

Results of the Evaluation Questionnaire for the Speakers

9 forms and one very detailed answer had been received mostly sent back after the summer school. This adds up to 53% if the three Conveners are subtracted from the sum of all speakers (22) as they were involved in the organization of the summer school themselves and so it would be redundant to ask for any opinion from them.

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Dear speaker, please answer the following questions by circling the numbers given for each of them. We also appreciate any additional comments you make, either directly in relation to each question or on the back of the last page. As ALTER-Net will organise two more summer schools it would be a great help to integrate your comments in the organization for those.

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

Expectations

Did the summer school meet your expectations? 1 2 3 4 5
7 2

What did you expect from the summer school: **I had none as this was my first summer school; did not know what to expect but it was an invigorating experience to meet the enthusiastic students; enjoyed discussions with students in a wonderful place; intensive exchange and fruitful discussions with young researchers and fellow speakers; exchange with students and speakers, taking different disciplinary viewpoints into account.**

Background material on the website <http://www.pik-potsdam.de/alter-net/>

How would you rate the ALTER-Net summer school website? 1 2 3 4 5
2 6

What could be improved at the ALTER-Net summer school website: **did not visit; I could have submitted my own material a bit earlier and others too; request to submit was too late – was travelling this summer; I missed information on the students – would have liked to know to which audience I speak; accessibility difficult as password I was first sent did not work (Comment by Sabine: but it was not changed);**

How would you rate the background material on the website? 1 2 3 4 5
3 1 2

What other background material would have helped? **Did not use it (2); poster titles of the students would have been great so one could see their background;**

Why did you not provide it? **The request was made too late, was travelling the whole summer;**

Are you satisfied with receiving pdf-copies of the presentations and additional background information after the summer course? 1 2 3 4 5
8 1

Explanation or additional comments:

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

Do you find it useful that participants were asked to prepare a report of each lecture and the discussions? 1 2 3 4 5
3 2 3

Did you read the report of your lecture? **No, did not know it existed; might be good but did not see mine; had no time yet;**

Explanation or additional comments: **I consider this an important element of learning experience; not sure because there will be the pdf files of the lectures; read the report but do not know whether this is useful, maybe they should send it to the presenter first?**

Would you like to see the final report, including each group's sectoral assessment and the synthesis to be distributed on the final CD-ROM? 1 2 3 4 5
8 1

Structure and organisation of the summer school

How do you rate the structure of the working days? 1 2 3 4 5
3 5

Explanation or additional comments: **demanding for students; good mix of lectures and working groups (2); for me perfect; cannot comment as I was not there long enough (2);**

How do you rate the opportunity for discussing the lectures? 1 2 3 4 5
6 2 1

Explanation or additional comments: **very nice that ample discussion time is provided (2); directly after the presentation and later in the breaks as well;**

Organisation

What suggestions do you have for the organizers for how they could be more effective?

Very well organized for such a remote place (2); very efficient and effective; not much to improve; integration of lecturers – one in-house and one external per day, having the external support student work during the day;

What other ideas do you have for how the summer school could have been more effective?

None; very good as it is; larger screen and better darkening of lecture room; more information what lecturers should provide; a better fit of socio-economic talks – should complement each other and show a range of different perspectives/approaches;

Did we contact you too early / too late?

Perfect timing (3); just right (3); was OK (2); slightly too late: 6 months ahead would be ideal;

Accommodation

How would you rate the accommodation of Peyresq? 1 2 3 4 5
6 4

Explanation or additional comments: **basic but fine – fits to the context;**

How would you rate the cuisine at Peyresq? 1 2 3 4 5
3 5 1 1

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

Explanation or additional comments: **for me it was excellent although I am aware of the difficulties for the vegetarians;**

How would you rate travelling to Peyresq?	1	2	3	4	5
	4	2	3	1	

Explanation or additional comments: **this is the price to pay for such a remote place but it's worth it; a bit long but very picturesque; I got sick in the taxi; a wonderful environment as the topics for the summer school (biodiversity) and for the working groups (Alps) matches with the local region.**

How would you rate the staff at Peyresq?	1	2	3	4	5
	6	1	2		

Explanation or additional comments: **extremely helpful and kind except the cook!**

Any additional comments?

Peyresq is a wonderful place for a summer school (2); great experience, thank you (2); thanks for inviting me; an excellent occasion for researchers and students; the idea of working groups is very good but in practice it seems to be too difficult, it should be prepared in another way/better;

If you like to sign this form it is fine but if you prefer to give it back anonymously this is fine with us as well. Please give this form to anyone of the organisers before leaving Peyresq. Thank you!