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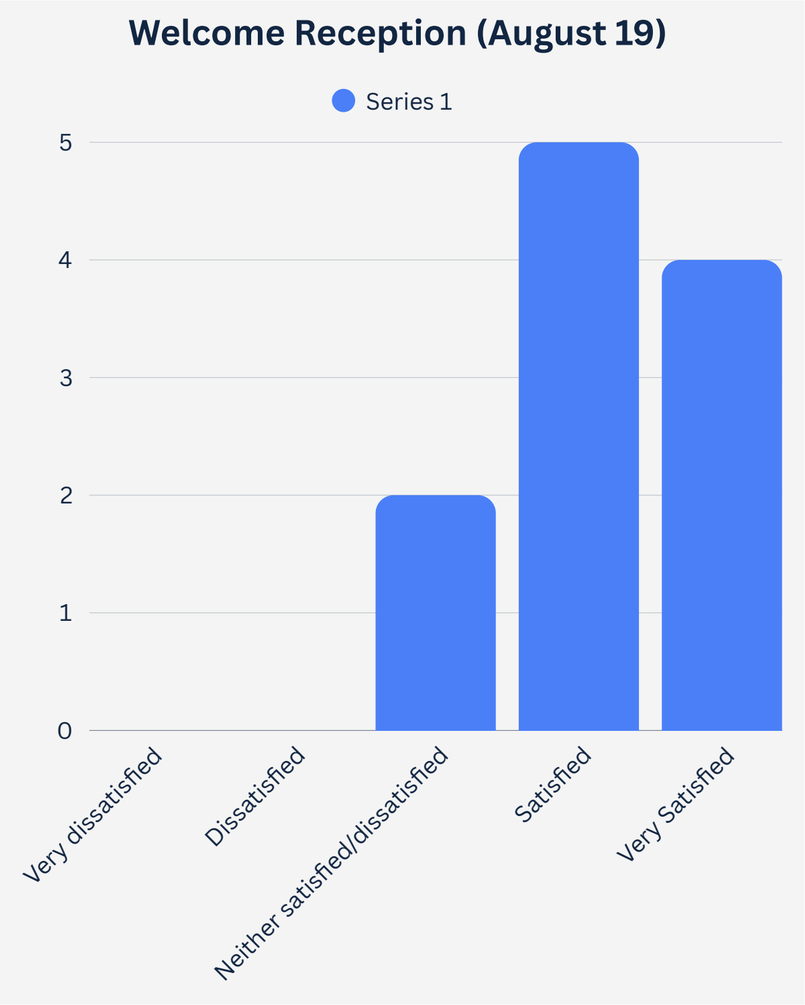
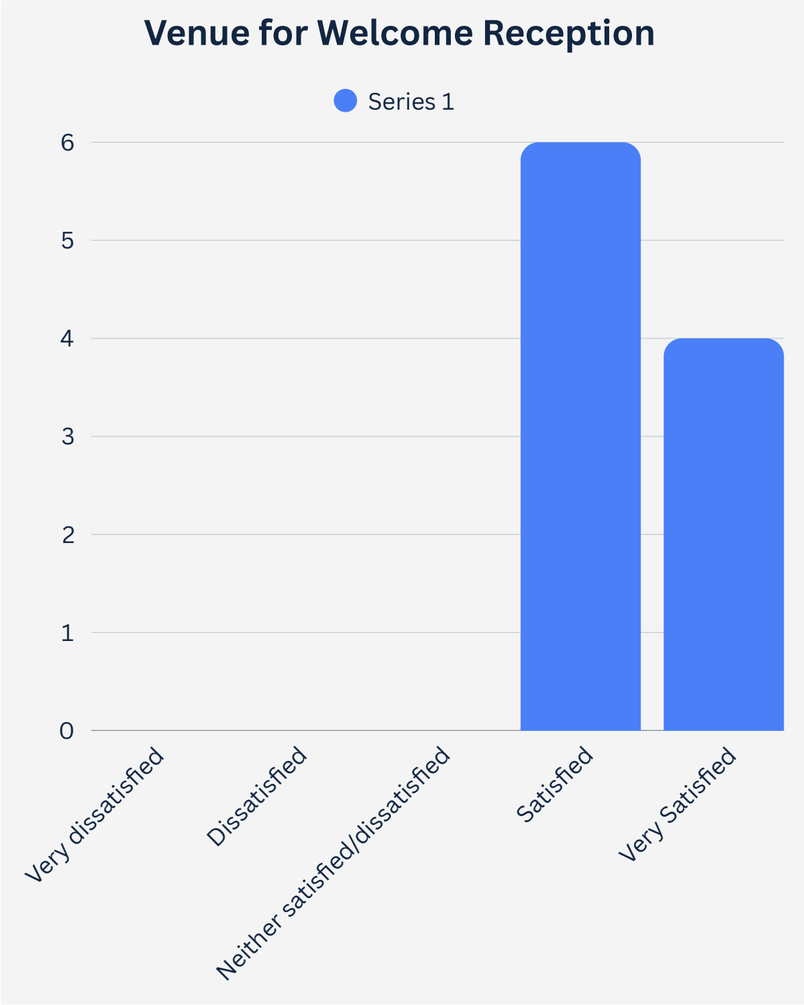
Technical Symposium Survey Results
ACOWE Technical Symposium 2026

Respondents: 15 people

1. Overall Experience

What is your level of satisfaction with the 2026 ACOWE Technical Symposium?





Overall, people were **satisfied** with the welcome reception and venue.

52% satisfied with welcome reception and venue
38% very satisfied
9% neither

Some respondents did not reply to the “welcome reception” related questions as they did not attend.

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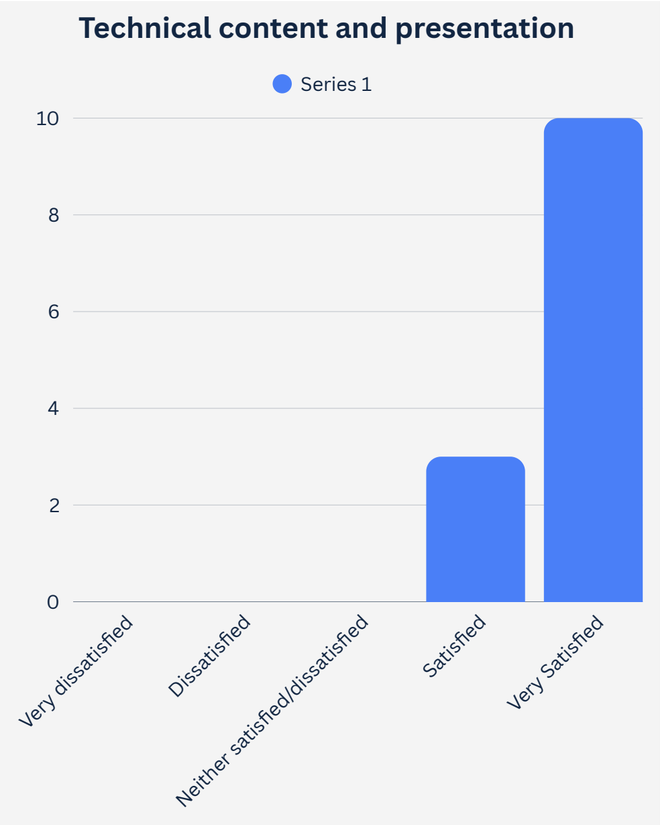
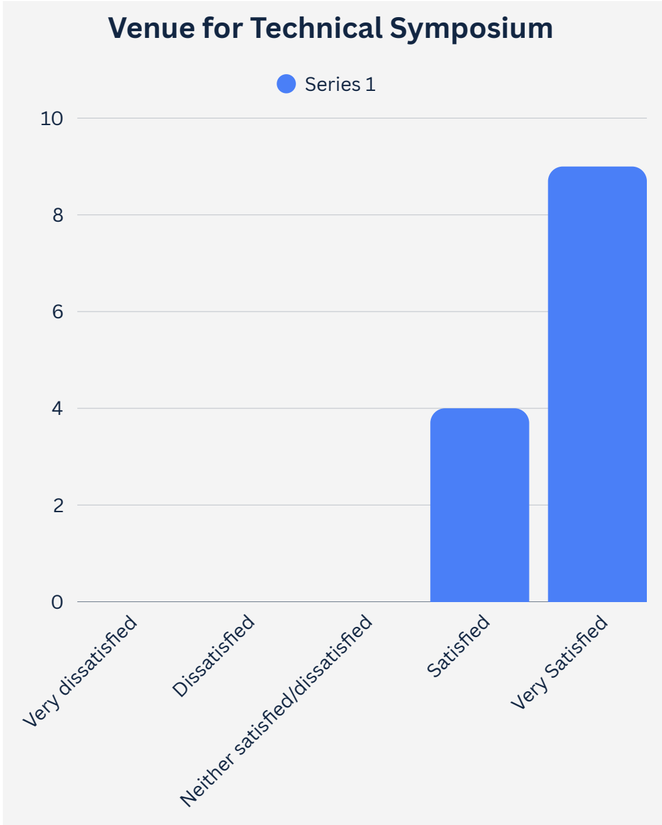
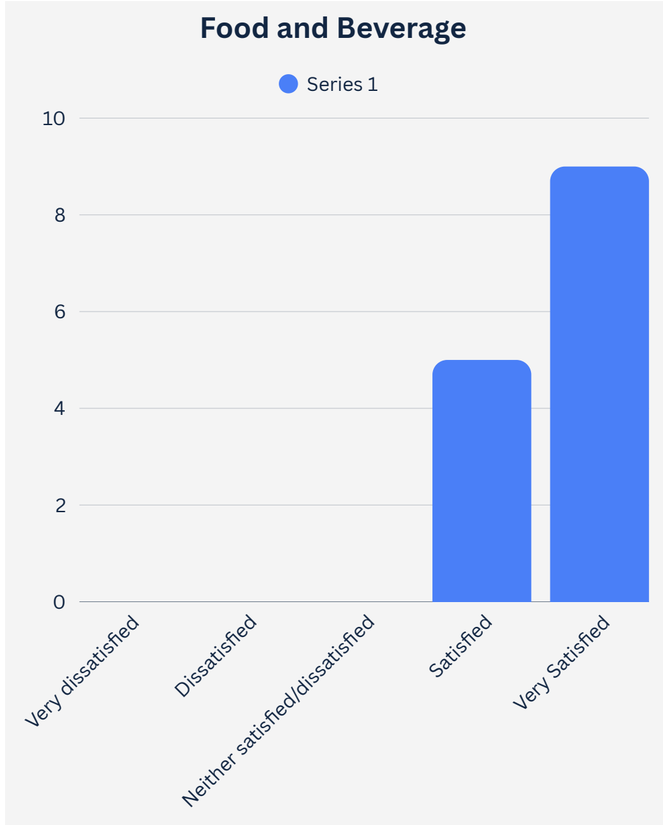


76% very satisfied
24% satisfied



69% very satisfied
31% satisfied



65% very satisfied
35% satisfied

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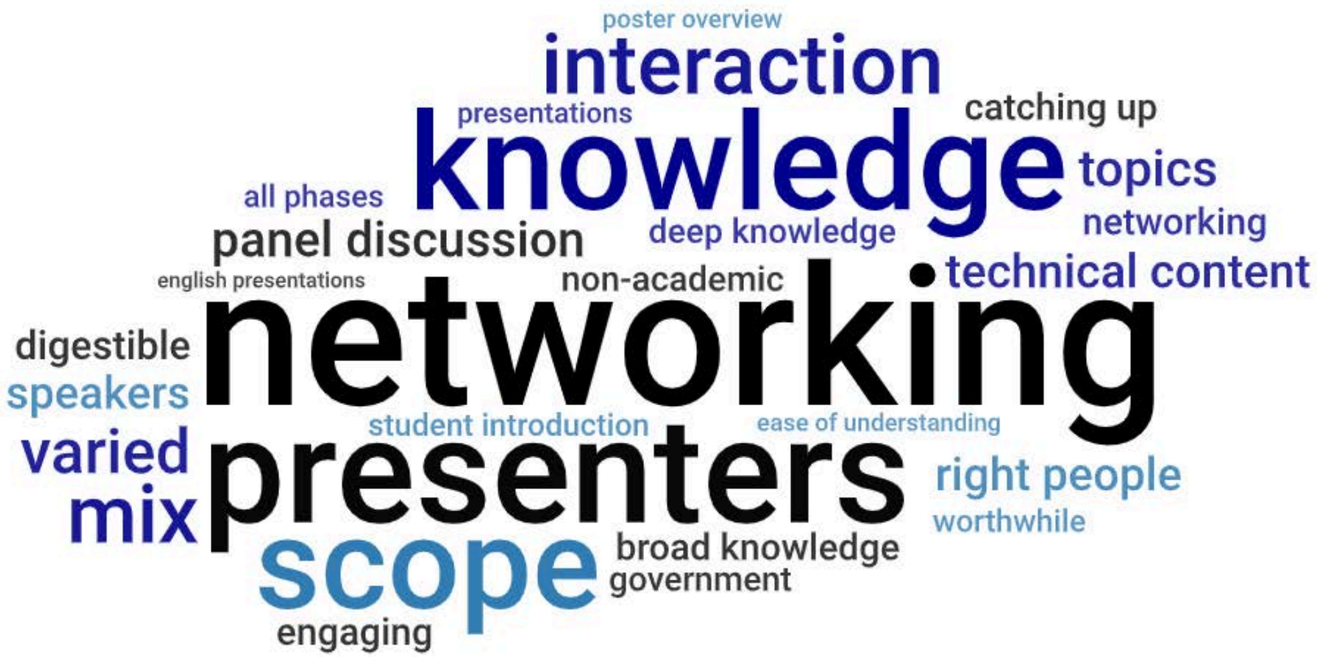


What was the most valuable part of the event for you?

Most attendees found the **networking opportunities** to be the most valuable part of the event.

The **scope**, **breadth** and **depth** of information in presentations was also extemely valued.

Non-english speakers and non-academics valued how **easy the presentations were to understand**.

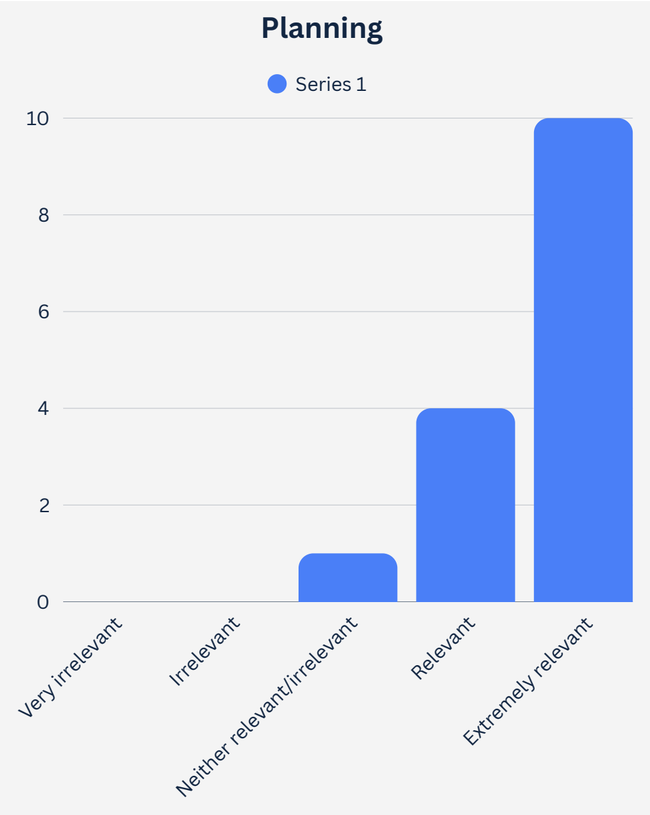
2. Content & Themes

Multidisciplinary vs Single discipline

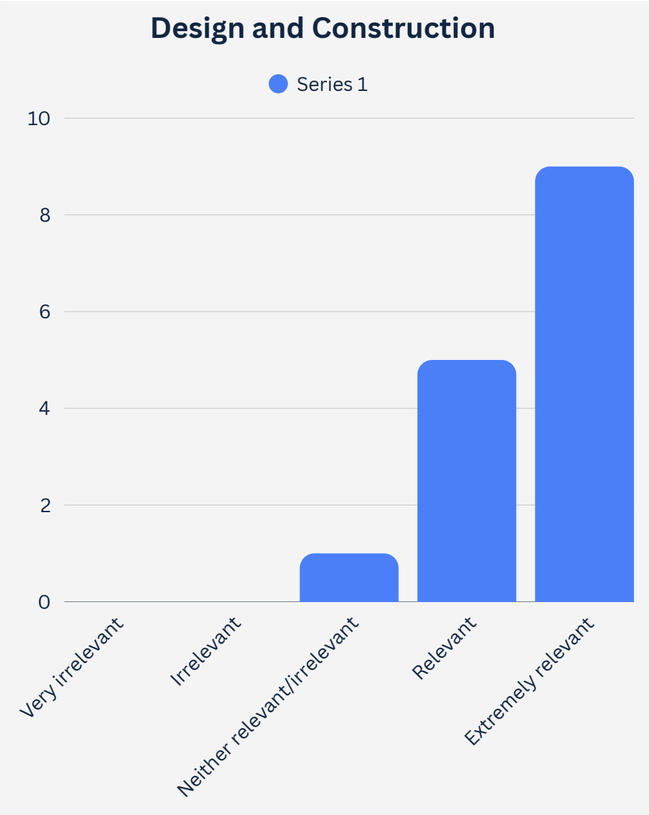
Did the multidisciplinrary approach help you gain new perspectives?

All respondents **strongly prefer a multidisciplinary approach**, and that it helped them gain new perspectives.

How relevant were the sessions to your area of work/research?



66% very relevant
28% relevant
6% neither



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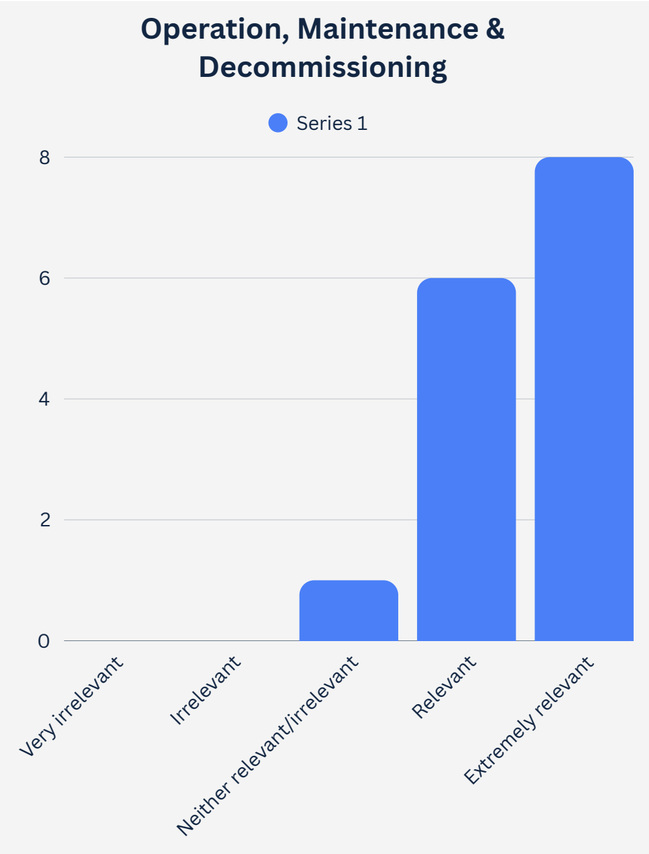


54% very relevant
40% relevant
6% neither

Themes and Topics Analysis

- **Planning was seen as the most relevant theme,** which indicates researchers/industry professionals are in that field the most and had a very positive endorsement

- **Design and construction was was still seen as broadly relevant**, which means it mostly aligned with most attendee’s interests

- **Operation, maintenance and decommissioning had slightly more mixed reviews,** which could indicate theme may not have been specific enough, or mismatched interests

- No theme was seen as **not relevant**

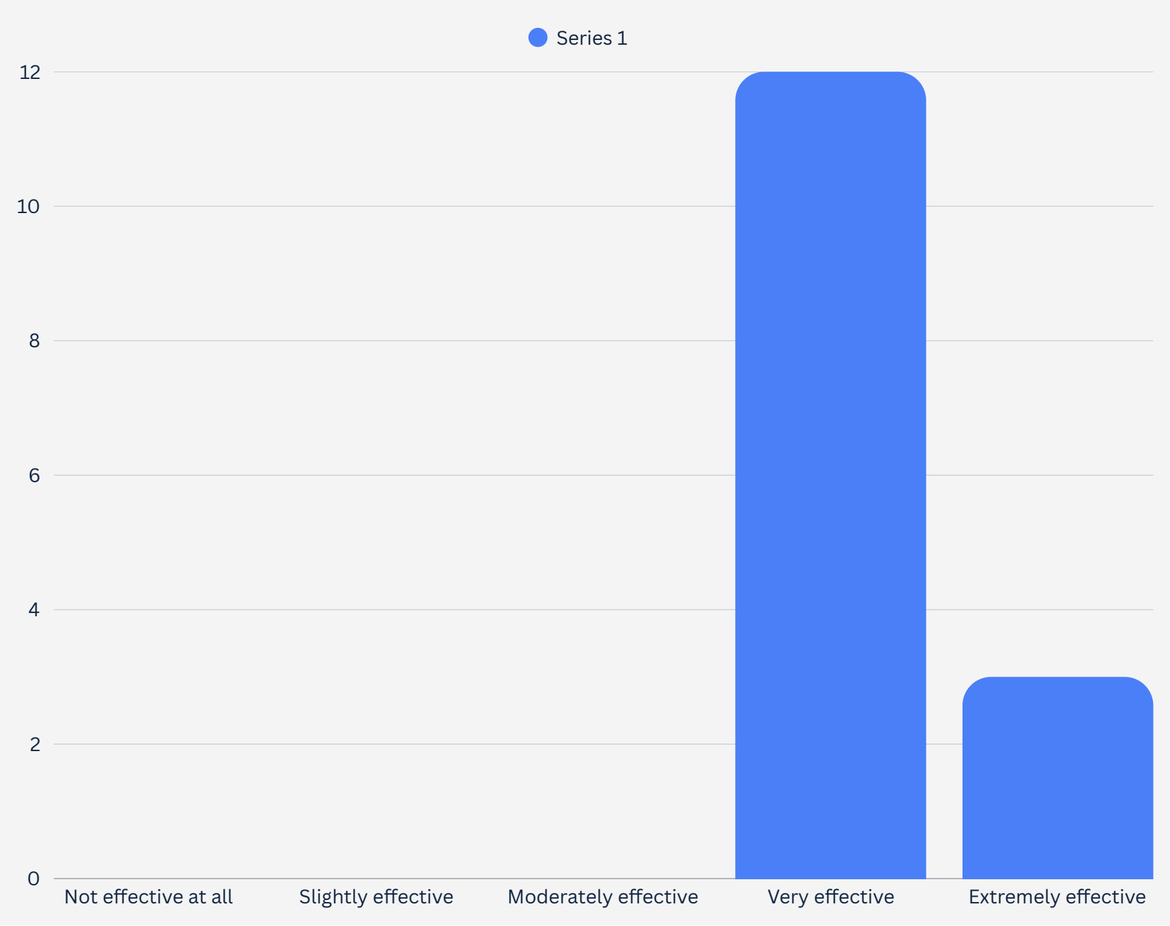
Topics suggested for next time

Presentations about **employment** and **skill development** are popular suggested topics.

Most suggested topics seem to be asking for research that will lead to practical solutions to problems. They also indicate a growing need for even more **cross-industry and cross-disciplinary research (law, etc.).**

3. Effectiveness of formats

How effective were the formats (keynotes, technical talks, poster session, panel discussion) in engaging you?

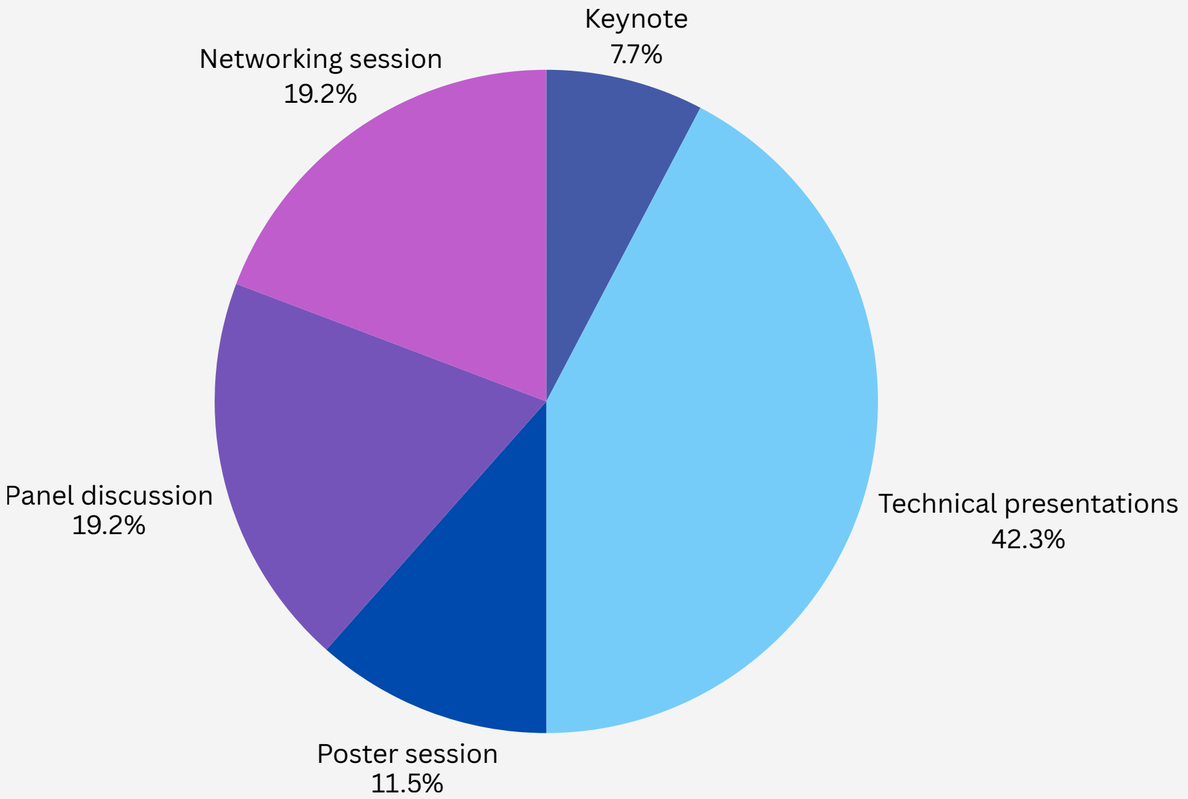


80% of respondent’s said the formats were very effective, but not extremely effective.

This could indicate that there may have been one or two things that did not feel especially effective, which is what stopped them from choosing “extremely effective”.

Perhaps there could be more variables in which sessions are offered when to engage attendees the whole way through.

Session formats attendees would like to see



What session format would you like to see more of next year?

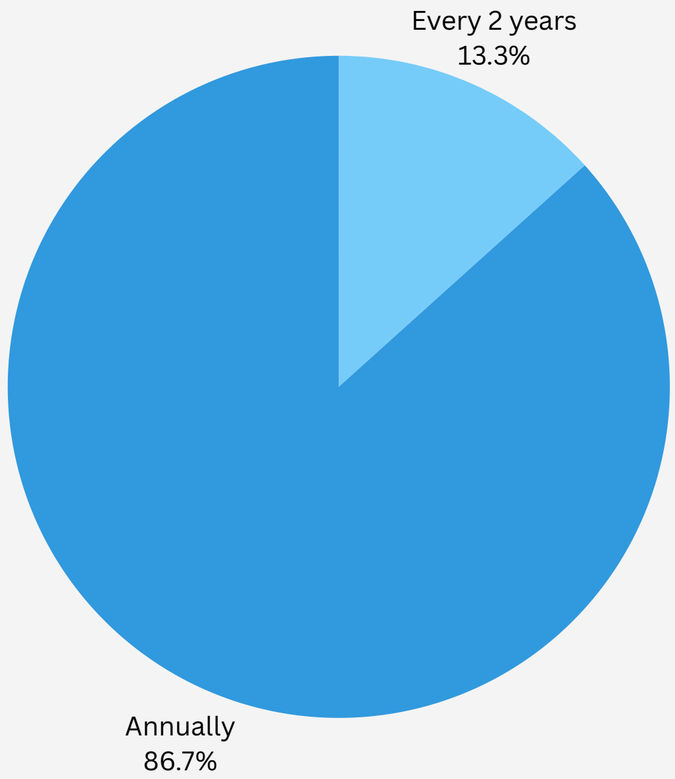
Relatively equal across the board, though more of a lean towards **technical presentations. Keynote sessions** are the least chosen format.

Networking sessions have remained a popular choice whenever it is an option to be picked in the survey.

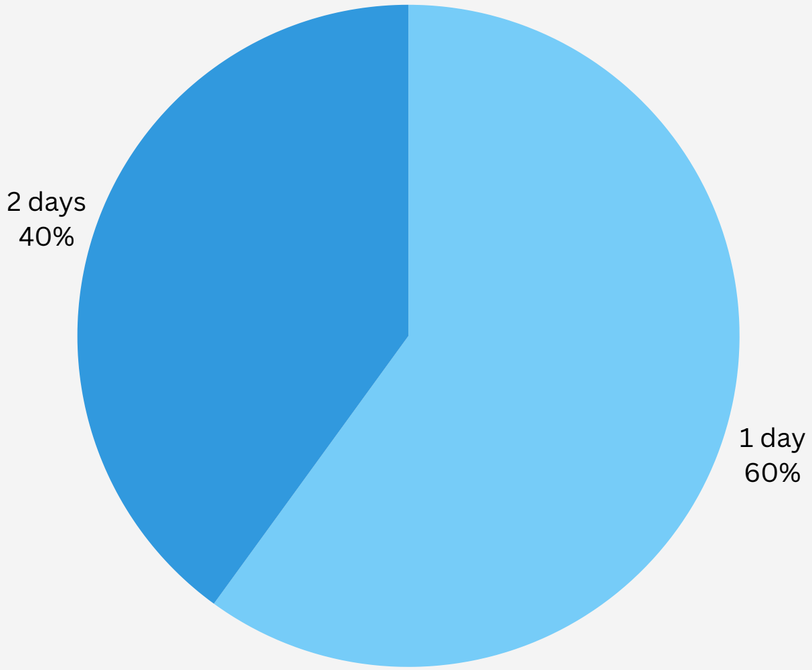
Feedback shows people appreciated the format of the presentations and the content of the presentations.

4. Frequency and Duration

Preferred frequency and duration



Preferred frequency of future ACOWE Technical Symposium?



Preferred duration of future ACOWE Technical Symposium

Respondents vastly prefer annual symposiums. A majority feel that 1 day is enough, though if there is enough content, there does seem to be interest in a 2 day symposium.

Overall Event - Open Feedback

“One keynote to set the tone of the symposium, and have a panel for the rest.”

“It's a shame lots of people from GNEC didn't attend. I get it's hard, but a way to link the events better would be good. I'm not sure what carrot would work to keep people around more until 4:30 pm either. It was a great event, and really good to hear from actual science people.”

“I recognise the reason for tagging on to GNEC but potentially make the day shorter (3pm finish) as attendee numbers continued to drop after lunch.”

“Venues are very cold, heat up the rooms before people arrive.”

“The sessions were easy to understand, though I’ve never attended university.”

“Keep doing it every year, excellent event!”

“Heat up the rooms before people arrive, was like sitting in a fridge.”

“Britta Bienen's presentation on suction bucket jackets was a standout in how to deliver highly technical information in a digestible, engaging manner. Whilst the particular subject matter is less relevant to my work in Government, I believe her presentation should be utilised as an exemplar for the future.”

“Didn't attend the welcome reception. As a non-academic it was great to hear succinct and plain English presentations on a range of topics.”

“I thought the student introduction and rapid poster overview was worthwhile.”

“Scope of information and presenters was awesome. Staff extremely helpful!”

“Small number of people but the right people.”

Responses indicate something must be done to keep people around longer. This can be done by shortening the day or finding some way to get GNEC attendees to go to ACOWE events, too.

Multiple respondents mentioned the venues were too cold.

Fewer respondents compared to last year, worth looking into ***how the feedback QR code was distributed.*** *Though, more responses may come in as time goes on.*