

Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law Conference 2009

Evaluation Summary

1. Did you find the structure of the programme in terms of presentations, panels, workshops and elective sessions useful?

Yes (38) / No (0)

- The adherence to time was great so we could attend other sessions
- Engaging and time to chat important and appreciated, exceptional standard of presentations
- Can't possibly choose
- Yes though panel themes could be clearer. It was good that panel chairs kept to time
- The number of parallel sessions meant some sessions poorly attended at a small conference
- The timing of the elective sessions was unusually (in my experience) good – may have some relationship to the fact that an unusually adequate time was allowed for each presentation
- Very good program. I like the 40 minute presentations in concurrent sessions
- Excellent balance esp 2 hour workshops – gave good time to involve audience properly rather than just presentations
- Excellent
- Very well planned and implemented
- All the 'Plenary' were great as well as the selective presentations
- More use of panels of short presentations and discussion would enhance the program
- Perhaps put all long workshops on at once so people don't jump from workshop to presentation
- But too many decisions to make! 2-3 options for elective sessions would be better
- Really liked joint plenary sessions
- Good length of presentations
- Just right
- I think 40 minutes for presentation is too long. If discussion is required, speakers need clearer instruction on time for talking. Perhaps calling sessions "short workshop session" or similar might encourage shorter talking times.
- Excellent management and great punctuality
- Really good time allocation and 'pace' to the conference
- Maybe rethink relevance of workshops

2. What was the highlight of the programme for you?

- I very much enjoyed several of the plenaries
- Hilde Lindemann's plenary I Culture and the being of imperilled neonates
- Meeting and getting to know so many lovely, talented, interesting people
- Plenary session of Ian and Grant were exceptional. Opportunity to network
- The overall quality of generosity of participants
- More emphasis on the ethics of the environment – a plenary for example
- International guest speakers plenary seminars. I also really enjoyed the conference dinner
- Keynote speakers were fantastic. Great communicators and interesting and diverse topics
- The keynote lectures
- Keynote session esp Kerridge, Lindemann
- The quality of presentations in plenary sessions particularly by overseas speakers and Ian Kerridge
- Meeting and talking with people with same interests
- Hilde & James Lindemann (Nelson) – beautiful, engaging, admirable people – inspiring
- Social / intellectual interaction / camaraderie
- Ian Kerridge – EBM
- Quality of speakers
- That is was all interesting. Difficult to choose which to attend!
- Queestown! Mal Parkers paper
- Ian Kerridge's talk ERM
- The plenary sessions for their variety and quality
- Hilde and James Lindemann, Ian Kerridge
- The international speakers, and catching up with colleagues. Also allowing longer time for presentations and discussions
- Plenary, Sat morning, Thurs night
- Lisa Bridle's session on use of restraint in disability services

- Charles Douglas' talk on Zen Ethics
- Plenaries, meeting colleagues, discussion
- The keynotes esp Hilde, Jim, Larry, Cameron. Night skiing
- James Nelson / Lawrence Gostin
- Plenary sessions
- All of it
- James Nelson – transplantation issues
- Several – Ian Kerridge in particular
- Variety of plenaries
- Keynote addresses

3. Is there anything you would like to see included in the next conference?

- New guidelines /policy highlights across the globe; list of pple who would like to do group activities dinner tours etc pre & post for those of us staying on; grp activity options such as skiing or wine tasting for the less adventurous
- More of the same please
- Real coffee and a glass of wine / beer with lunch
- More student involvement – perhaps a workshop / panel for students or early career researchers
- More gender balance in keynote presentations! Panel plenary sessions
- Debates, panels on specific topics giving different perspectives
- Audience participation using key pad responders to 'vote' (choose) – very engaging and fun. Very relevant to topic of "choices". We may well use this for a workshop on choosing which patient for limited access services
- More variety – lots of eath/dying sessions at this one
- More sessions looking at the issues in disability services and rights of disabled persons
- Satellite meetings
- Night skiing
- More 'round table' type discussions with 1 expert at each
- Possibly more student presence
- Neuroethics / mental health ethics
- More participatory workshops – rather too many talks
- A little more space (time) for discussion with colleagues

4. Would you prefer to have access to a dedicated conference internet café or have wireless access in the conference rooms? Internet café (11) / wireless access (14) No (2)

- I can manage perfectly well for three days without any of them thanks!

5. Would you like to see half or one day seminars (in NZ and Australia) in addition to the annual conference? Yes (45)

- At different times of the year
- A lot of organising, but could be interesting around specific topics to inform public / govt
- Too difficult to attend, but teleconference

6. Would you like to have regular satellite meetings (eg; PPP)? Yes (16) / No (10)

- No, unless specific topics and a special interest group would address them

Group: PPP (6) , AABHL, Research ethics (3) , clinical ethics, teaching, health law, cross cultural ethics, medical education

7. Conference Organisation

How did you find the organisation of the conference?	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Poor
Website Information	17	12	4	0
Registration process (online registration, confirmation etc)	24	11	0	0
Communication (receiving information and updates regarding the event)	26	7	3	0
Registration Desk assistance at the venue	31	3	1	0

- Thanks again Sally
- Excellent organisation
- Fabulous. Sally is a treasure
- Thanks Sally!
- Sally was wonderful
- Very friendly and helpful
- Excellent organisation – can't be faulted
- Top notch
- Excellently organised!
- Sally Boulton very friendly and helpful
- Thank you
- Sally was extremely approachable and helpful
- Website info suggested conference would be all day on Thursday
- Wonderful, hassle free
- Thanks Sally
- Improving
- Thanks Sally
- Beautifully organised

8. Venue : Did you find the conference rooms comfortable and accessible? Yes (38) / No (0)

- A bit chilly
- A bit cold on Saturday

9. Did the catering (lunch, teas and conference dinner) meet your expectations? Yes (35) / No (2)

- Low expectations but the food was fine
- Met expectations except Sat lunch
- Exceeded
- Conference dinner was especially good
- Food was bad

10. Accommodation: Did you stay at the Rydges? Yes / No

If you circled Yes, did your room meet your needs? Yes (27) / No (1)

- Lighting, noise and heating issues
- Good but small – beautiful view
- Cold showers

No. wanting more information on AABHL: (30)