initially clear
- Yes, Harding Consultants were easy (& timely) to contact/ respond
- Incorrect information provided, told presentation 10 minutes then Question time, not 20 minutes
- Yes - but too many reminder emails, I got them from three different sources. No need to "mark" papers and presentations, need wider range of papers, too many from 2 consultants in Christchurch
- ✓/Good communications on pre conference info and details
- Presenters got told that they were talking for 10 minutes then 10 minutes questions but changed when we got here to 20 minutes plus time at the end
- Location of hotel would be useful/parking info/location of TSB conference centre



What did we do well?

Comments

- Good time for networking, meeting others etc
- Getting information to participants
- Great range of papers
- Sponsors displays very good and great keynote speaker
- As always, the coordination of the conference
- The conference booklet is very well organised, well done
- Not convinced that the complete abandonment of the workshop style is good, we now have too many professional look-a-like conferences
- Expo, communication, well organised, I also appreciate just the one lecture theatre, that way I don't miss anything You guys do it well
- Incredible organisation - fantastic venues for welcome dinner and conference dinner
- Pre- conference information
- The MC was great, The organisers were attentive and helpful
- Maintain the existing standard
- Conference book and bag
- High Quality conference
- Pre-conference organisation and answers, great support and directions during conference, very good



What could we do better?

Comments

- Individual presentations too long, most 30 minutes, could be done in 15 minutes to get the ideas across without putting us to sleep
- Small cities probably cannot accommodate the size of delegates for this conference
- Information on transport options to venue, minor: recycling bins in conference venue and hotels would be good
- More fresh local food, very heavy and probably traditional "male" food
- Workshop session on problems - small groups for discussion, lots of expertise could spark good ideas
- Probably an earlier call for papers and remits with some repeat calls
- Was given the info to allow time for questions within 20 minutes allocated, but it's not been run like that
- Healthier choices for lunch, less carbs
- The area for morning/afternoon/lunch became easily congested
- I found the lighting in the main hall very hard on the eyes
- Larger Trade Hall if morning and afternoon teas served. Need more standing and talking space



Will you come next year?

46 yes, 3 no

Will you tell others to come next year?

56 yes 1 no



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We enjoyed organising your conference and we look forward to looking after you in the future.

Glenda Harding

