

Post-ISAG conference survey 2025

Detailed Summary

Demographics section

1. are you a:

Graduate Student	18.55%	46
Postdoc	10.48%	26
Faculty Member	24.19%	60
Academic Staff	21.77%	54
Industry Staff	14.92%	37
Other (please specify)	10.08%	25
Answered		248

2. What country are you currently working in (those in double digits, **52 different countries listed**):

Answered	246
Skipped	2

Country	Count
United States	35
China	26
Spain	19
South Korea	16
Australia	11
Germany	11
Italy	10

3. Would you be interested in receiving a follow-up survey as an Early Career (EC) researcher?
Note: We are compiling a new email list for this purpose. Your email will be used only to send this follow-up survey.

Yes	38.11%	93
No	61.89%	151
Answered		244
Skipped		4

4. 98 provided an email address pursuant to #3.

5. What animal do you work on (please select all that apply)?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Species-agnostic	7.26%	18
Camelids	7.26%	18
Cat	10.48%	26
Cattle, Beef	39.92%	99
Cattle, Dairy	37.90%	94
Chicken	21.37%	53
Dog	23.39%	58
Fish other than salmon	8.87%	22
Goat	27.02%	67
Horse	27.42%	68
Oyster	0.81%	2
Pig	35.48%	88
Poultry other than chicken or turkey	4.44%	11
Salmon	2.42%	6
Sheep	28.63%	71
Shrimp	2.42%	6
Turkey	3.63%	9
Other (please specify)	10.08%	25
Answered		248
Skipped		0

Other (please specify)

24 different answers (see Excel file, many of these were just small variants from the choices provided).

5. Are you a ISAG member?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	68.02%	168
No	31.98%	79
Answered		247
Skipped		1

6. Did you attend the 2025 conference in Daejeon Republic of Korea?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	84.15%	207
No	15.85%	39
Answered		246
Skipped		2

7. If you are not a member of ISAG but attended the conference, please answer the following
Based on your experience at the Conference how likely are you to become a member ?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very likely	20.77%	38
Likely	21.31%	39
Not likely	4.37%	8
N/A	53.55%	98
Answered		183
Skipped		65

8. If you answered not likely, then please tell us what experiences you were looking for in attending that you did not realize. (free text)

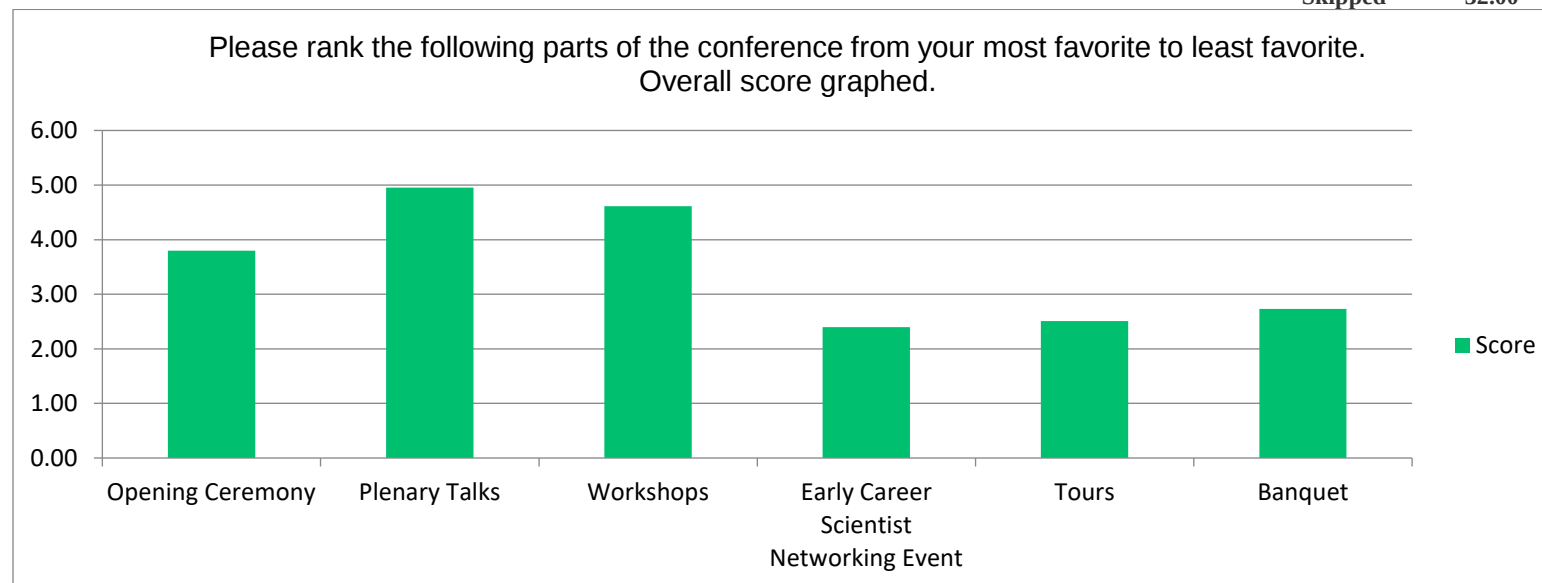
Answered 13
Skipped 235

9. Free text from #8 (see Excel sheet for details; few actual answers)

2025 conference section

10. Please rank the following parts of the conference in terms of your favorites (high to low)?

Measure rank and following parts of the conference in terms of your interests (high to low):														
	1		2		3		4		5		6		Total	Score
Opening Ceremony	0.19	40.00	0.13	29.00	0.25	54.00	0.21	45.00	0.17	37.00	0.05	11.00	216.00	3.80
Plenary Talks	0.40	87.00	0.33	72.00	0.13	29.00	0.08	18.00	0.03	7.00	0.01	3.00	216.00	4.95
Workshops	0.25	55.00	0.34	73.00	0.24	52.00	0.10	22.00	0.06	12.00	0.01	2.00	216.00	4.61
Early Career Scientist Networking Event	0.01	3.00	0.06	14.00	0.14	30.00	0.24	52.00	0.18	38.00	0.37	79.00	216.00	2.40
Tours	0.03	7.00	0.04	9.00	0.14	31.00	0.19	42.00	0.36	78.00	0.23	49.00	216.00	2.51
Banquet	0.11	24.00	0.09	19.00	0.09	20.00	0.17	37.00	0.20	44.00	0.33	72.00	216.00	2.73
													Answered	216.00
													Skipped	32.00



11. Was there sufficient time for social interactions (seeing old friends, making new ones) that were not programmed?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	92.49%	197
No	7.51%	16
Answered		213
Skipped		35

12. If you answered no to Question 11, please elaborate in a few words.

Answered 20

Few responses for any one theme, see details in Excel file)

13. If you answered no to Question 11, please rank the possible ways to find such time:

	1		2		3		4		Total	Score
Shorten Workshop length	50.00%	35	28.57%	20	12.86%	9	8.57%	6	70	3.2
Increase the length of the Conference itself	30.00%	21	44.29%	31	12.86%	9	12.86%	9	70	2.91
Fewer plenaries	5.71%	4	17.14%	12	62.86%	44	14.29%	10	70	2.14
Fewer/shorten poster sessions	14.29%	10	10.00%	7	11.43%	8	64.29%	45	70	1.74
Answered										70
Skipped										178

14. Suggestions for other ways to find more unscheduled time: 36 answers.

4 had an answer related to: Conference Duration and Schedule Management

4 had an answer related to: Workshop Scheduling and Optimization

All other answers were listed fewer times. See details in Excel file.

Answered 147 (see all responses in Excel file)

Networking	41
Workshops/Discussion sessions	19
Invites Speakers (Plenaries)	18
Conference Activities/Meals and Dining	18
Poster sessions	17

Answered	75
Skipped	173

Career Development+Networking	10
Sessions on Research Methods	8
Workshop and Training programs	8
Conference and Event Mgmt activities	7
Camel Research	6
Sessions on Seq and Genome Technology	4

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	48.91%	112
No	51.09%	117
If yes, what country/region would you most likely join?		97
	Answered	229
	Skipped	19



See Word cloud as a summary of these responses, and Excel for details.

18. If yes, would you be willing to participate in meeting to organize such a ISAG local chapter?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	65.97%	95
No	34.03%	49
	Answered	144
	Skipped	104

19. If you attended the main conference, did you attend any of the Early Career events?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, Networking event	21.33%	48
Yes, both	20.89%	47
No	46.67%	105
N/A (did not attend the Daejeon conference)	11.11%	25
	Answered	225
	Skipped	23

20. If you answered yes to the above, do you have any feedback for the conference?

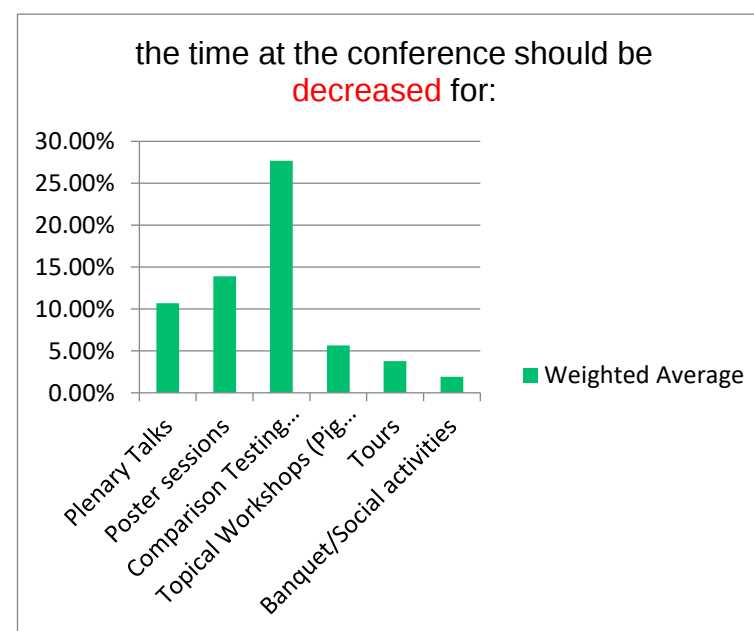
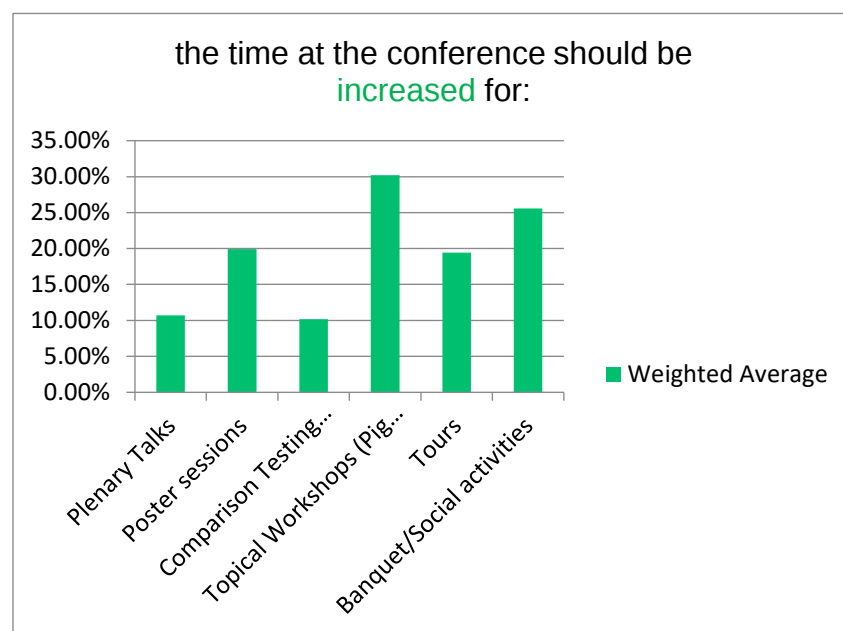
Answered	49
Skipped	199

The following summary of the top answers (see Excel file for all details)

Event Comfort, Duration, Moderation, Participation, Quality, etc.	20
Food Catering	9
Presentation and Discussion Length	5

21. Should the time at the conference be increased, decreased or kept the same for: (217 answered, 31 skipped)

	Increased		Kept Same		Decreased		Total	Weighted Average
Plenary Talks	10.70%	23	78.60%	169	10.70%	23	215	6
Poster sessions	19.91%	43	66.20%	143	13.89%	30	216	6
Comparison Testing Workshops	10.19%	21	62.14%	128	27.67%	57	206	6
Topical Workshops (Pig Genomics, Microbiomes etc)	30.19%	64	64.15%	136	5.66%	12	212	6
Tours	19.43%	41	76.78%	162	3.79%	8	211	6
Banquet/Social activities	25.59%	54	72.51%	153	1.90%	4	211	6



22. What suggestions or concerns would you like to convey about the 2025 conference?

Answered 72

Skipped 176

Top responses (Please see details in Excel File)

Workshop Management and Structure 9

Conference Logistics, Scheduling and Timing 9

Catering/Dining 6

Conference Accessibility and Participation 5

Future planning section

23. If your Workshop group were planning an off-year online meeting, how likely are you to attend/join?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very likely	48.46%	110
Possibly	40.97%	93
Not likely	10.57%	24
Answered		227
Skipped		21

24. Will you (as a student) or your students likely apply for a bursary to attend the July 2027 conference in Perugia, Italy?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very likely	55.71%	117
Possibly	29.52%	62
Not likely	14.76%	31
Answered		210
Skipped		38

25. If a training session of 1-1.5 days was offered in conjunction with the 2027 conference in Perugia, Italy, would you consider attending or paying for your students or staff to attend? See question 26 for possible topics.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	44.05%	100
No	8.81%	20
It depends on the topic	47.14%	107

26. Which of these topics would make it more likely for you or your students/staff to attend? Please rank the following topics to help organizers identify specific sessions to develop:

	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		Total	Score
Genomic seq data analysis, focusing on variant detection	47.21%	93	17.77%	35	11.68%	23	9.14%	18	9.64%	19	3.55%	7	1.02%	2	0.00%	0	197	6.69
RNAseq, ChIPseq data processing/analysis	8.63%	17	24.87%	49	18.78%	37	15.74%	31	12.18%	24	11.17%	22	6.09%	12	2.54%	5	197	5.31
How to use OMIA effectively	7.61%	15	8.63%	17	17.26%	34	13.71%	27	18.27%	36	12.69%	25	13.20%	26	8.63%	17	197	4.4
Single cell data analysis	9.64%	19	8.12%	16	10.66%	21	20.81%	41	13.20%	26	18.78%	37	8.12%	16	10.66%	21	197	4.38
Learning community pipelines such as nf-CORE for FAANG such as RNAseq, etc	5.08%	10	6.09%	12	10.66%	21	13.20%	26	23.86%	47	18.78%	37	14.72%	29	7.61%	15	197	4.02
How to use Pan genomes in your research (missing from reference, SV, variant list)	13.20%	26	18.27%	36	12.18%	24	8.12%	16	8.12%	16	21.83%	43	15.23%	30	3.05%	6	197	4.79
Introduction to T2T assemblies	5.58%	11	9.64%	19	9.14%	18	8.63%	17	6.09%	12	5.08%	10	35.03%	69	20.81%	41	197	3.41
Introduction to genome browsers	3.05%	6	6.60%	13	9.64%	19	10.66%	21	8.63%	17	8.12%	16	6.60%	13	46.70%	92	197	3.01
															Answered			197
															Skipped			51

27. What topic are you interested in for such a training session that does not appear above?

Answered 68

No more than 8 in any one subject matter; please see Excel file for details.

Skipped 180