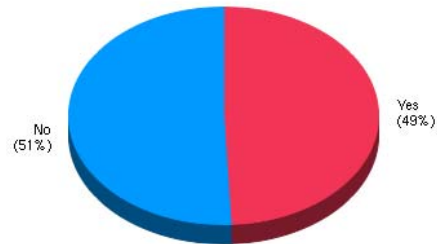


Report: Results: 1 = very dissatisfied // 4 = very satisfied

Survey: IM2 Summer Institute 2009

Compiled: 06/01/2010

1. Did you think that Chavannes-de-Bogis was a suitable location for the Summer Institute?



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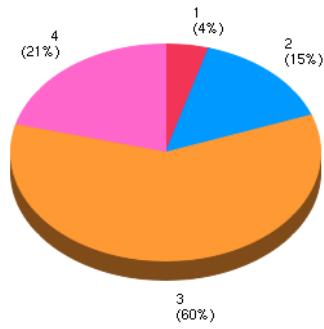
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SUMMARY

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No	34	51%

2. The program



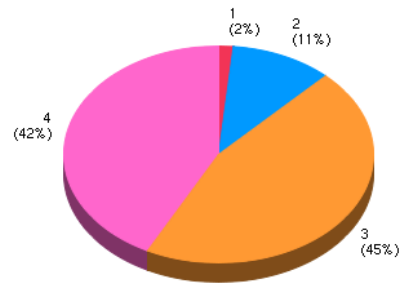
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4	14	21%

3. The length of the Summer Institute



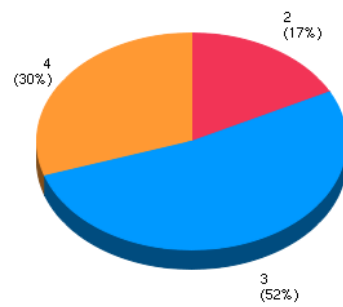
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SUMMARY

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2	7	11%
3	30	45%
4	28	42%
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4. The quality of the scientific presentations



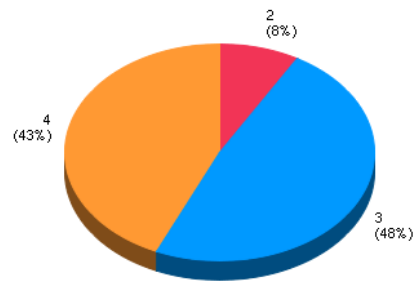
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SUMMARY

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2	11	17%
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5. The quality of the poster session



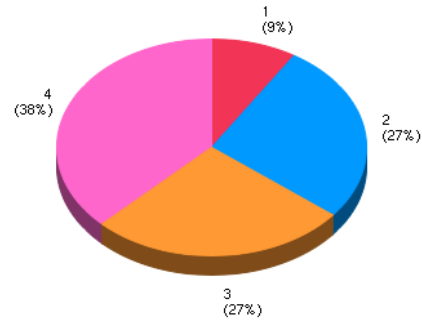
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SUMMARY

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3	29	48%
4	26	43%
N/A	7	(N/A)

6. The quality of the workshops



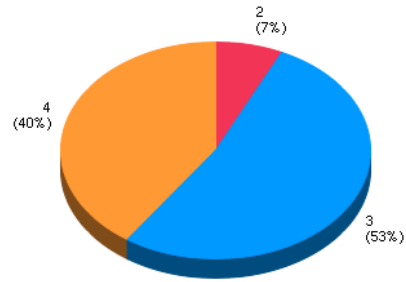
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SUMMARY

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2	15	27%
3	15	27%
4	21	38%
N/A	11	(N/A)

7. Parallel sessions organisation



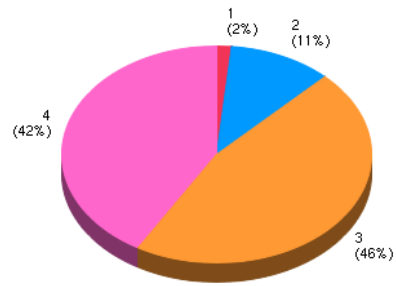
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Total Responses:	67
Average:	3.33

SUMMARY

VALUE	COUNT	PERCENT %
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3	30	53%
4	23	40%
N/A	10	(N/A)

8. Meeting Facilities (Internet access, audio, beamer, table, setup in general)



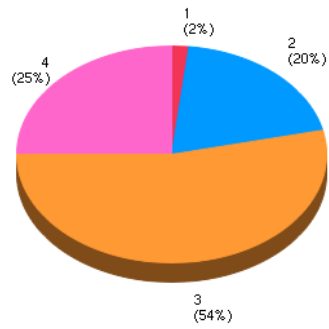
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Total Responses:	67
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SUMMARY

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2	7	11%
3	30	46%
4	27	42%
N/A	2	(N/A)

9. The accommodation



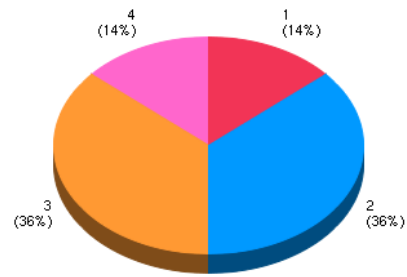
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SUMMARY

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2	11	20%
3	30	54%
4	14	25%
N/A	11	(N/A)

10. Food and Beverage



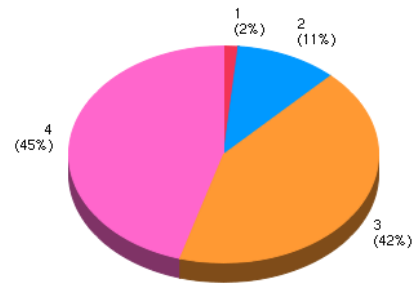
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SUMMARY

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2	24	36%
3	24	36%
4	9	14%
N/A	1	(N/A)

11. Coffee break



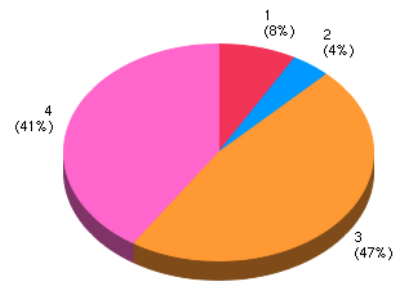
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Average:	3.32

SUMMARY

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2	7	11%
3	28	42%
4	30	45%
N/A	1	(N/A)

12. The outdoor activity



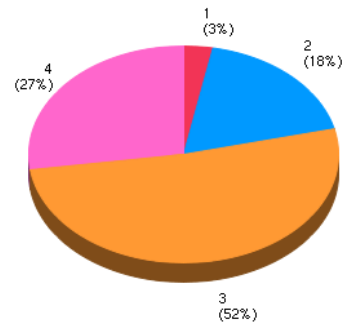
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Average:	3.20

SUMMARY

VALUE	COUNT	PERCENT %
1	4	8%
2	2	4%
3	23	47%
4	20	41%
N/A	18	(N/A)

13. Networking opportunities (perspective of collaboration)



STATISTICS

Choices Selected:	67
Total Responses:	67
Average:	3.03

SUMMARY

VALUE	COUNT	PERCENT %
1	2	3%
2	12	18%
3	34	52%
4	18	27%
N/A	1	(N/A)

14. Global organization (work & disponibility of the Idiap staff)



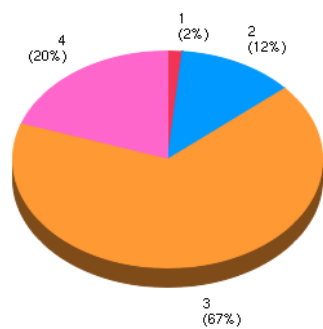
STATISTICS

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Average:	3.62

SUMMARY

VALUE	COUNT	PERCENT %
1	1	2%
2	2	3%
3	18	28%
4	44	68%
N/A	2	(N/A)

15. Overall Opinion



STATISTICS

Choices Selected:	67
Total Responses:	67
Average:	3.05

SUMMARY

VALUE	COUNT	PERCENT %
1	1	2%
2	8	12%
3	44	67%
4	13	20%
N/A	1	(N/A)

Appendix 2:

You think that Chavannes-de-Bogis was not a suitable location for the Summer Institute. Why?

DATA

CODE	VALUE
42915469	highway
42915419	Difficult access without car, no place to stay outside the hotel and not beautiful(as last year).
42916208	boring, middle of nowhere
42915692	It was too isolated and really not a very interesting place. I think people felt confined to the hotel because of this.
42917938	remote and not nice. expensive to the point of rip-off. food was amazingly bad on monday, got better afterwards
42917164	The absolute zero facilities for any social activities (sport, recreational) made the extra-time boring and useless.
42918365	I am not quite happy with the service of the hotel. Also, there is nothing else to see outside. Simply as a place to host some talks, it is ok, but nothing more than that. In comparaison, Reideralp was really nice.
42927316	in the middle of nowhere, expensive beers
42987427	The place is quiet remote, and also everything within the restaurant seemed very expensive (almost double the normal price).
43016180	On the motorway
43019171	Because of the location, the hotel was the only place to socialize in the evenings, which was boring.
43174859	Not very much to do around. One of the most important aspect for the summer school - in my point of view - is networking. There were only very few possibilities for social activities and the outside area closed at around 11:30pm. The food was not as good as last year, same with the service. Several times I witnessed that people at my table didn't get any food (until they complained) because they have been forgotten, when the food was served.
43251663	Something closer to the city/human life is better
43251729	It is not well-connected place, so if you didn't want to stay there, transportation was very hard.
43251937	To close from public 1transportations
43251827	It was a very lonely place.
43251647	Chavannes-de-Bogis as a place I liked it but Best Western is not the best venue.
43255790	It was in the middle of nowhere
43333314	Place was a bit remote

CODE	VALUE
43438736	Former years' locations were better
43438740	It is not very motivating environment
43438721	Isolated
43438863	The hotel was bad (staff, services)
43439601	In the middle of nowhere, and it's not even nice.
43439844	Place isolated and difficult to get out.
43439762	Bad service, high prices, nothing to do around.
43440378	Too isolated from any city centres
43440614	It was out of the city and there was no other activity to do
43440758	CO2, its in the middle of nowhere :-(
43440883	It was too close to Geneva & Lausanne so people could just go home in the evening
43440966	Noisy & low quality of the hotel
43441172	Good location because Chavannes is close to the CERN
43446971	I found it was a little bit far from everything and too close to the highway.
43461216	may be it could be a nice place, but the hotel was so far
43762980	Too close from labs, it prevented people to really take part fully in the event

Appendix 3: Comments:

DATA

CODE	VALUE
42915419	Workshop 3 (the one I attended) was really boring, but I think the others were ok. I see no point on including students in so many management talks and presentations. We could benefit more and see more collaboration opportunities with technical sessions. To summ up: more science and less pubic relations for students.
42915692	Workshop #3 (SIM2) was not very interesting, but at least it was not a disaster like last year's workshops. While the food was generally good, the vegetarian options left much to be desired. Overall I felt the organisation was very good. Thanks Valérie!
42917938	workshop rating refers to workshop #3
42918365	One good point about the hotel : the wireless internet was really good, it allowed me to continue my work almost as if I were in Idiap. I think it is important, if one has a submission deadline.
42922736	Too much management crap, not enough technical.
43014976	I really enjoyed the summer institute!
43019171	Positives: (1) CERN trip was wonderful. (2) The organization/scheduling of the programs was very nice. Criticism: (1) Unlike last IM2, there was no place to socialize in the evenings. (2) Vegetarian food was not good. (3) IM2 should be held earlier or later. This time of the year clashes with ICASSP conference.
43174859	The organization was superb. I'm aware that my slight negative opinion of the location are due to facts that could not have been known beforehand.
43239120	points to work on : Everyone should have the possibility of choosing to have a single room or not. Good points : I think the organization from the Idiap staff was really good. Their disponibility was really much appreciated and the visit to CERN was amazing.
43324888	-
43333314	overall the organization of the event was very good
43438641	At my sense, it would be more interesting to organize the poster session in a unique space (room)
43438736	Food was below average. No wine. Good organization nonetheless.
43438992	I was there just for the poster sessions. So I dont have an opinion on most of the questions listed.
43438721	I think many people complained about the location like me. And, it was a little bit inconvenient to attend the summer institute right after summer vacation. (Actually, they conflicted so I had to change my vacation plan.)
43438863	The lunch and dinner on the first day I thought was bad. There was a lot of dirty cutlery... The bar was bad and had few options.
43439601	Place sucked. Staff not very efficient. Despite that, a pleasant Summer Institute. Too much oriented on industrial/commercialization. Too little science, except the poster session. Bad quality of the Workshop 3.

CODE	VALUE
43439762	Never again here: They don't have enough glasses in the bar and not enough beer. Nothing to do after midnight. Go back to Riederalp. Perspectives and presentations were good
43440614	Staff were rubbish (not polite or friendly)!!!!
43440758	The hotel was awful. Nothing to do after dinner.
43440883	Not anymore at that hotel, please.
43441172	Very bad staff in the restaurant, unfriendly. Dirty cutlery on Monday & Tuesday. Workshop 3 was too bureaucratic. Don't include scientists if you are discussing about law!!! Workshop of Pierre was very interesting. The posters session was a good opportunity of networking, good quality of posters and presentations!
43461216	well organized in general

Appendix 4:

What do you suggest for the next IM2 event (program, length, period of the year, location, etc):

DATA

CODE	VALUE
42915153	I suggest more technical sessions for the next time
42915419	2 days duration. Suggested place: Ticino. Less management sessions or then parallel sessions for students and research staff.
42916208	ticino, rideralp, lugano, more days (phd students only)
42915692	I would suggest IM2 go back to the mountains - i.e. in the cantons of Valais, Tessin, Bern or Fribourg. If the institute is going to be in an isolated place, it might as well be in a better place!
42917938	summer/autumn, remote BUT nice (riederalp style). somewhere in Ticino? although we don't go there to get drunk, a place that has decent prices for beverages would be cool.
42917164	The organization of the workshop is good. But, the extra-time should get little attention as well... some minimal organization, with zero budget, at least some proposals...
42918365	program : presentation by the research groups and PhD students, instead of posters. Maybe the interaction will be more if there are presentations (slides + talks) because everyone sees everyone else's work. length : 4 days should be ok. period of year : fine location : Grindenwald
42922736	More technical presentations, brainstorming, technical workshops, maybe introductory tutorials (technical) for newcomers.
42927316	somewhere near civilization to have some activities in the evening besides expensive hotel bar
42981342	- maybe have the poster session earlier -> as it involves more people, allows to know each other (and each other's work) better for the remaining days and could lead to more (scientific) fruitful discussions.
42986080	Somewhere with a better bar. People get to know each other better when there is alcohol about.
42992672	We could think of organizing a larger event with people from outside IM2 (or former IM2 participants), for instance a Summer School with various courses, which would attract a larger number of people.
43002481	Do poster sessions on first or second day, since knowing the topic of research is helpful to contact people with similar problems. Knowing this from the first day might get you more change to contact them.
43014976	I would perhaps limit the summer institute to two days rather than two and a half. The distribution of activities over the day was appropriate (good mix of breaks and activities).
43016180	Ski Resort
43019171	Location: Idiap :-> Period: June Program, Length: Same as this year.
43174859	4 days, more social events

CODE	VALUE
43182180	We should have almost only scientific presentations by the students. Summaries by IP-heads are too high-level and do not offer the opportunity to really understand the techniques behind the work presented there. Thus, not as enriching as long scientific presentations could be. It is good to have a location reachable everyday for senior people who could not attend the whole meeting otherwise. Have sport games for the students to do. This is a good way to break the ice.
43251647	It would be nice if it is possible to invite ex-IM2 members (graudated PhD students or Postdocs) to participate/give presentations if they are still active along these research lines.
43255790	Zurich. More games, sports, sightseeing. At least 5 days.
43324888	-
43333314	a mountain location is more inspiring and might allow for more informal discussion
43438740	The poster session should be held on the first day, which has most of the interaction between students. This will allow to interact more freely for the next two days.
43438985	more scientific presentations
43439762	Praga, Ticino, one week
43440378	PROGRAM: Bad quality (1): It would be good to have more scientific presentations rather than presentations of im2 members and IP. Also, it would be nice to cluster the posters and presentations according to scientific topics. PERIOD: beginning of September is ok. LOCATION: Zurich or Locarno or Lugano
43440614	I would suggest location with some more activities (sports, sight seeing, ...). For the program I would suggest putting some tutorials of some particular area.
43440758	One week (3 days without seniors, professors, etc.). Zurich, Lugano, Locarno. During winter.
43440883	I preferred the food at Riederalp!
43440966	Program all right, same lenght, same period of the year, locations: Davos
43441172	Ticcino? A hotel with something to do in the evening apart the bar!
43450789	As someone suggested, would be nice to start with the poster session. It breaks the ice and gets people more familiar with each other and the subjects. Also, it could be a bit longer than now, I didn't have enough time to go through most of them. In general, it would be also good, if the session where the interaction is one way (from a person talking to an audience) could be kept quite prompt, since me and some others found them rather dull. Not that the contents wouldn't be interesting, but the whole set-up is a bit like going to a church. On the other hand, the program with more interaction (workshops and poster session) was more enjoyable. In any case, thanks for the very professional organization and for welcoming everyone to attend, it was very nice.
43461216	location closer to a city (or daily-outdoor activities in the evening if it's far from cities)