



Feedback Report: Speaker Briefing Events '22

Overview

This document collates feedback from the attendees of the two speaker briefing sessions, of which approximately one-third provided feedback.

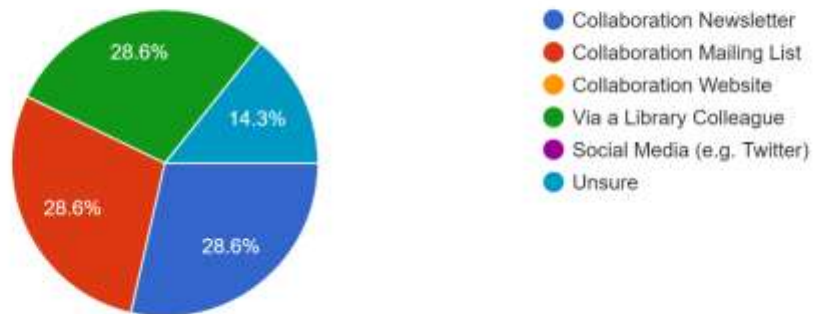
Attendance

There were 23 delegates booked to attend the two, on-hour sessions (May 10th AM, and May 19th PM). Feedback forms were distributed following the event, with 7/23 opting to make a return. This regrettably makes these results indicative only.

Awareness

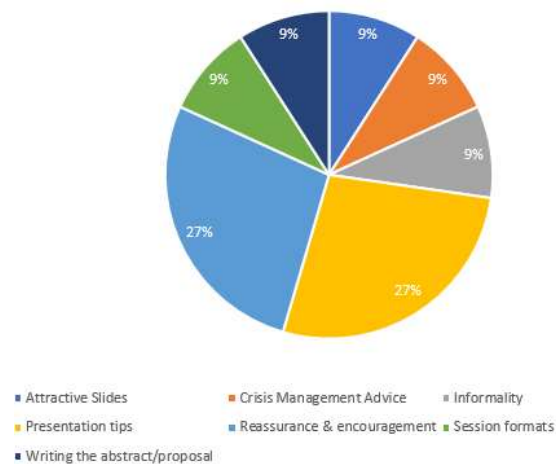
How did you first hear about the Speaker Briefing Event?

7 responses



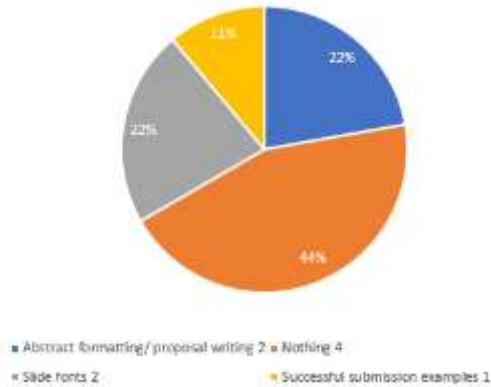
Delegates were asked to identify where they had heard about the session. Notably, social media and the Collaboration website do not seem to form a valuable initial point of information or awareness.

Most Useful Elements



Delegates were asked to identify the most useful element of the sessions. From the 11 total responses, it was clear the tips on presenting and overall encouragement/reassurance offered through the sessions was most valued.

Improvements

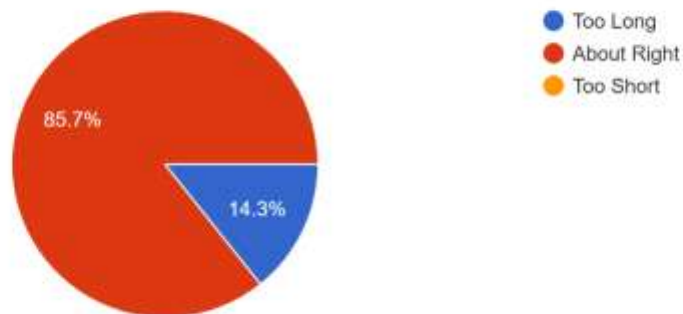


Delegates were also asked to highlight valuable elements they felt were not included, or where any improvements could be made. From the 9 total responses there were few concerns, with perhaps more attention on writing the abstract, and slide clarity in some areas.

Duration

Was the event duration:

7 responses

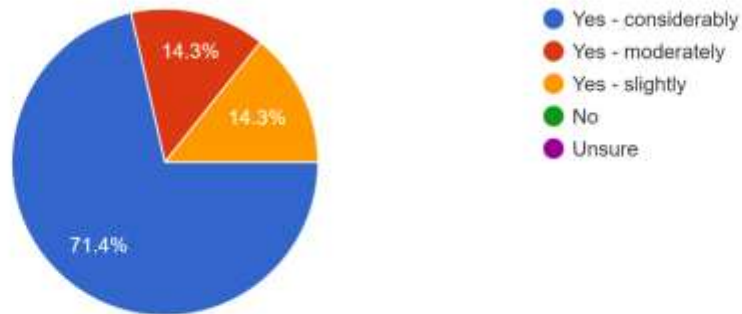


In terms of the duration (1 hour) of the event, only one delegate felt the session was too long.

Confidence

As a result of the event do you feel more confident in participating as a speaker at future conferences?

7 responses



Overwhelming delegates felt their confidence as potential future speakers had been increased to a greater or lesser degree, which is a considerable success against the sessions' goals.

Follow Up

Attendees were also asked to indicate where they would be interested in further conversations. A number had noted this on the day, and one more self-identified in the comments.

Participants were also asked about involvement in future conference group committees, although there was no interest shown.

Conclusion

These results indicate that within the sample of respondents that the speaker briefing sessions achieved one of their two goals (to boost potential speakers' confidence). Whether the second goal (increasing the session proposal submissions from under-represented staff and first-time speakers) has been achieved will not be clear for some weeks yet. However, the format and content seemed well-received. Thus, given the small outlay of time required to host and level of interest in the event shown on the day, I would strongly recommend that the group considers offers a version of these sessions once again in 2023.