

**British Society for Microbial Technology Symposium
 “Assessing the Impact of New Technology in Diagnostics on Global
 Epidemiology: How Laboratories make a Difference”
 20 May 2016**

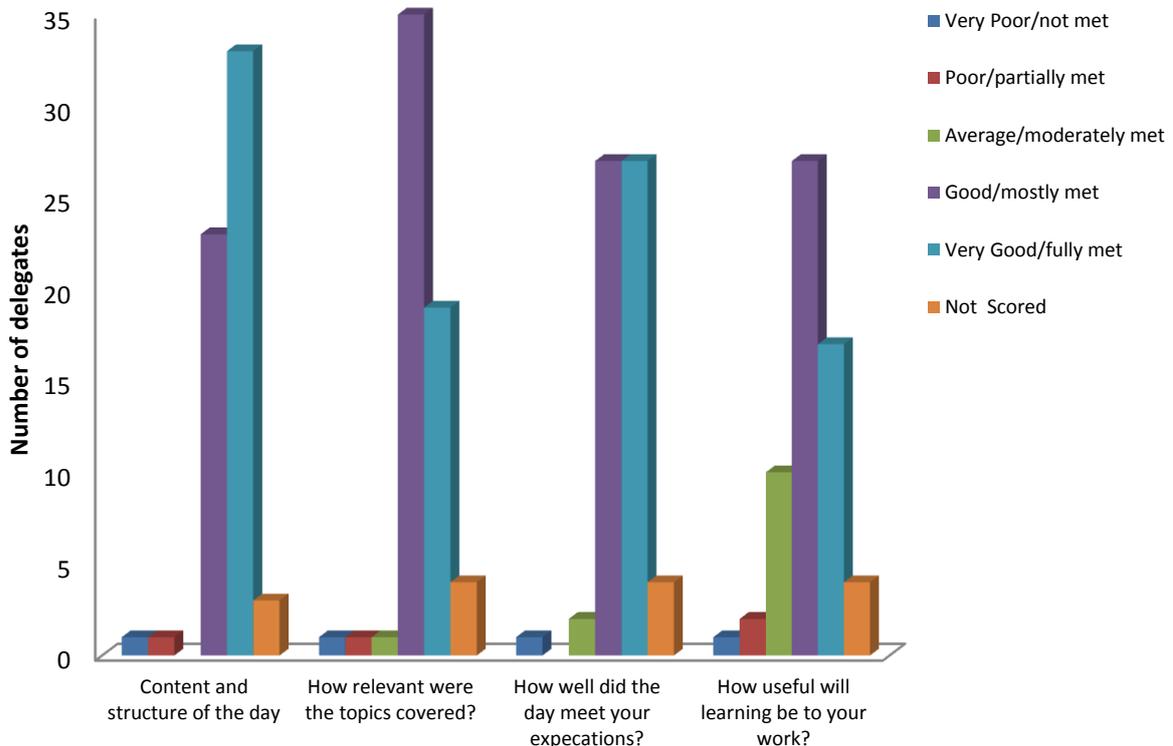
**Evaluation Report
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A total of 128 delegates (including committee members) attended the BSMT Annual Meeting held at PHE Colindale on 20 May 2016. Sixty-one (47%) returned a completed evaluation form. The results presented in this report are based on the 61 returned forms.

Content of the Day

The majority (88%, 54/61) of delegates scored the content, structure of the day and relevance of topics as average, good or very good and the day to have moderately to fully meeting their expectations. Two delegates scored the content as either very poor or poor and not to meeting their expectations, but provided no additional comment to support this. Up to five delegates did not provide a score (Figure 1).

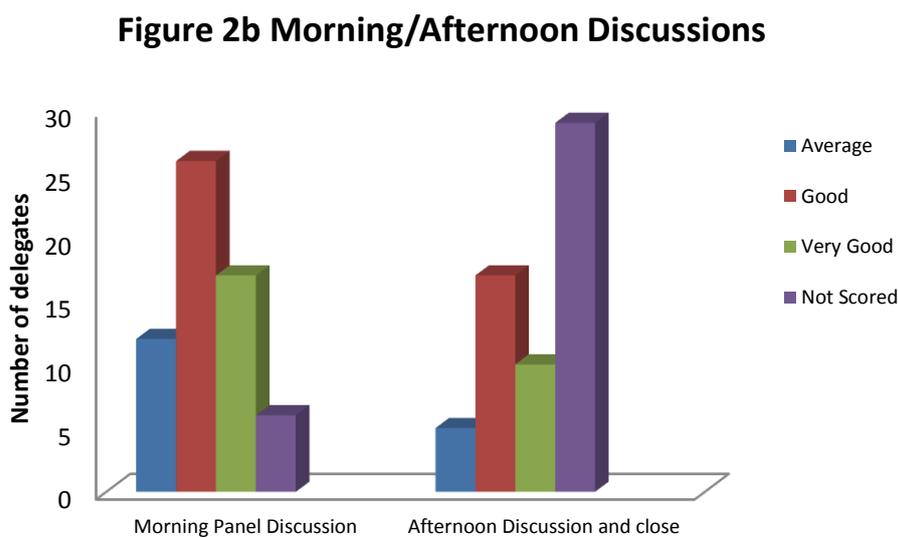
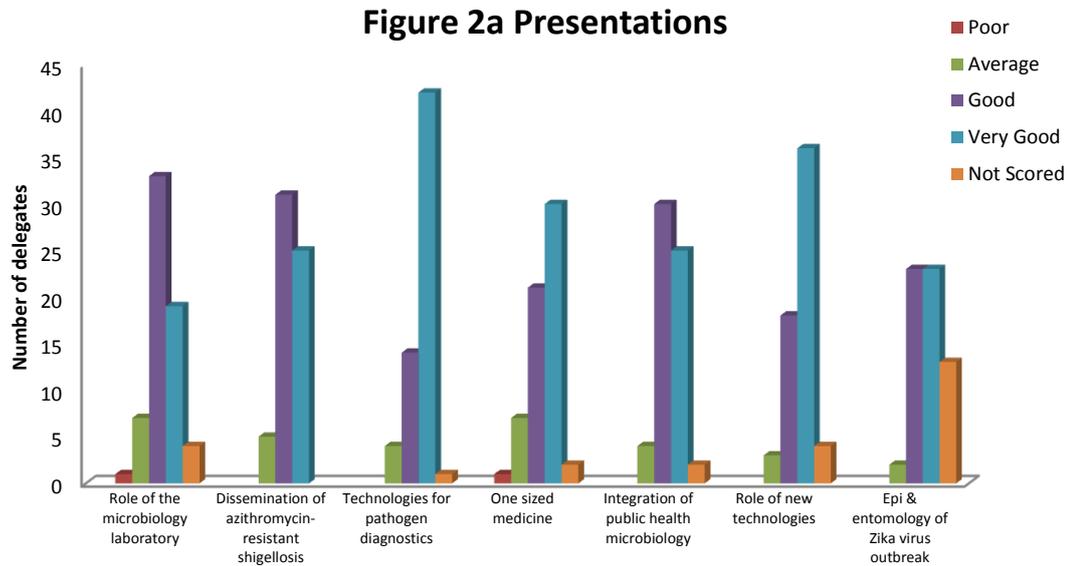
Figure 1: Meeting Content



Presentations and Discussions

Figure 2a shows the evaluation scores given for the individual presentations. Most of the delegates (78%, 48/61) scored the presentations as average, good or very good. Up to 13 delegates did not provide a score.

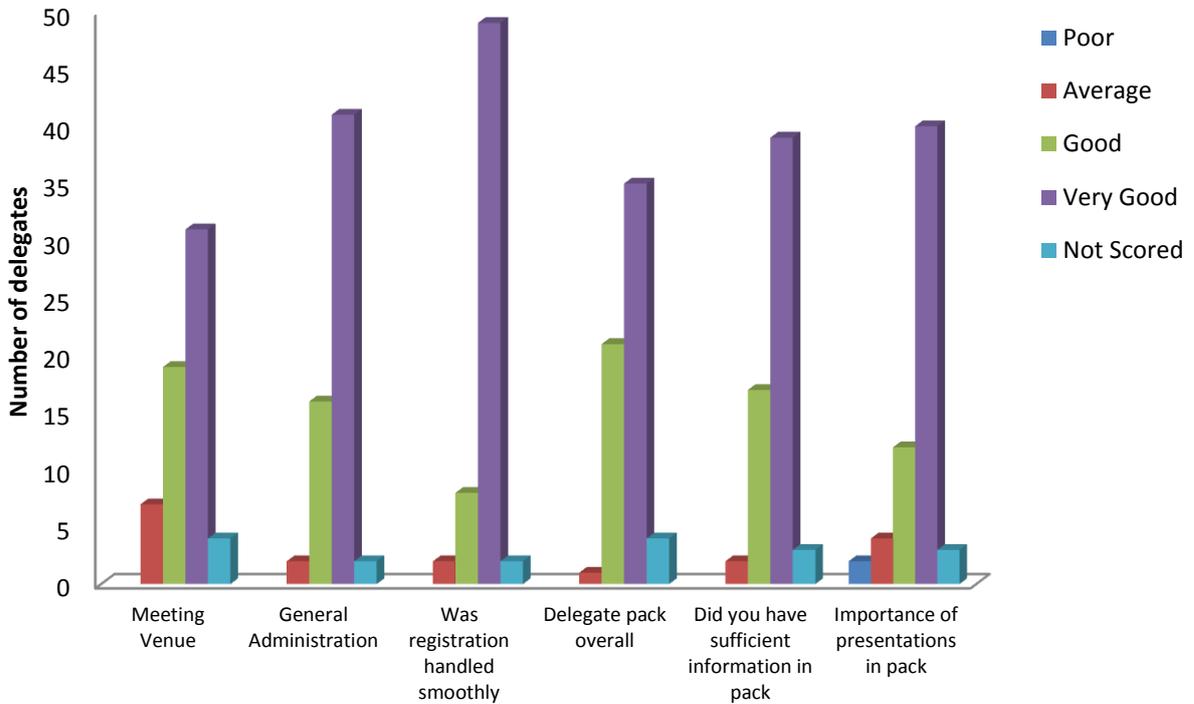
Figure 2b shows the evaluation scores given for the morning and afternoon discussions. The morning session was evaluated by the majority of delegates as average, good or very good (91%, 55/61). Six delegates (9%) did not provide a score for this session. The afternoon discussion was evaluated by delegates as average, good or very good (53%: 32/61), with 29 delegates (47%) not providing a score.



Venue, General Administration and Delegate Pack

The majority of delegates evaluated the venue, general administration and delegate pack as average, good or very good. Additional comments provided suggested the lecture theatre was a little warm at times or the trade show area became overcrowded.

Figure 3: Meeting Venue, Administration and Delegate Pack



Additional Comments

All delegates were asked to provide additional comments a selection of which are provided below:

How could we improve the delegate pack?

Remind the company sponsors to let you know what's in the pack so you do not have duplicates

Little less adds from companies

It's fine!

The talks could be emailed to delegates rather than hard copies

It is good as it is

No improvement

Printed presentations are good for note taking so to continue with that!

Small bottle of water, pen

Pack was perfect

Nothing - Maybe prior info on talks so could be better informed/prepared for topics/discussions

Very Good

Most enjoyed

Was a well organised event - good trade stands - very informative talks

Variety of lectures and common theme

Talks

Meeting people

Better understanding of NGGS

Good speakers

Topics, good nourishing food
Content of talks
The lectures
Excellent speakers throughout the day - very informative
Everything excellent speakers, excellent meeting
Food / All topics
Whole genomic sequencing was very interesting. Lectures, social meetings, lunch
Talks
Meeting colleagues, exchange of information and trade
Enthusiastic presenters
Dr Loman's lecture
The talk on disruptive technologies
Enjoyed literally all talks; very good updates regarding new technology ie WGS
Excellent update of current/future technology and work done by various labs
I liked how topics were discussed at the end of each of the two sessions. I also liked the combination between
talk and trade show and speakers are well prepared
Good range of lectures/presentations
Variety of lecture subjects
Topics to get the grey cells working
Aspects of future techniques that at the moment have no impact on the average NHS lab
Disruptive tech and Zika
Content of lectures; genomics and epidemiology are fascinating and not something used in day-to-day lab
work
Topics and presentations were relevant, factual and interesting
Talks on Disruptive Tech, Shigella, Ebola
Lots of new info
All the topics presented
Was well organised
Topics and future development
Excellent speakers and talks
Genomic in healthcare

Least enjoyed
Delay in lunch
The temperature of lecture room
Travel - could you bring to Birmingham?
Heat in theatre
Questions asked and answered without the use of a microphone (not all the time)
Tradeshaw too cramped. Not allowed food and drink outside of the trade show
Veg food was not that good (lunch)
Topics not currently relevant to routine lab work
Talk No 3
Break at lunchtime too long
Finding out that me trying to get new PCR analysis is going to be pointless because of genomics
The rustle of paper as people turned over the printed copies of presentations!
One sized medicine
Trade show
Too small space for Trade Fair
The room was a bit stuffy
Extended lunch period
Everything was enjoyable although content on some presentations was similar
Food - vegetarian option

Please tell us your main reason for attending

*Current trends, interest
Update
Always a good meeting
Knowledge and understanding
CPD Education
Speaking/Education
Information
Hear the latest developments
CPD
Interest
Topics covered in the talks
General interest
CPD - Interesting topics
Interest in latest research in field
Update knowledge
Keep up-to-date with new technology
Interesting and up-to-date info
Always a good meeting
Improving my knowledge in sequencing
Interest in epidemiology
To keep up-to-date with current trends and technologies
Interest - relevance to work
Interest and learning
Buff up CV
Updating current topics
Update my knowledge*

How could we improve the meeting?

*More integration with clinical data
Bigger venue
Not on a Friday in London
Colindale is awful in traffic on a Friday
Consider non London venue
Cooler from start
Have short talks after the afternoon
The time gap between the 2 sessions was too long
Larger area for trade show - coffee/tea area
It is good as it is
More NHS lab based information. New technology is fantastic but as a NHS Trust it is very unlikely that we will be able to implement it.
I wasn't familiar with the generic 'trees'. A bit of explanation on these first would have helped my understanding
More space for Trade Fair
Tough to improve, may be one presentation would have included general pathology service moving towards or supporting such change. A general laboratory
A five minutes break between each talk; found it hard to keep concentration
Include better facility for microphone
Keep the Conference going on*

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

Colleague

Notice board

Any other comments

More practical issues need to be addressed ie Lab training

Always enjoy coming to Colindale

Well done!

I would love to have some help finishing virological research!

Noticed very few scientists from diagnostic labs (compared to last year) - I think epidemiology topics scared them

Payment methods for PHE staff should be made easier and clearer

It was very good that all the slides were given beforehand, in printed version. It helps in following the speakers easier

I haven't been able to attend for a few years - enjoyable as ever thanks

Excellent content - I learnt a lot about new technologies that are very relevant to my future career

A lovely day thank you

Excellent presentations - I love it

Suggested topics for future events

The NGS/WGS journey so far. Help for Laboratory Implementation

NGS or WGS

Practical aspects for NGGS

Nano technology, Mddi updates

More on apps/big data/personalised medicine please

A talk on how to construct and read phylogenetic trees

Info explaining how new genetic/molecular methods work and how they will expand and be used in the routine lab

Syndromic diagnostics

Antibiotic resistance

Quality management in new technology in the microbiology lab

AMR update eg CRE. Outbreak investigation using WGS/NGS

Infection control testing and management POCT Mycobacterium clinical cases and testing Urine microscopy why bother - Maldi - now has routine use supported local epidemiology and infection control

Man Vs machine... Are jobs at risk?

Impact of genomic sequencing on infectious diseases

Foodborne infections

Antimicrobial rapid testing

Molecular development and blood spot technologies

Bacteriology modernisation and PUCT