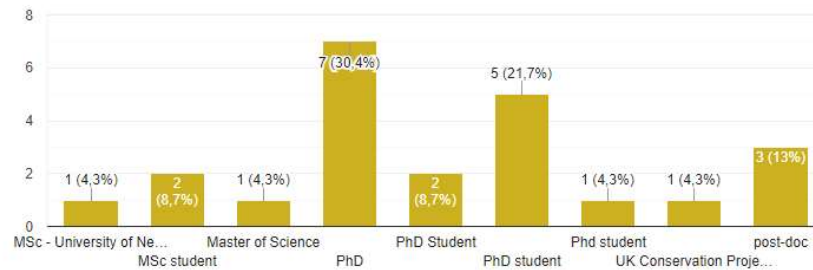


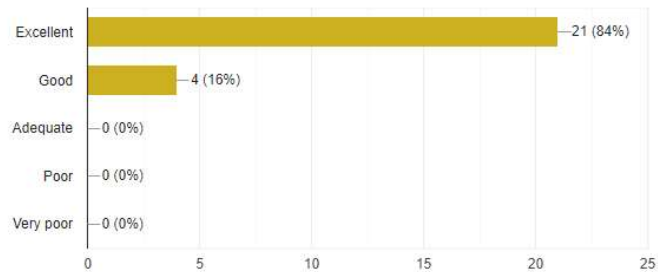
Position of participant (e.g. PhD/MSc student, post-doc, etc):

23 risposte



1) Organization of the course:

25 risposte



Comments

7 risposte

I think the communication and planning of the course was very thorough and well done! I was a bit confused about the late communication about the preparations since I expected that we would read a lot beforehand, but that was not the case so this was fine!

a few more breaks would be good

Very well organised. Easy to access materials.

It was well planned during the 5 days of the school and it was not very hard to follow even though online platform.

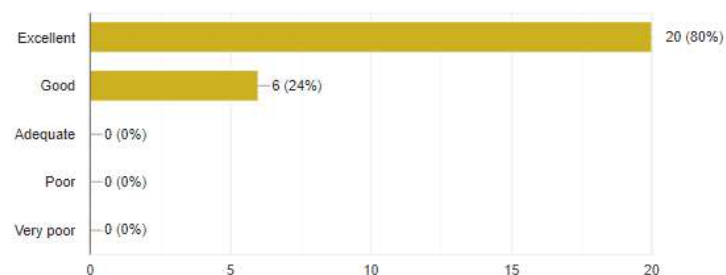
Thank you for organizing this course! I learned a lot and really enjoyed it.

The lectures first thing to warm up the brain before Sergey's R labs were well planned. ONLY challenge was so much excellent material was covered it will take another month or two to digest it! I really appreciate the Drive folder of lectures and resources to save, cite and refer to as my studies continue.

All steps of the course is on time and ended on time too

## 2) General quality of the lectures and teaching:

25 risposte



### Comments

8 risposte

Even though not all topics were relevant for me, I think almost every lecture was of very high quality

All the lectures were very interesting. R sessions were absolutely useful!

More studies and insights into the current work of the seminar leaders next time.

Great balance of lectures and r demos. Thanks for all the references.

The teaching panel was absolutely amazing.

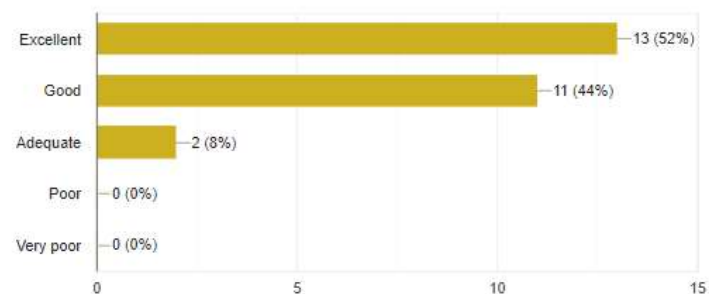
I found the lectures interesting and diverse. Each provided good food for thought.

I am finally happy to have listened to Fiona lecture given I've missed out on several conferences with her as keynote. All the lecturers were outstanding in their respective and interconnected niches and habitats.

This course is an enriching course and it's especially helpful to my work: Conservation of seed of precious and endemic woods in my country

## 3) How was the discussion after each presentation, at the end of each session?

25 risposte



### Comments

5 risposte

I do prefer to ask questions during presentations, but think this set-up worked as well with both the chat function and the option to talk directly with the presenter.

Some participants were very shy. Perhaps more encouragement should have been given here, e.g. with small group work or parallel sessions. However, everyone would certainly have been active in the presence.

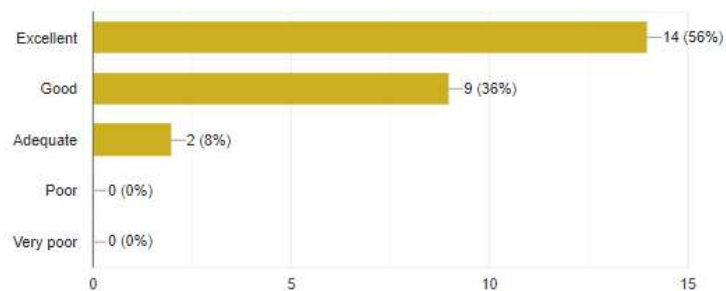
Presenters were very well informed in their subjects.

Hard to replicate in-person dynamics with other participants but all lecturers were good about answering the chat and live questions. I think the most important aspect again is providing references and the material in the Drive, and hopefully being open to thoughtful questions after Seed School is done.

Each question is answered completely

#### 4) General quality of the theoretical basis provided:

25 risposte



#### Comments

6 risposte

I think there was a thorough basis that enabled everyone to participate in the following discussions. The broad audience sometimes comes at a cost of the depth, but I think everyone knows in which bits they want to dive deeper, now! The broad audience made the discussions also interesting, so that's a good thing of course!

As my PhD topic regards herbicide resistances, I sometimes lacked about some background information

It could be useful to ask for topics before the Winter School so that you can respond to the wishes of the participants. I found Simone's presentation on the renaturation efforts in Australia very interesting!

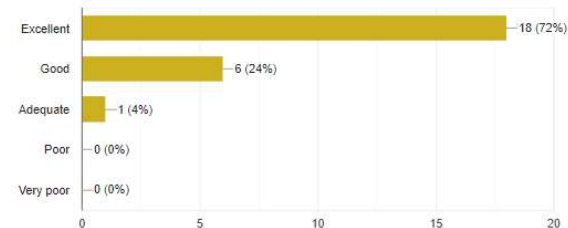
Very dense material, it will take me sometime to absorb everything.

Majority of the aspects of seed functional ecology were covered.

It was Millennium Seed Bank quality and more so, because of the R integration and publishing advice. I felt every lecture either updated my prior knowledge base, plus brought new angles to research I hadn't considered before (i.e. influence of phylogeny).

#### 5) General quality of the practical activities:

25 risposte



#### Comments

9 risposte

The speed could have been a bit higher here and there, but this was understandable given the wide range of R-experienced-ness. I liked the alternation of R-examples of applications with underlying statistical principles!

R sessions extremely useful, also because scripts could be extended to other topics.

In principle, it is great that you make so much time possible for the R sessions. However, I doubt whether this is the right way to do it. I have always run my code in parallel, so I wouldn't have needed extra time for that. However, the explanations of the statistics themselves were sometimes much too fast for me. To me, it would have been more helpful if we had written the script together instead of going through the solutions directly. Unfortunately, Sergej often seemed annoyed by the questions.

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These were quite fast but it was explained they were just a demo, the notes within the code are very detailed so this really helps.

The one thing I would remark is that I felt like there was sometimes not enough time to try out the R script for ourselves. However, I understand that this was a good compromise with the time limitations because the R scripts were very well explained and the content was excellent.

My only hesitation at selecting "Excellent" was that I am not that advanced an R user or biostatistics student yet, so a lot of Sergej's data manipulation techniques were delivered at a pace I had a hard time processing. He explained it clearly and the markup in the scripts will be helpful for a very long time I'm sure. I also appreciated the practical application in Dr. Pedrini's talk and seeding simulations, since the world needs more theory applied to problem-solving at large scales ASAP.

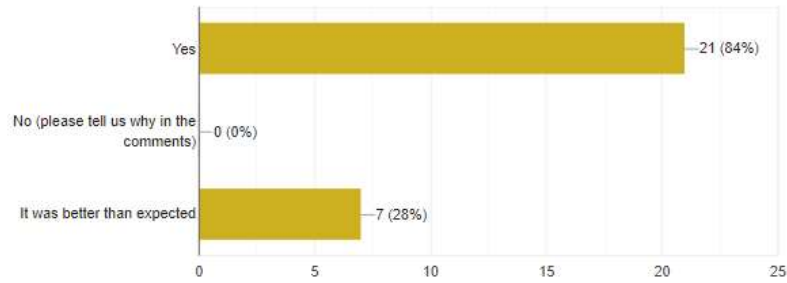
I have personally received many news package. That's great

a very good balance between theory and practice. I would appreciate even a bit more practice.

R practice is always very interesting

6) Did the course fulfill your expectations?

25 risposte



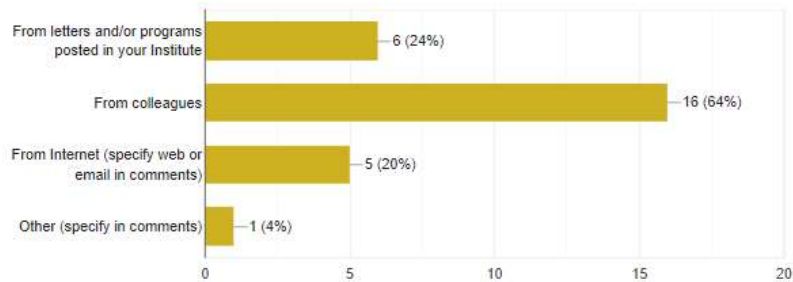
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For me, it could have been a bit more ecological and less technical, but I've certainly learned a lot and know what parts of my work to pay more attention to after this! Thank you very much!

7) How did you learn about the course?

25 risposte



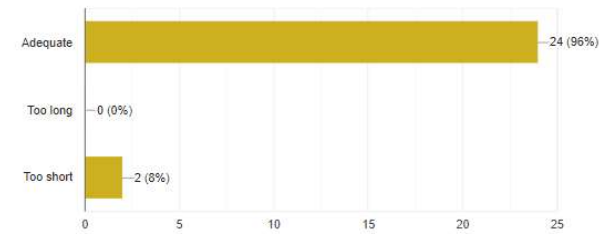
Comments

5 risposte

- A previous participant in the course advised me to take it.
- ISSS website
- Twitter
- I believe I first saw the 2021 course advertised in 2020 ISTA MailChimp notifications.
- From my supervisor

8) Duration of the course:

25 risposte



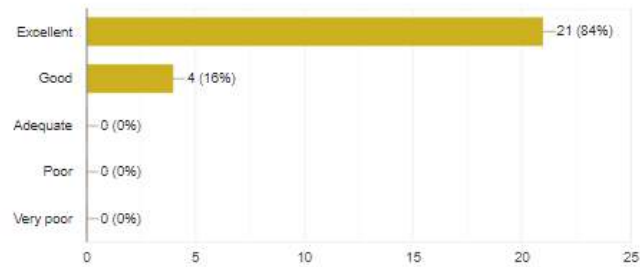
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Break out sessions with students of similar topics to discuss status and challenges in their research would've been a bonus, though a few of the students have self-organized after the fact.

9) Quality of facilities (slide projection, visual aids, zoom organization):

25 risposte



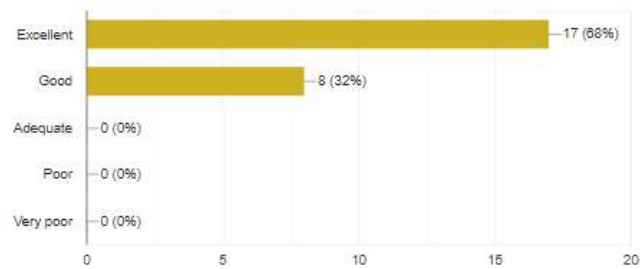
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Room for improvement, but definitely above average compared to other experiences :)

10) Give your overall evaluation of the course:

25 risposte



Comments

3 risposte

An interesting and enjoyable course in good atmosphere, thank you!

Worth every Canadian penny!

Very useful for my studies.

11) If this course is repeated, what changes or improvements would you suggest?

11 risposte

More information about practicalities to design experiments: trait-based, germination, establishment...

Including probit analyse (thresholds and longevity) in practice (R software); open discussion time on thursday and friday not only at the end

In my opinion, it would be interesting to have the involvement of other companies such as ISI Sementi. It was really stimulating to listen to the insiders and have a "business/productive" point of view.

Practicals session can also include some live lab based activities shown to participants to better understand laboratory techniques.

The only improvement for this very good organization could be to organize it in person, if covid would let it possible

To have the discussion on Friday in smaller groups focusing on specific angles or topics.

Overall it sounds perfect. I hope it will be possible to conduct in person winter school next time. Thank you very much !

I think it's better to extend the time for open discussion and answering the question from participant

Group rooms where participants can talk about their work and activities. Parallel workshops where current work or studies can be discussed with interested participants. Final (despite the small points of criticism): A big thank you to you!

While I know everyone's time is precious, one extra (even 2-3 weeks out) Q&A period or set of break-out sessions after digesting more material would be helpful. Its often navigating the early stages of research proposals where this kind of experience is most valuable, but takes time to fit the relevant information to your situation. More time to talk amongst participants would be extremely valuable for long-distance attendees and regions/countries where this field is less developed.

It would be good to have some time allocated to working through the code with some of our own data, with help as we get stuck. This might work better for in person sessions as it could get complicated over zoom, possibly it could work with breakout rooms.