

Participants' feedback on the Chile 2017 workshop

Animal Social Structures: an Introduction to Methods and Models

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Q1: Please tell us in your own words about your overall experience: how satisfied you are and the weakest and strongest aspects of the workshop in your opinion

Participant 1, PhD student: (...) I am 100% satisfied with the workshop (...). The strongest aspect was how detailed and clear you were at presenting and structuring each topic and the workshop in general. Learning how to do the analyses in SOCPROG and R was great too, especially the idea of the final exercise to sum up all the learning. Also, that you were so willing to answer every question and to discuss our projects with each one of us was amazing and beyond what I would've expected from anyone doing a workshop. The surprise exercise was also a brilliant idea, it made it really clear how descriptive the methods are. Something I would've liked -that I discussed with some others- was to have a section about data collection, and personally, about interactions. However, I understand that doing that could add a few more days to the workshop. I answered that the length of the course was about right because maybe for other people it'd be too much to do a longer course. However, it was so incredibly useful to me that I would've been happy to continue for a few weeks with more topics and exercises and examples or to take a second part (maybe when you have your own university course!); and that is probably the case for anyone doing a PhD on animal social structures, or interested in animal behaviour in general. It was really what I needed right now, thank you so much! [sic]

Participant 2, PhD student: My experience was very enriching, i'm very glad for all. The strongest things was the complex from de workshop (in quality) including the relator, who has the experience and de communication neccesary to explain social networks. I loved the small guys in the slides. Workshop web site also is great. The weakest aspect was most personal, i should be more prepared to the workshop, read more of social networks. [sic]

Participant 3, PhD student: En lo personal me encuentro altamente satisfecho. Creo que la fortaleza del curso fue contar con un buen orador, quien supo conducir a los alumnos en los distintos temas que se iban generando a medida que profundizabamos en la materia. Como debilidad podría considerarse que el curso fue muy corto y que faltó ahondar en algunos temas tales como la forma en que se recolectaron los datos y detalles de la información recolectada. [sic]

Participant 4, PhD student: The workshop was an excellent experience to me. I really enjoyed the hands-on experience, which most of other workshops or courses lack off. The strongest aspects were that the slides are really informative and will provide a great usefulness in the future. Also the R scripts have a lot of detailed and explanations, which also enhanced my statistics knowledge. The weakest part I guess would be a lack of a "how to collect data" or "experimental design" part, which I think can be very useful. [sic]

Participant 5, PhD student: The workshop was really nice, to be honest, i never have an experience before with social networks and now, with my ant's investigation, this was the best oportunity to understand what i have to do from now. [sic]

Q2: Do you have any recommendation to improve the presentation, delivery, or structure of the workshop?

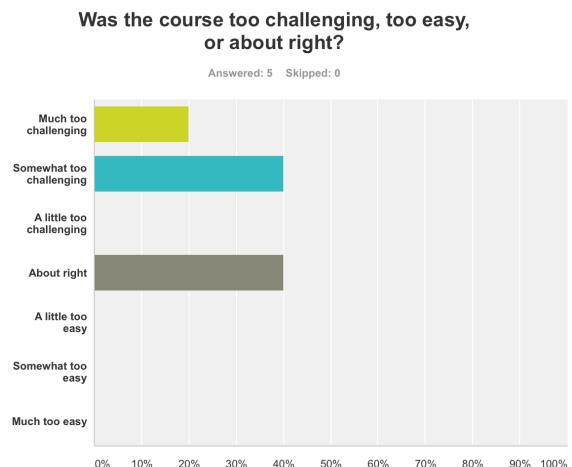
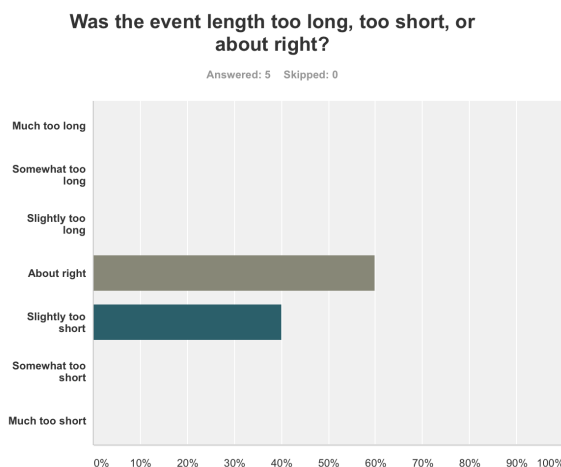
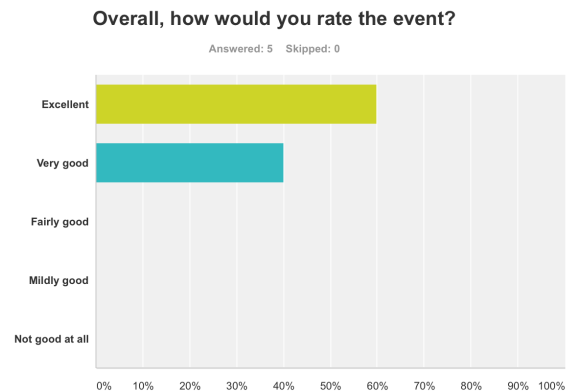
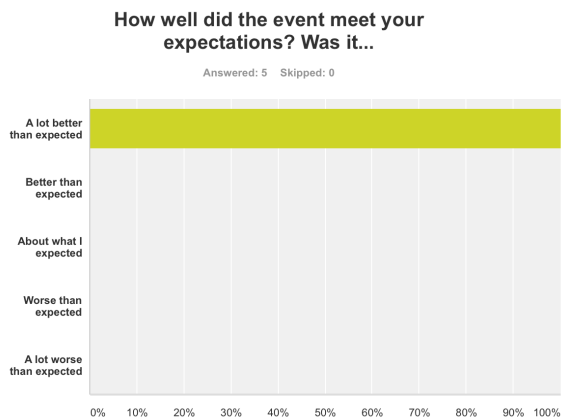
Participant 1, PhD student: *I'd say that the one-to-one explanation of the exercises at the end of the class was good. But maybe, it'd be easier to show everyone at the same time -after some one-to-one conversations- how to solve them. Maybe just 30 minutes before the day is over you could show the steps to everyone while people ask questions. That's all I can really think of. [sic]*

Participant 2, PhD student: *At the moment to show how to do the analisis in R, Socprog or Gephi, i think maybe could be more slow, because it was dificult going with de presentator. That helps to be more independent to do excercises. Maybe more conversation for the results of analisis. (sorry my redaction) [sic]*

Participant 3, PhD student: *Que el desarrollo de las actividades aplicadas se han realizadas en conjunto. Habían detalles que no fueron puestos en las diapositivas. Por ejemplo algunas veces había que poner restricciones pero estas no salían detalladas en la diapo (Ojo: no ocurría siempre). [sic]*

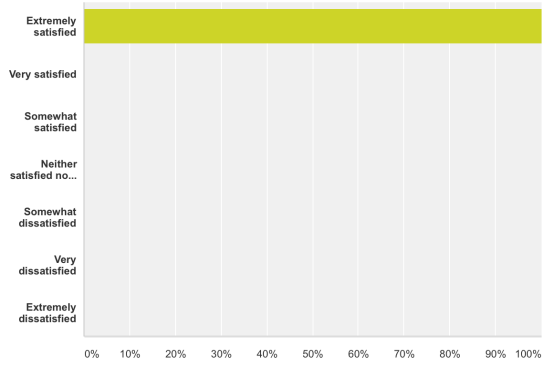
Participant 4, PhD student: *I just would add the "how to collect data" part at the beggining of the presentation. Maybe a group-demostration on how to solve the exercises before the class ends would also improve the workshop. [sic]*

Participant 5, PhD student: *No, they're no recommendations, everything was really nice, the level of the presentation and how was the time distributed. [sic]*



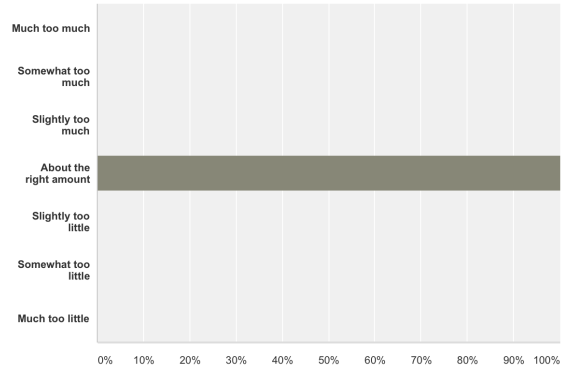
Overall, how satisfied were you with the presenter?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



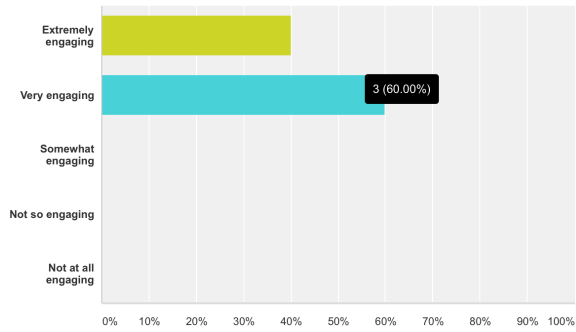
Did the presenter give too much detail, too little detail, or about the right amount?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



How engaging was the speaker at the event?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0



How knowledgeable was the presenter?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 0

