

2017 Socorro Systems Summit - Feedback

49 participants (51 registered), feedback form had 20 responders (most students not present at final session).

- Glad they came question averaged 4.65 out of 5, all 5s and 4s except one 3: 5(14), 4(5), 3(1)
- Do it again question averaged 4.60 out of 5, all 5s and 4s except one 3: 5(13), 4(6), 3(1)

What you liked: KEYNOTE SPEAKER!! Interesting topics; good collaboration process.

What you didn't like: Time needed for Day 2 activities maybe too long. One of the sessions I participated in "finished" 1 hr. early. Maybe shorter day 2 sessions and end earlier (for travel considerations) or add other activities. Someone mentioned that the same topics were addressed last year; I would recommend minimizing this to keep things from getting stale/redundant.

To make it more effective: One of my sessions came up with an action plan with suggested activities. Perhaps in addition to the existing types of activities/discussions, some activities from the action plan be added.

What you liked: Interacting with the students, hearing new perspectives.

What you didn't like: xxx

To make it more effective: xxx

What you liked: Great topics for discussion. Effective facilitators for sessions I attended.

What you didn't like: Saturday is a long day.

To make it more effective: Shorten Saturday. Maybe shorten session to 2.5 to 3 hours?

What you liked: Interaction of participants in work sessions. Sharing of personal experiences and expertise.

What you didn't like: None

To make it more effective: More time for networking. Shorten to 1.5 days. Too long.

What you liked: The networking and the discussions.

What you didn't like: There are many topics, consider reducing the # of topics. There are not many people to many topics. The EWLSE dinner is a good idea; however, we were separated.

To make it more effective: Reduce # of topics; reduce total time to 1 ½ days. First day 7 hours; Saturday 8:30 – 12:30.

What you liked: Doing exercises (active). Small group interaction.

What you didn't like: Discussions that just involved sitting in a chair (felt like it was 1-1 communication with the facilitator rather than the group. Poor cell phone reception, especially in Workman.

To make it more effective: Templates and facilitation training for facilitators to make the experience more consistent.

What you liked: The opportunity to speak mind and throw 2 cents in.

What you didn't like: Ballroom "C" was freezing.

To make it more effective: Invite students from the school (NMT).

What you liked: I liked the workshops from the 1st day. They helped us get informed better on the topics. The networking opportunities were great.

What you didn't like: I didn't like that most professionals would ignore the students because most students mainly wanted to network and they wouldn't listen to us.

To make it more effective: Shorter conferences and workshops. Make it bigger so that more students can come. Give students opportunities for scholarships and internships.

What you liked: The different opinions and perspectives of each participant that bring a more in depth look at the topics, as well as all the information provided.

What you didn't like: Sometimes certain topics and subtopics weren't clear enough and made it hard to understand.

To make it more effective: Clearer topics and more information on each one.

What you liked: Forum venue.

What you didn't like: xxx

To make it more effective: need a golf event.

What you liked: Interactivity; contributory opportunity.

What you didn't like: xxx

To make it more effective: Perhaps we could tie into a real customer for 1-2 topics.

What you liked: Lots of participation and feedback.

What you didn't like: More information on when and where and topic.

To make it more effective: the above.

What you liked: I was amazed at how much ground was covered. My expectations were exceeded!

What you didn't like: Having a reception and a dinner on the same night didn't work well. At least 1 person didn't eat at the dinner – they still wanted to participate. I suggest dropping the dinner.

To make it more effective: Provide catered lunches. Have better temperature control.

What you liked: The last meeting [general brief out]. \$100 price (not food). Information. Drinks. Free beer. Thank you for dinner. [this was an out-of-towner invited to leadership dinner]

What you didn't like: Need snacks during sessions!!! More black tea flavors like NORMAL BLACK TEA, TWININGS BRAND. Tazo is disgusting. Long sessions.

To make it more effective: More little breaks. Less talking, more action!! Implement this in real life.

What you liked: Interaction with experienced attendees.

What you didn't like: Lack of consolidation of redundancy.

To make it more effective: Make activities available (like INCOSE testing or potential side tours)

What you liked:

What you didn't like: Like more technical subjects such as how to model and simulate, etc.

To make it more effective: xxx

What you liked: 1. First time, thought time allocated for the activities was about right. 2. Wrapping up a little bit early on Sat. was good. 3. Good location. 4. Breakfast burritos. 5. Water and coffee. 6. Snacks available for purchase.

What you didn't like:

To make it more effective: Allow 5-10 mins. passing period between sessions. 45 min. lunch was ok, but other people took 60 min. Did not start Sat. afternoon session until 12:30 Note: on flyer/web page that cafeteria is available for lunch at the facility. Note: Start and end times on web page/flyer.

What you liked: Improved meeting scripts, template helped. Internet access great. Basic overall topic brief and exploration worked well. Reception works well, format of room and food choices.

What you didn't like: xxx

To make it more effective: Not sure about reception followed by dinner. Some food not eaten.

What you liked: People interactions. The setting (campus). Some of the technical topics. Keynote speaker.

What you didn't like: Some of the technical topics.

To make it more effective: Reach outside INCOSE more (example: keynote this time). Retrospective on past year's topics.

One form scored the event but made no comments