Harstad 2014 ESCON Conference - Evaluation results

- Scoring of questions from 1 (poor) to 6 (excellent)
- 53 responses on call for evaluation

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<td>Registration and information at the reception at venue or hotel?</td>
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<td>&quot;Get together&quot; Tuesday evening?</td>
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<td>The venue, conference rooms and facilities?</td>
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<td>Workshop 3.th June</td>
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<td>Program, key-note speakers and plenary sessions</td>
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<td>Parallel sessions</td>
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<td>Lunches and coffee (with fruit and cakes) at venue</td>
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<td>Conference Dinner at Røkenes Farm</td>
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**Free texts:**

- Very welcoming city and people. Interesting conference with opportunity to meet and talk to other participants. I am very satisfied. Thank you!
- Thank you
- Could have been some music and dancing after dinner at Røkenes:-(
- Best conference ever!
- Not good questionnaire, too much emphasis on the social programme. Missed boxes for comments under each question.
- Sincere thanks for conference organizers! It was very interesting and fruitful event. The conference organizers had put huge efforts to have us happy and fine there. I was impressed of hospitality and care of all conference staff, also of nice hotel, and beauty of landscape and the place.
- Thank you Harstad for nice memories!
- Thanks a lot for the organisation of this conference. Too much parallel sessions for too less participants. Why only keynote speakers from out of Europe??!!
Exceptional conference and I have been to what seems like a few thousand. You should all be very proud of yourselves on a very well planned and delivered event. Bravo!

Best conference I ever attended during my almost 10yrs career. Thank you very much for organizing such an amazing event.

too many parallell presentations with few or no participants
The final program was late

Positive: weather was good. The boat/ribtours were great offers.
Negative: After receiving a mail stating that my abstract was accepted, there was no more information (how long the presentation, how/when you wanted/needed the files, who is contact person, when is my presentation). The web site was not good: not easy to find other than preliminary program. The lunches and coffebreaks were poorly organized. No decaffinated coffee.
The program did not tell which building the lectures took place. It all seemed like you had to have local knowledge. Not very professional for a European conference. Maybe this is OK in Norway, but seems odd internationally.

Thank you very much!!

Schedule could have been enforced better (timewise)
Very well organized meeting. Conference venue could have been more interactive
Choosing of Parallel sessions gives me head-ache, all of them are interesting.

It was an overall EXCEPTIONAL experience. Thank you greatly for the effort that was put to make this event a success.

Dinesh Mohan. very interesting. I liked his philosophy.
Louis Francescutti. Very inspiring.
Mads Gilbert. Very competent and absorbing, but I think it was wrong to make focus so political. War is horrend for every body and Israel has democratry, even if they do bad decisions. What have the other countries?

Generally very good conference. Lots of interesting people and good service. Good summer for everybody.

- Not enough time for discussions in the parallel sessions; we need more time: e.g. 1 1/2 hour to be planned;
- Would like to have more parallel sessions and reduce the plenary sessions because we need to share and discuss experiences;
- The number of parallel sessions at one time could be reduced and focused on core topics.
- The selection of presentations could be improved (e.g. doubling of the same information (see Thursday room 5 Sri Lanka or not focused on safe community (e.g. Wednesday: safety promotion and tertiary prevention/Estonia - general tertiary prevention should be excluded / laboratory focused on mud developing)
- Greater diversity of speakers around Europe in the plenary sessions (Scandinavian countries higher represented)

I was missing a final closing of the conference at the real end (= after the last parallel sessions) and the opportunity to say goodbye to all the other participants.

Thanks to all of you for an excellent conference! Well planned, well carried out and with great hospitality!

Well done. Great experience, wonderful people, enjoyed bike rental from Active Events, good information, helpful professional connections, loved jazz night, and appreciated hospitality of hosts.

Thank you for a very interesting conference.

The organizers were the most friendly people and made the conference even more worth it than the interesting speakers.

The speakers and topics were really interesting, but I would have been pleased with less parallel sessions - having so much at the same time made the individual session poor visited which was a shame.

It would have been great if there had been more time and places to discuss conflicting results.

After all it was a great conference at a pleasant venue with lots of interesting and dedicated people!

Excellent experience and thought Norway was a most beautiful country

Speakers in parallel sessions presented interesting information but the attendance due to the number of sessions was poor. Therefore, it would be better to include these presentations in the main program

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