

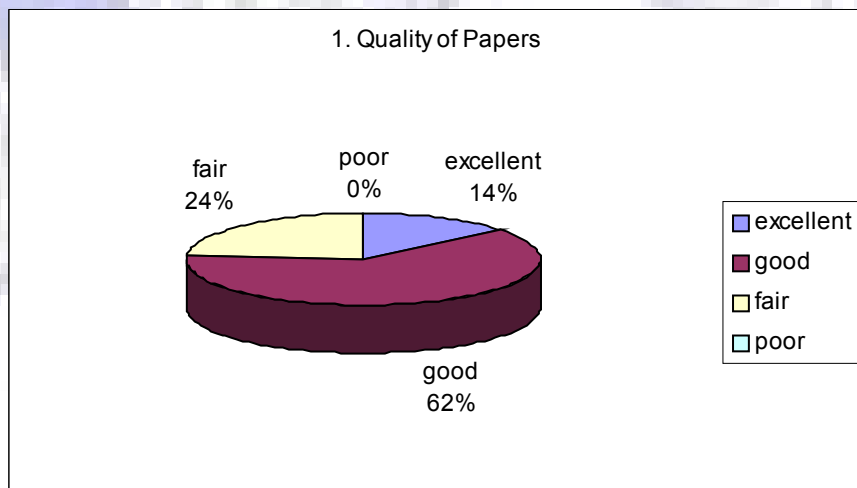
ITS 15 th Biennial Conference Berlin 2004

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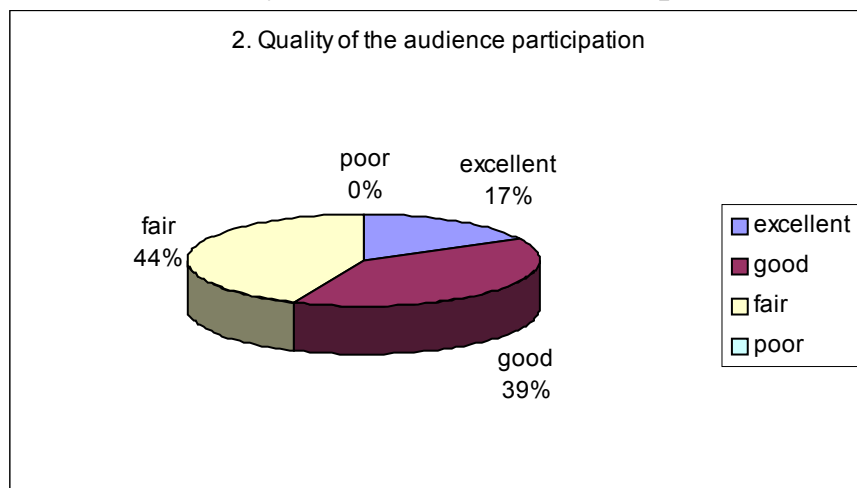
SECTION A: Conference Program

	excellent	good	fair	poor
1. Quality of Papers	3	13	5	0
2. Quality of the audience participation	4	9	10	0
3. Range of topics	7	14	0	0
4. Time given for each Session	1	17	2	1
5. Time given to each Speaker	1	13	4	2
6. Time given for discussion and audience Participation	3	7	8	4
7. Number of attendees per session	3	9	8	2

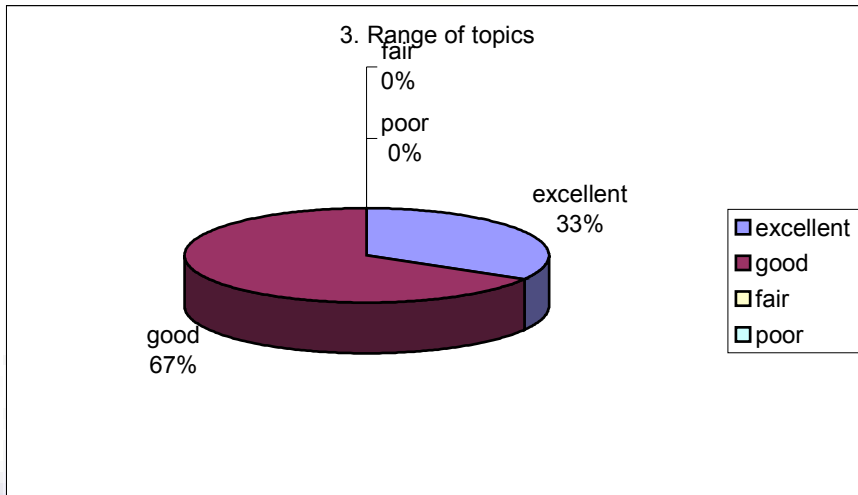
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2. Quality of the Audience Participation



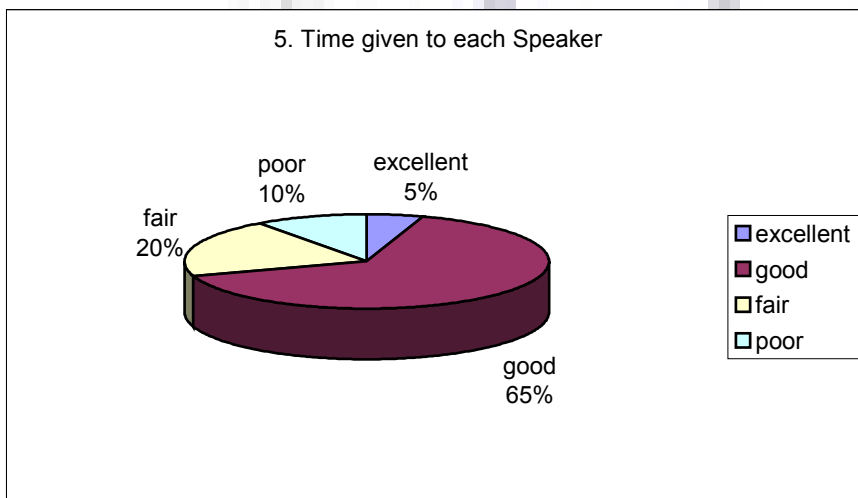
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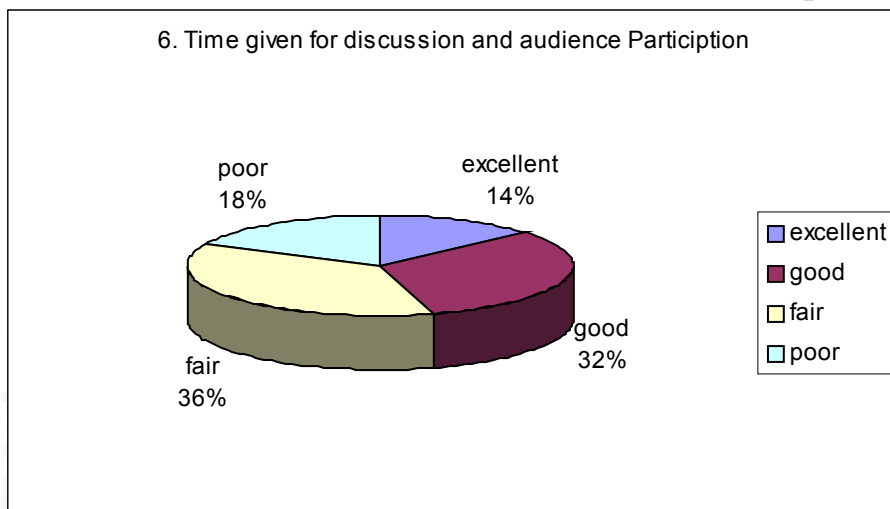
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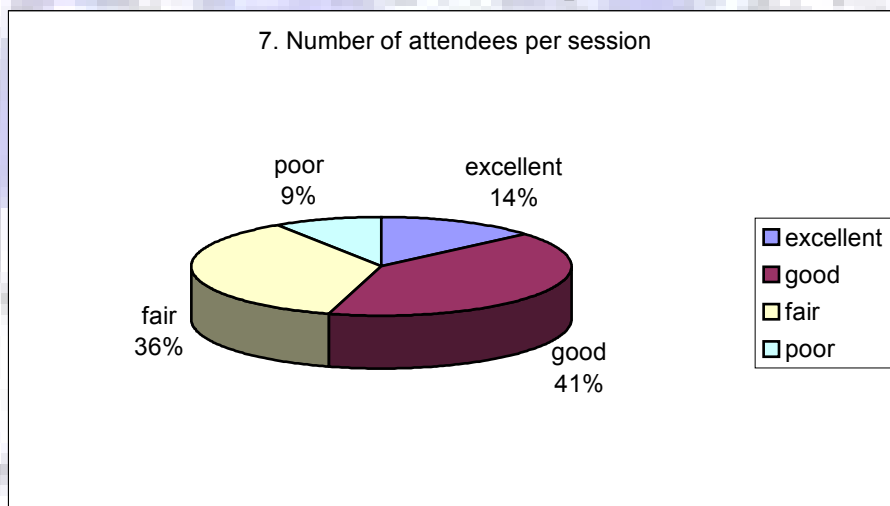
5. Time Given to Each Speaker



6. Time Given to Discussion and Audience Participation



7. Number of Attendees per Session



8. Comments and Suggestions for Improvement Concerning Conference Program

Too many sessions in parallel and not enough of quality and content of some papers.

Substitute a high level economics (theory, empirics) speaker for a panel.

Session chairs should be given instructions to enforce time limits so all speakers benefit from ample time and Q+A.

The organizers should publish the papers in a conference proceedings book. That would be extremely useful even if that would mean to increase the criteria for accepting the papers.

Some sessions appeared to be thematically mixed up, no coherence within the topics of the papers presented at a particular session.

Great conference, great team.

Need a much more professional approach to the conference website, to producing the book of abstracts and CD ROM.

There was too many sessions at the same time going on. I'd prefer rather a more tightened program so that there are more session time frames. Though I liked diversity in topics it will be better not to have it within one session in order to faster a good discussion under experts (as it was done at "Broadband I"). There should be tighter bounds of subjects of the conference and there should be a more clearly profile of each session.

There was a great range of subjects but so many different topics were running in parallel. Speakers exceeding their time frame should be punished.

More stringent sequence of sessions on same topic. Start with 1.1 and go to 1.9 (do not jump). There were often too many papers per session (4 even 5) time problems. Lack of discussions some poor chairs (no time keeping, e.g. Tuesday morning panel) with bad preparation or being late.

Smaller number of more focused sessions.

Please expect some quality of the papers to be presented. Now some of the papers were really poor and the listener got tired in listening to those. Then some really good papers could have left without the notion they deserve. Although the topic of the sessions wasn't always in line with the papers – please next time more careful grouping.

Better pre-conference support. Structured master papers.

More homogeneity in the sessions. Stick more on the time schedule.

Reduce the number of parallel sessions. Increase discussion time at the end. Perhaps it will be necessary to reduce total number of presentations.

To many parallel sessions (max 6). Go fewer higher quality papers stronger chair persons required.

9. What type of Plenary Session Do You Prefer – e.g. Theory, Policy, Industry, Mixed? Please Comment.

Seems tricky to be general enough for anyone but not so high level to be useful. All plenaries this conference seemed to balance this well.

Policy.

Mixed.

Mixed.

More from industry.

Industry

Industry. The plenary should always represent the majority of attendants.

Policy, industry, mixed.

Mixed

Mixed

More controversy in the plenary.

Industry, mixed (say technology and economics, marketing) mixed sessions (interdisciplinary) can interest a broader audience.

All three – but brief speakers more clearly about theme.

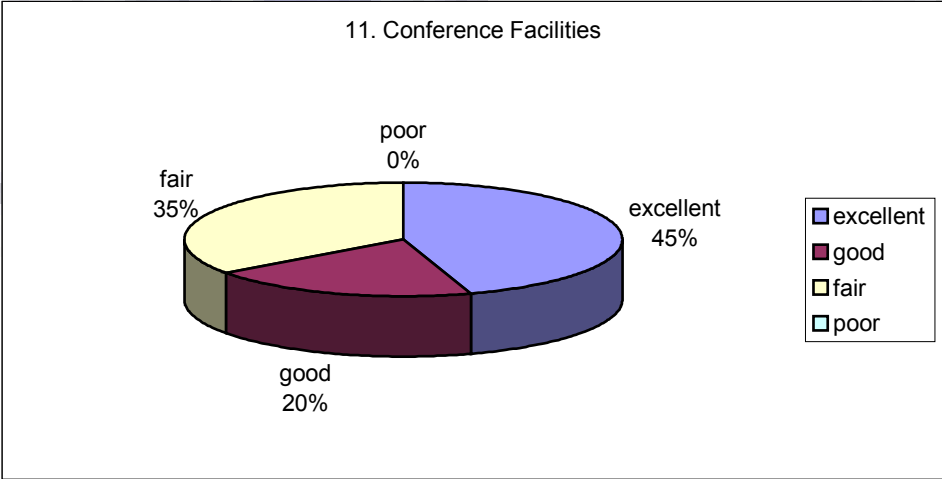
SECTION B: Conference Facilities and Organisation

	excellent	good	fair	poor
10. Location	10	6	2	0
11. Conference facilities	8	4	7	0
12. Conference organization	6	5	5	1

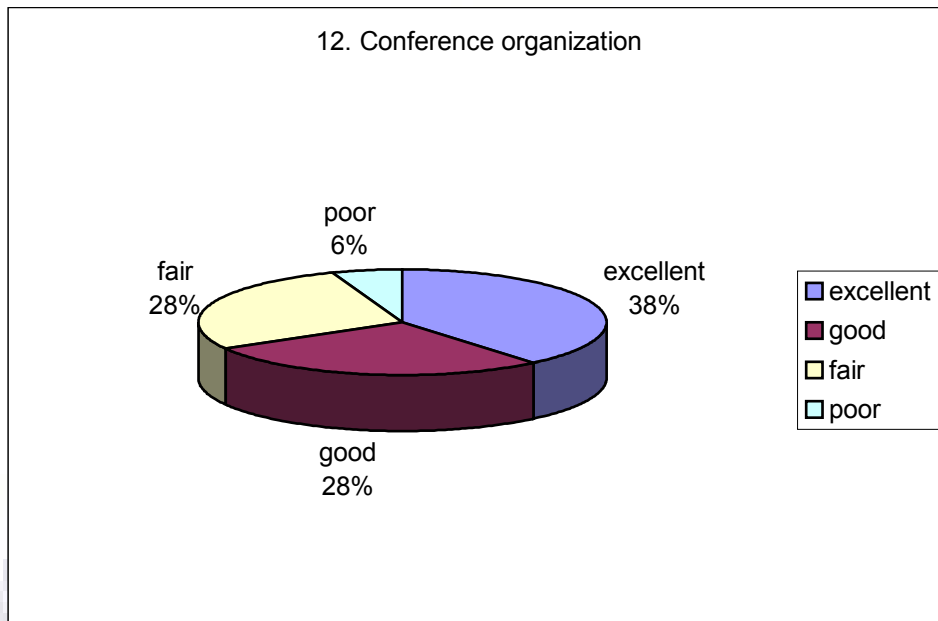
10. Location



11. Conference Facilities



12. Conference Organisation



13. Comments and Suggestions

Rooms used for presentation were too spread ones.

One week earlier in calendar year would avoid conflicts with beginning of academic year for some of us.

The organization was excellent. Although the food was superb. The only suggestion I have is that organizers should provide pin & paper in the welcome paper. This is common in other conferences I attended.

As there were many interesting presentations it would have been nice if one could move from session to session i.e. a more detailed intra-sessions scheduling.

I really enjoyed the rather informal atmosphere.

The announcement of changes in the program was poor. There was a need for re-studying the whole program after arrival. Proposal: last-minute changes have to be pointed out e.g. in the correction mode.

Rooms too dispersed, uncomfortable, acoustic poor. Toilets bad. Not all papers on CD although sent in advance presentation sent in advance were not on the organizer's computers. Room for improvement.

Stick on the time schedule

W-LAN was cool



SECTION C: Delegates Profile

14. Which Profession or Speciality was underrepresented?

Practitioners from the field (business)

None – very good mix

Independent consultants + small/ medium enterprises, engineers

Technical experts and industry

Company reps

Lawyers, Telcos

Industry

Industry

15. Which Profession or Speciality was over represented?

None

None

Governments, large companies

Scientists

Academics

Theory

Regulators

16. Comments and Suggestions (what could be improved concerning the mixture of profession?)

Independent consultants and small/ medium enterprises should pay no more than academics and government.

ITS is a hopeful forum the biennial conference should be a valuable competitor of professional companies (like Terapin) ITS's advantage is that they have a good value for money.

Use electronic newspapers for the call papers.

Introduce more topics on technology market issues: innovation, R&D issues also some ICT sociology or anthropology issues (seems promising although still odd subject)

17. Suggested Topics for Next Biennial Conference (2006)

Enterprise networks

Internationalisation issues

New broadband services BB over mobile

Investment and competition in energy markets jump to mobile and broadband in developing countries

Wimax – hype and reality

18. If the Next Biennial is Held in Beijing, China, Are You Likely to Attend? Please Comment.

No, too far away

The plenary session on Tuesday scheduled from 9 to 10:30 am started 30 minutes late. ... (nicht lesbar)

Yes again with long travel involved timing is critical to avoid conflicts with beginning of academic years.

No too far + too expensive not likely to receive funding from my department to attend the conference if the price is too high.

Unlikely; budget constraints

Probably not – to high costs of transport.

Probably

Unlikely

Unfortunately my company does not allow this – we are too poor

Yes

Yes

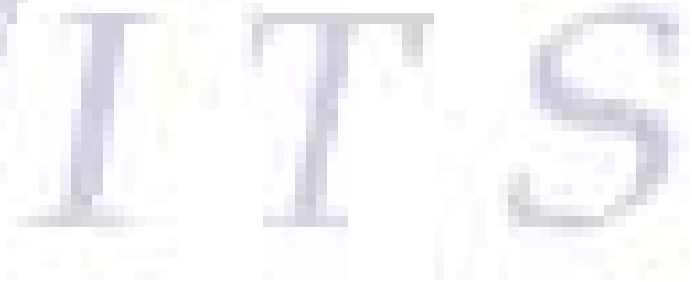
Yes definitely

Yes

Yes if the paper review process is enhanced

No too far time expensive

Not sure too far

The logo for the International Transport Students' Association (ITS) features the letters 'I', 'T', and 'S' in a large, bold, serif font. Each letter is contained within a rectangular frame. The 'I' and 'S' are white, while the 'T' is black. The frames are arranged in a slightly overlapping, staggered pattern.