

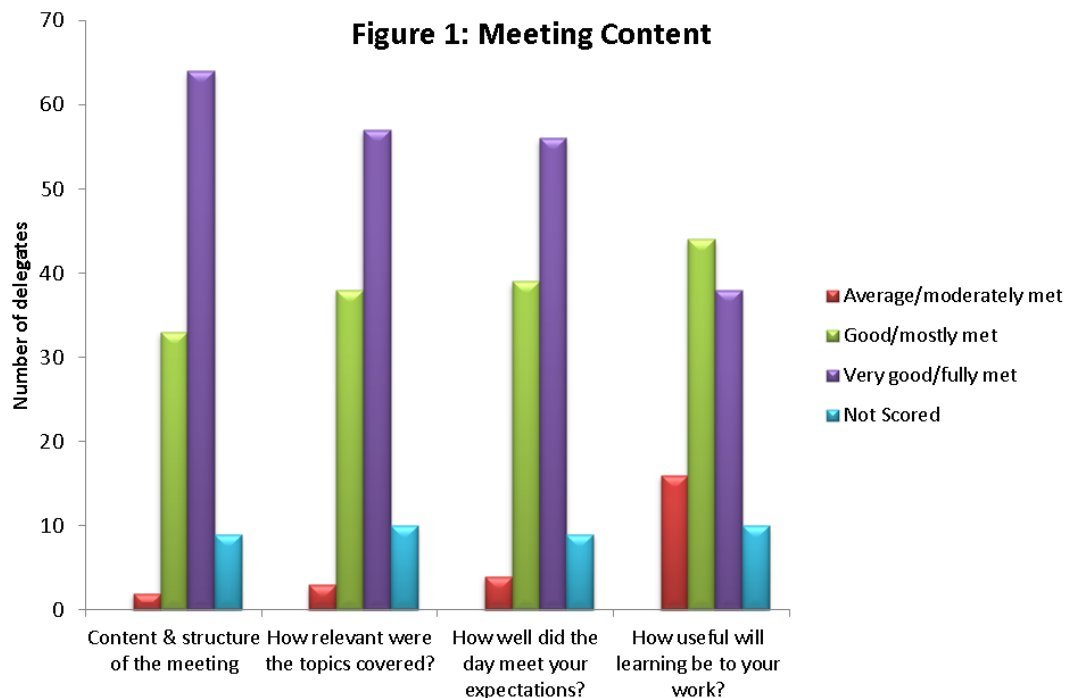
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“Diagnostic microbiology – Lab life but not as we know it”
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Evaluation Report
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A total of 160 delegates (including committee) attended the BSMT Annual Meeting held at PHE Colindale on 15th May 2015; 108 of those (68%) returned a completed evaluation form, 52 (32%) did not. The results presented in this report are based on the 108 returned forms.

Content of the Day

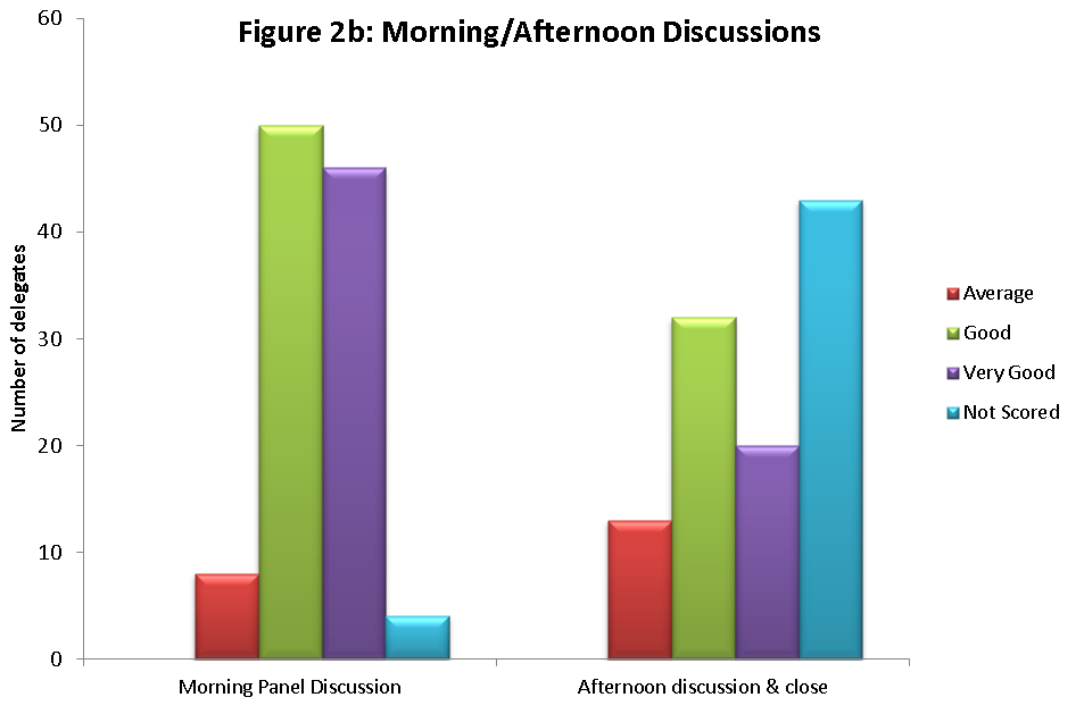
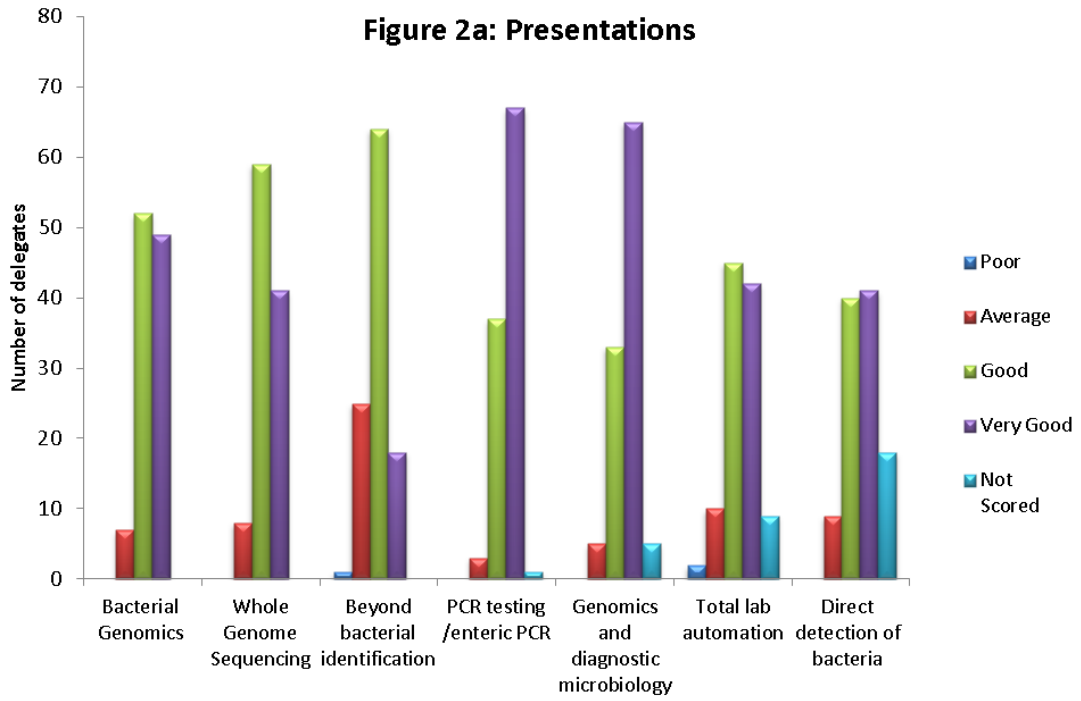
The majority (91%: 98/108) of delegates scored the content, structure of the day and relevance of topics as average, good and/or very good and the day to have moderately to fully met their expectations. Up to 10 delegates (9%) did not provide a score (Figure 1).



Presentations and Discussions

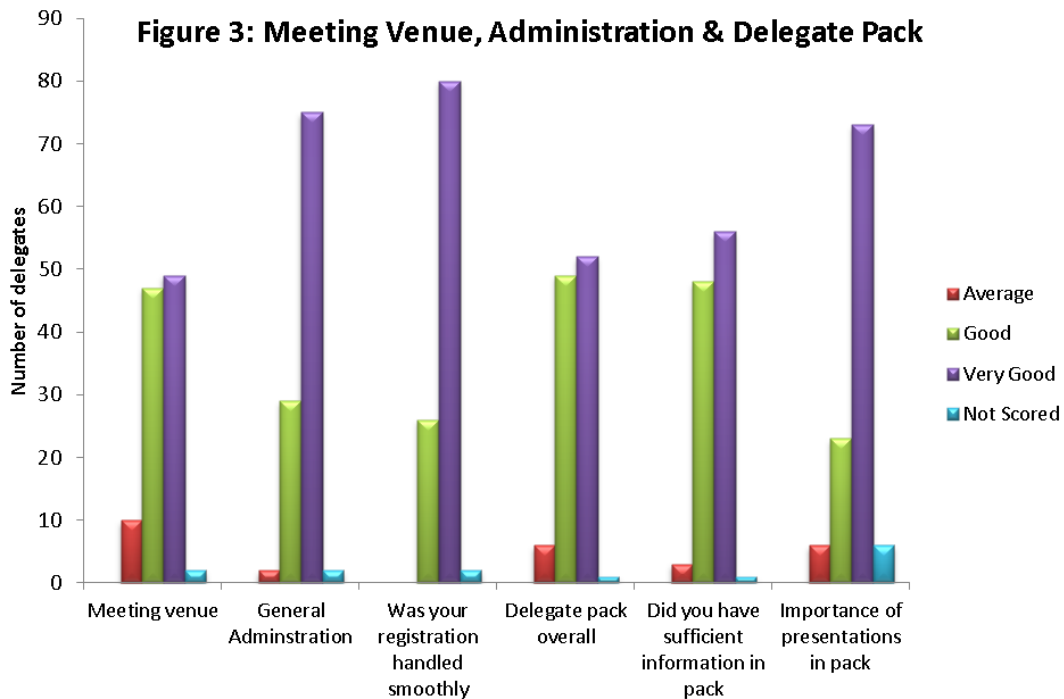
Figure 2a shows the evaluation scores given for the individual presentations. The majority (74%: 80/108) of delegates scored the presentations as average, good and/or very good. Up to 2 (2%) delegates evaluated two presentations as poor but did not provide any further comments for clarification. Up to 18 (17%) delegates did not provide a score.

Figure 2b shows the evaluation scores given for the morning and afternoon discussions. The majority (60%: 65/108) of delegates evaluated the discussions as average, good and/or very good. Up to 43 (40%) delegates did not provide as score.



Venue, General Administration and Delegate Pack

The majority (94% 102/108) of delegates evaluated the venue, general administration and delegate pack as average, good and/or very good. Up to 6 (6%) delegates did not provide a score (Figure 3).



Additional Comments

All delegates provided additional comments and selections of these are provided below:

How could we improve the delegate pack?

Nothing - found it very interesting

Good to have printouts

No improvements required

With a pen!

Electronic copies sufficient

Able to make notes, but only if notes resemble presentations

Place fewer fliers/industry papers

Maybe add blank paper. A glossary explaining how some of the platforms mentioned work.

Less paper - provide all information online (less paper, less noise)

Short description on where paper used is sourced from. Would like to see if a sustainable source is used

Very good, colourful and lots of information

Add some trade freebies

Include paper/notepad

CD or USB of powerpoints

Some fonts on slides too tiny to read but otherwise very good

Maybe a recycling box so can remove gumph during the day.

Print outs - only do 2 slides to a sheet

Most enjoyed

Speaker's engagement with the audience but during lectures and in breaks.

The morning session

Opportunity for networking - opportunity to discuss topics with colleagues

Future technologies

Future potentials

Presentations & Networking
Enjoyed the Enteric PCR Lecture
Well organised, good topics
Topics, trade show & networking
PCR Enteric
Opportunity to meet with colleagues, some interesting and informative talks
Range of topics covered
Imaginative presentations
A good balance of talks/speakers. Useful to have a later lunch
Talks that included diagnostic lab applications
Speakers, content of lectures, "current" topics going into the future.
Talk relevant to current work in microbiology
General Interaction
Current topics, thought provoking, looking at the future (possible). Also meeting up with old colleagues.
Kate Templeton's presentation and subsequent (panel) debate afterwards
Group discussion
Speakers and choice of subjects
Useful overview of developments in micro diagnostics
Dr Templeton's talk, however all speakers were good
WGS talk and morning panel discussion. Before the day I was apprehensive, being a student I thought I wouldn't understand but on the contrary, it didn't make it difficult.
Challenging and Thought provoking presentations
Very informative and thought provoking for strategy development
As a whole, good CPD day, topics interesting.
Dr Mark Wilks' presentation
Reference to patient care and advances in application of tests
The passion of speakers was quite inspiring.
Meeting colleagues
Kate Templeton and Denise Cook's
Good range of speakers
Trade show and presentations.. Rick Holliman's presentation was my favourite
Great discussion at the end of the morning & last talk about plex ID
Meeting people, lectures. Sufficient time for questions. Good Chair.
Yummy spring rolls and chicken kebabs
Understanding genomics & metagenomics
The range of interesting talks especially Dr Wilks talk
All presenters were interactive and interesting
Meeting the committee again
Panel discussions, afternoon lectures
Well organised
Particularly enjoyed Rick Holliman and Denise Cook's talks. They were very informative and gave me plenty to think about regarding the future role of microbiology labs.
Majority of talks were very good and relate to changes happening in Microbiology.
Food arrangements considerate and interesting! Interesting speakers of course. Questions challenging reality versus "Blue Sky" tendencies
Discussion sessions
Excellent food
The question is how this ties up with other segments of the patient pathway.
Sense of enthusiasm

Least enjoyed

Lack of science in the afternoon session
Some presentations complication (Data Heavy)
Genomics difficult to understand so need to concentrate as I don't know much about it
WGS companies were not present.
Talks with lots of questions but no answers. Not real world of Lab

Slides with small illegible text especially when presenter indicates hard/unable to read - why use it especially if presenter introduced as a trainer or lecturer - they should know better!
The ambient lighting in talks made me drowsy
Lecture theatre/food too cramped. If this many people are interested, how about running a duplicate day.
Very warm and stuffy in trade room, too small
Tradeshows - perhaps a different one in the afternoon. Really enjoyed Denise Cook's talk - its not just technology that needs to change but the whole system, thanks.
Long time sitting in cramped seats
Did not enjoy Dr Jung's talk.
Presentations didn't seem to talk about lab automation as such. Good but didn't think it relevant to title
Claire Gordon talk because I heard it before.

How could we improve the meeting

Keep it the same
Make it more scientific
Trade room too hot and overcrowded
Keep lecture theatre cooler
Bring NGS companies to meeting
Previous meetings were videotaped, this was not
Great number/buzzing meeting but too many people in trade, unable to move properly
Maybe provide cold drinks/refreshments during talks. Trade show could do with being larger for the number of people
More room for sponsors to display products
It was very good
Have the meeting in Central London
Good, keep going
Perhaps "After session" in relaxed environment (option: champagne) where delegates can "meet and greet" speakers and main bodies at the meeting.
Provide the PP to the participants
Maybe not a Friday, lots of people left early.
Maybe move venue to easier access & Parking. Video presentations.
Some speakers a little muffled, microphone issues.

Where did you hear about the meeting?

High number heard by Email
Colleague
Email, and previously attended
BSMT Website
IBMS Website
Forthcoming events bulletin (PHE) and Training
PHE website
Line Manager
Work
Placement programme organiser
Flyer
IBMS Magazine
Committee
Email from Val
Training officer
Micro Lab
Sfam Website
Colleague
Notice board
Invited by Mark Wilks

Any other comments?

Many new members of staff didn't realise the rich history of PHE - perhaps a history lesson might be appropriate.

Very enjoyable & Informative

One of the best BSMT meetings I have attended

Provide car parking or paid parking

Number of people was high and difficult to see trade show.

Excellent meeting, once again. Look forward to next year. An excellent forum for current/future topics by experts

Really educational/informative day, thankyou

**vegetarian option was delicious as well as desserts - thankyou.*

Q&A might have been better if all speakers were able to answer all questions instead of the morning/afternoon split

Good tone of presentations very enlightened.

Well done - keep up the good work

Overall very good

I was hoping to hear about the development of kiestra lab and total lab control motion as we are about to become a kiestra lab... however the discussion of future pathology and near patient care was also thought provoking.

Very good meeting & Trade show

Please email out Dr Mark Wilks Panel Slides

Online payment when registering would be good

The trade show room is not big enough for people to move around and network.

Zoe Walker deserves a mention because she goes out of her way to help delegates when booking with her excellent communications.

Excellent Programme exceeded my expectations!

Good to get out of the lab in these financially constrained times, don't need a conference "Bag"

Great meeting thankyou! Lovely food

Suggested topics for future events

The impact/science of the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak

Best method for carbapenamase screening. Sensitivities testing - compare methods.

Enteroinvasive Escherichia Coli and MCST application/investigation

New IS standard implication for micro lab

Will it be possible to have an education/training inclusion/theme?

Carbapenemesases

Role of microbes in the fight against obesity

More talks on Microbial Technology. Impacts on education and integrating more medical technology in Medical/clinical science curriculum

"Resistance" is future.....

Qualification for HCPC registration

Other rapid methods

How to use Bioinformatics, IT and Links into future

Quasispecies

TB resistance. LGV testist. How to improve GP knowledge & understanding patient needs

Total automation - where we are now

Mycology

Emerging of new technologies in the diagnostic Laboratory

Global epidemiology and its impact locally

Microbiology in developing countries

ISO 15189 e.g. how to achieve it, its impact etc.

Opportunistic infections, TB, POCT

LRTI/Pneumonia i.e. approach programme