

Results of the Evaluation Questionnaire for the Speakers

From the 23 speakers 9 speakers have returned the questionnaire which results in 35%. The fact that many speakers have already been in Peyresq a couple of times is evident from many answers.

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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
6 1

What did you expect from the summer school: **Many excellent discussions with bright young people (2); informative and entertaining lectures and inquisitive students – both have been very well met; I am also involved in another ALTER-Net course with more interaction with the students and it would be profitable if speakers stay;**

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
4 2

What could be improved at the ALTER-Net summer school website: **Not sure; no time to check; never looked at the website; maybe a couple of more photos!**

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

What other background material would have helped? **Discussion on the science-policy interface ; it is a personal selection;**

Why did you not provide it? **No time; it's available elsewhere on the web; add categories of "must read" and "recommended reading; include some reports of former students and develop "alumni" programme;**

Are you satisfied with receiving pdf-copies of the presentations and additional background information after the summer course? 1 2 3 4 5
6 2

Explanation or additional comments: **The main thing happens at Peyresq not afterwards; it is very useful to get copies of the presentations – much good information;**

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

Did you read the report of your lecture? **Not yet (4);**

Explanation or additional comments: **This will be a very useful feedback; this kind of exercise is a good echo of what many will have to do in their job later; such feedback might be more useful to the organisers than to the lecturers;**

Excellent/Easy/Yes - Poor/Difficult/No

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
7	1			

Yes, please; definitely;

Structure and organisation of the summer school

How do you rate the structure of the working days?

1	2	3	4	5
5	1	2		

Explanation or additional comments: **Good balance; towards the end it got a bit intense; the structure is well developed and tested over many years; leisure walk was useful and good to familiarise with the participants; the days would be easier for the students if we managed to stick more strictly to the time; rest is vital for the students; I would suggest making sure 1-2 hours of free time in the middle of the day would be available for the students – often it was not;**

How do you rate the opportunity for discussing the lectures?

1	2	3	4	5
3	4	1		

Explanation or additional comments: **Often too little time as speakers speak too long; brunch and coffee breaks provide an ideal opportunity; I like the approach of including questions throughout the lecture; some lecturers had far too much material and overran their time;**

Organisation

What suggestions do you have for the organizers for how they could be more effective? **Seems already pretty effective (3); the "EC specification" for the case study was a brilliant idea; would suggest to let people walk up or down to the Peyresq station;**

What other ideas do you have for how the summer school could have been more effective? **No major changes to suggest; is already good; keep speakers on time; an extended and slightly more structured way to discuss posters; put digital photos of all the participants on a board so one can learn who's who; maybe some discussion on "effective group-working" techniques at the start of the working groups; producing a book or journal special issue is always nice;**

Did we contact you too early / too late? **OK; fine; just perfect;**

Accommodation

How would you rate the accommodation of Peyresq?

1	2	3	4	5
8		1		

Explanation or additional comments: **Excellent place to work and live for a few days; great, don't change it; I really missed a desk to work at;**

How would you rate the cuisine at Peyresq?

1	2	3	4	5
8	1			

Explanation or additional comments: **Excellent; how can I lose weight again now? Great except for breakfast – I guess it's French;**

How would you rate travelling to Peyresq?

1	2	3	4	5
4	3	2		

Explanation or additional comments: **Was an adventure and took too long; tricky; nice but remote; completing the journey by hiking up the valley would be wonderful;**

How would you rate the staff at Peyresq?

1	2	3	4	5
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Explanation or additional comments: **Kind, friendly, agreeable, efficient and helpful; fantastic;**

Any additional comments?

The lack of an effective internet connection was a real disadvantage in the case study work; please, can I come again next year?

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!