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Users Meeting Report

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UEC Meeting

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Overview of the Users' Meeting Committee

http://orgs.fnal.gov/fermilab_users_org/Committee/UM/Committee-UM.html

USERS' MEETING

The Users' Meeting Committee organizes the annual Fermilab User Meeting. It's main task is to invite the whole scientific community once a year to show what new results were obtained by HEP at Fermilab or with Fermilab involvement. It highlights the past and future experiments and gives young scientists a platform to present themselves to the User community.

Committee Members 2016-2017

Name	Email
Sarah Lockwitz - Fermilab (chair)	Sarah Lockwitz
Tammy Walton - Fermilab (deputy)	Tammy Walton
Thomas Strauss - Fermilab (deputy)	Thomas Strauss

Fermilab Conference Office

Office of Communication

Users' Executive Committee

50th Annual Users' Meeting

1-day event

The annual gathering of the Fermilab Users Organization will be held on **June 07-09, 2017**.

This meeting is the opportunity for Fermilab Users and Employees to discuss the newest physics results from the laboratory's experimental and theory programs, exciting new future initiatives at the lab, and thoughtful presentations from leaders of the scientific policy community.

Topics to be covered at the Users Meeting include:

- State of the Laboratory
- Collider Physics
- Astroparticle Physics
- Neutrino Physics

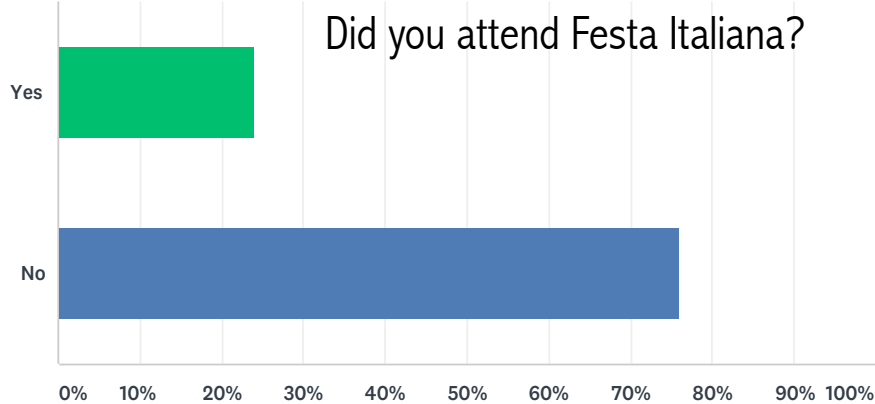


Survey of the 50th Annual Users Meeting

- Special shot out to Leah Hesla!
 - For all of the work that she did to get this done!

- Survey Topics
 - Festa Italiana
 - 50th Symposium
 - User Meeting

Results of the Survey : Festa Italiana



Number of Users who answered the questions

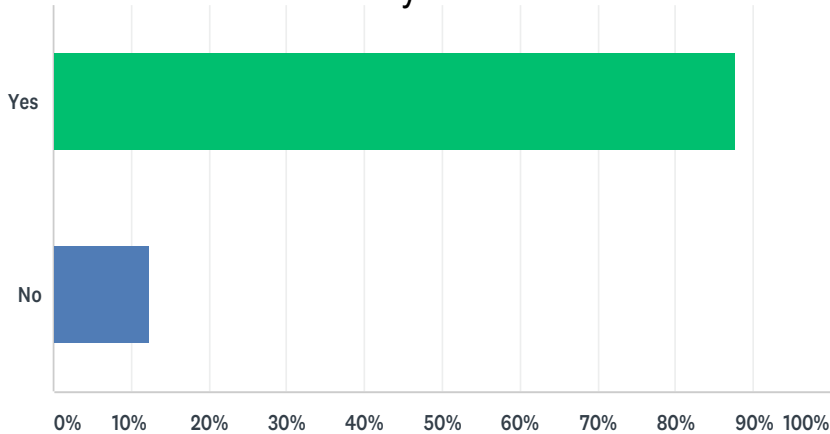
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Remaining Questions	<21>

- Majority of the users preferred for the event to start earlier.
- Surprising, there are two requests asking if we can persuade their friends to attend.
- The majority are satisfied with the amount of food and drinks, do not have an opinion on the day, and happy with Kuhn Barn as the location.
- Improvements include games and music.

I was involved in the organization. The food was planned for more people and I heard from several people that did not come because could not register and the event was declared at capacity.

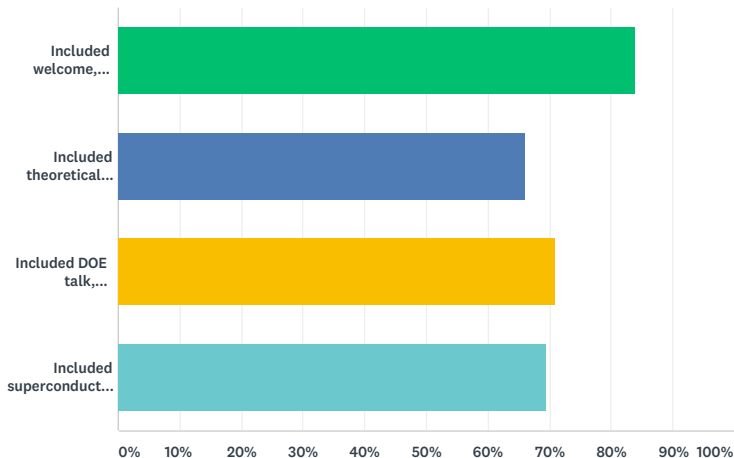
Results of the Survey : Symposium

Did you attend the 50th Anniversary Symposium?

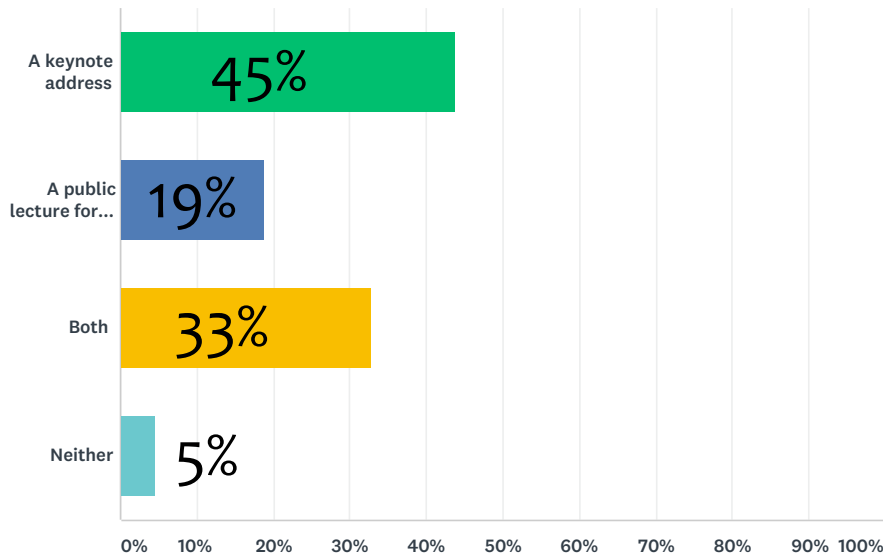


- 80% of the users are satisfied with the length of the coffee breaks and < 2% didn't like the food.

- Overall, users are satisfied with the program book.



Results of the Survey : Symposium



I spent most my time visiting old colleagues.

I liked the panel concept. Some were very interesting and dynamic, some others were too tedious to follow (people were just reading a script, not involving the audience at all). I'd like something more extemporaneous. As for the program book, either we stick to the agenda or not print it (there were a few changes to the program). Also, either we show the list of talks, or -if we only print the sessions in the book - use more descriptive titles for the sessions. Great job, thanks!

If the Directorate, most whom rarely interact with us scientists, haven't thanked the organizers yet, why not? It was clearly a lot of work and a labor of love.

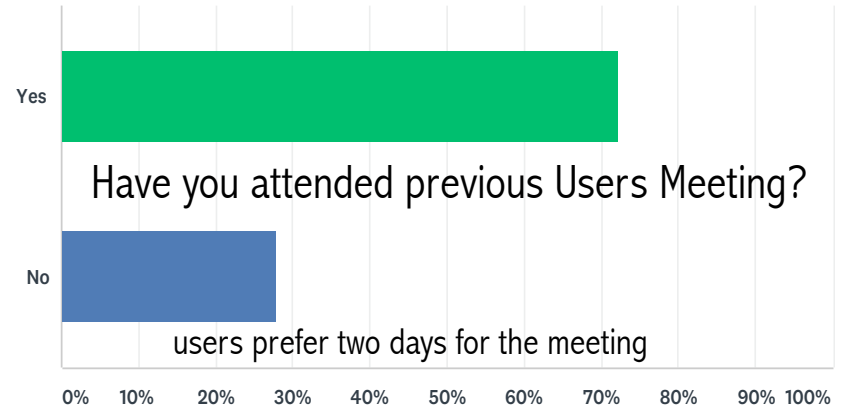
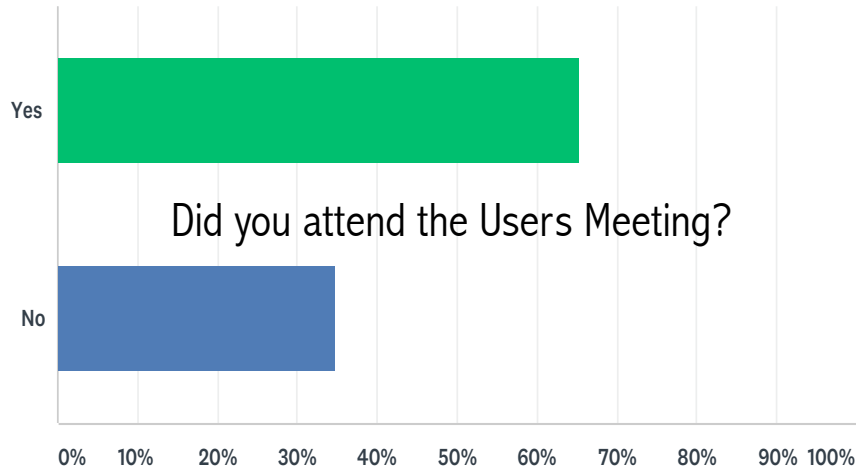
Speakers, some speakers are not associated to Fermilab very much but forced to speak about historical events of Fermilab anyway.

I was not a fan of the panel discussions

I liked the first day as it was...especially as a non-physicist.

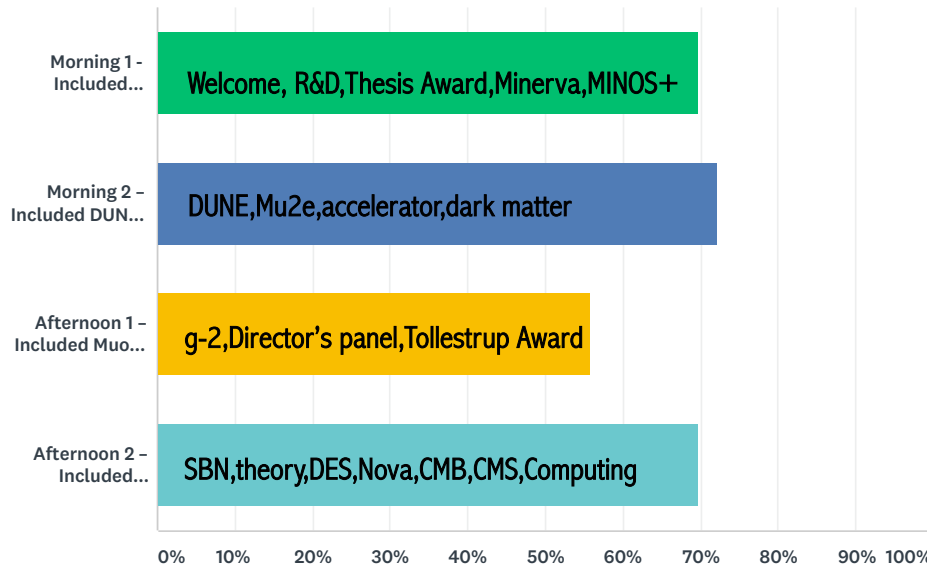
They ran out of copies of the program book and I didn't get one.

Results of the Survey : Users Meeting



Which sessions did you attend at the Users Meeting on June 8?

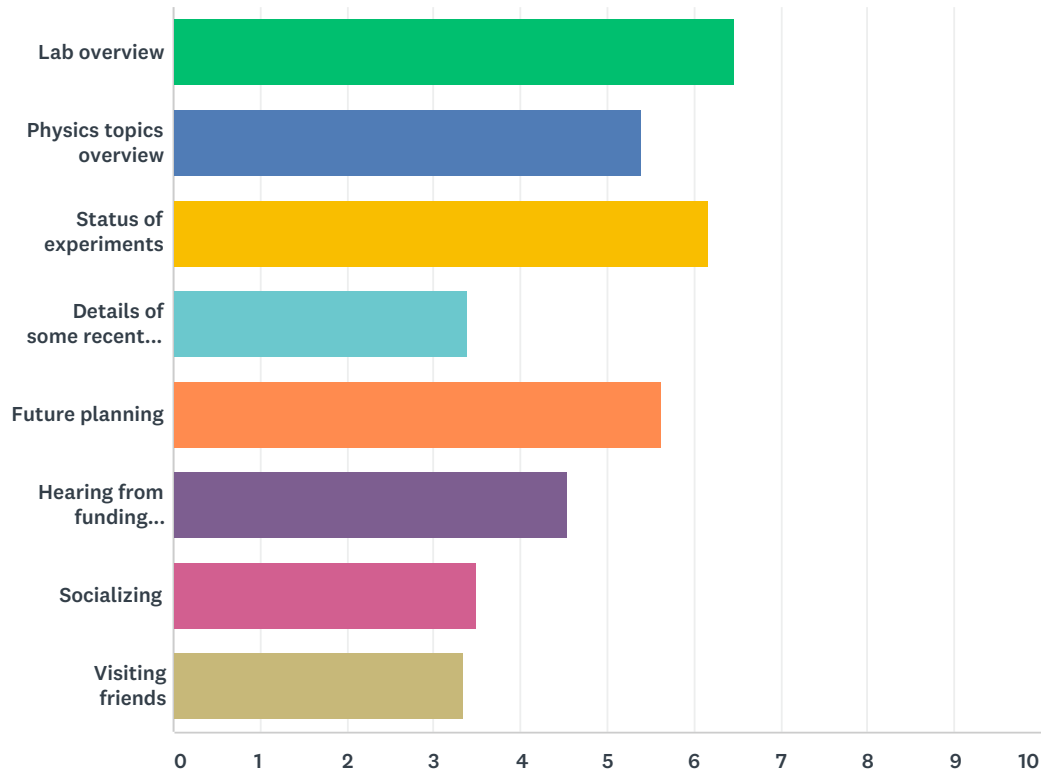
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Results of the Survey : Users Meeting

What should be the goal of the Users Meeting? Please rank in order of importance:

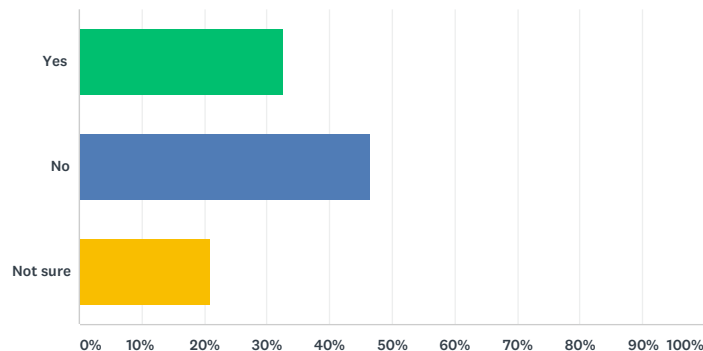
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Results of the Survey : Users Meeting

This year's Users Meeting did not have a public lecture. Did you miss it?

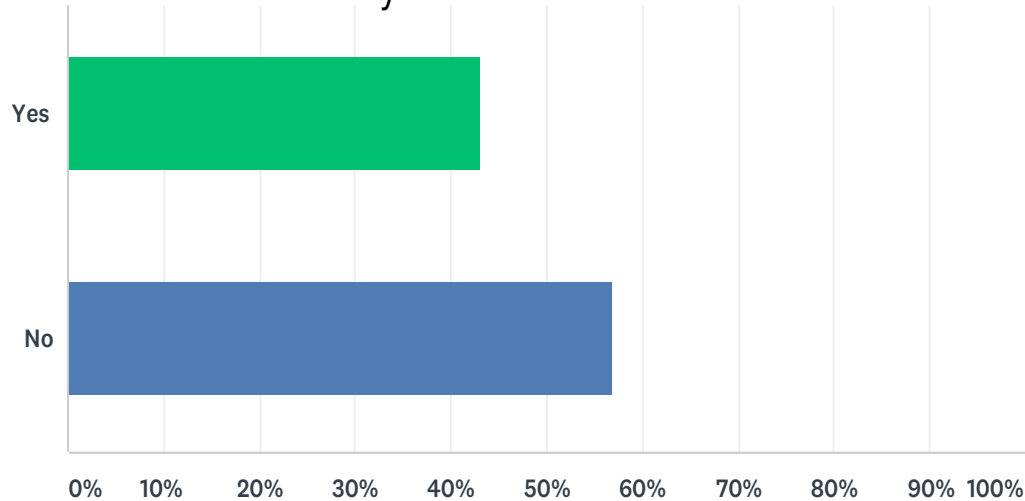
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Majority of the users are happy with the length of the coffee breaks, food, and the program book. However, one person preferred the food from 2016. In addition, someone felt that the talks were very specialized.

Results of the Survey : Users Meeting

Did you attend the Poster Session?



What can we do to make it more likely for you to come to the session in the future?

I think poster sessions are useless, better to do short presentations for students

Different scheduling? I can't remember when it was.

Results of the Survey : Users Meeting

Q30 What can we do to improve?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 89

RESPONSES

There was some confusions abotu jusdging. Some poster presenters missed their assigned time to show posters to referees. Poster presentations are bit rushing, but better than judging posters during the main session (that would make even bigger confusions)

more space

Please keep only one round of judging. The postere presentation was more tedious than the presenting a talk. The poster session was only supposed to be on June 8th, but the presenters spent a considerable amount of time not for the general pubic but for the judges the previous two days.

Make sure presenters have a chance to get food beforehand!

Poster session was great. Thank you.

Have more wine.

more posters!

2018 Users Meeting

- Dates
 - June 19-21, 2018
 - June 19th is Festa Italiana
 - 2-days

- A special thank you to Sarah Lockwitz for her service!

- Requesting new UEC members to join the Users Meeting Committee and serve as deputy chair.