

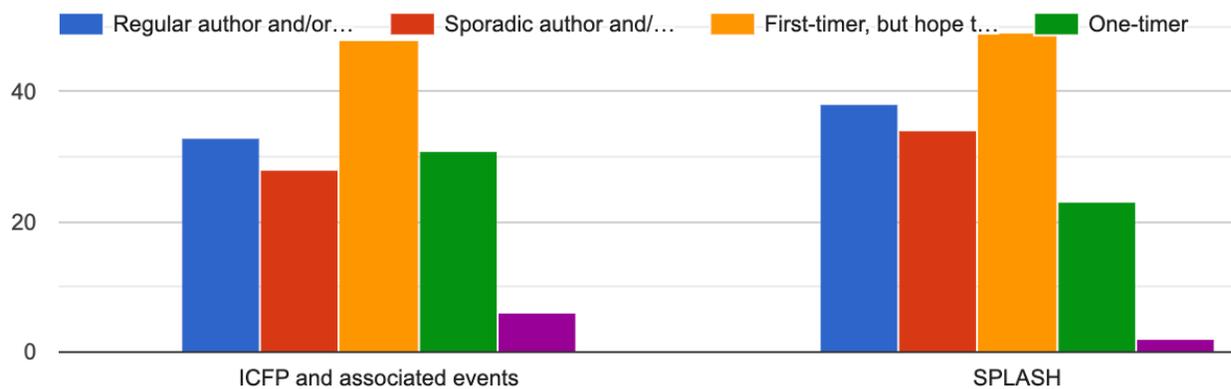
# ICFP/SPLASH 2025 Post-Event Participant Survey Response

We thank everyone who responded to the survey! In total we received 146 responses.

Below we provide some basic factual information, and summarize narrative responses.

## Communities

A significant majority were either regular, sporadic, or hoping to be. (ICFP had 31 one-timers and SPLASH had 23.)



## Registration and Attendance

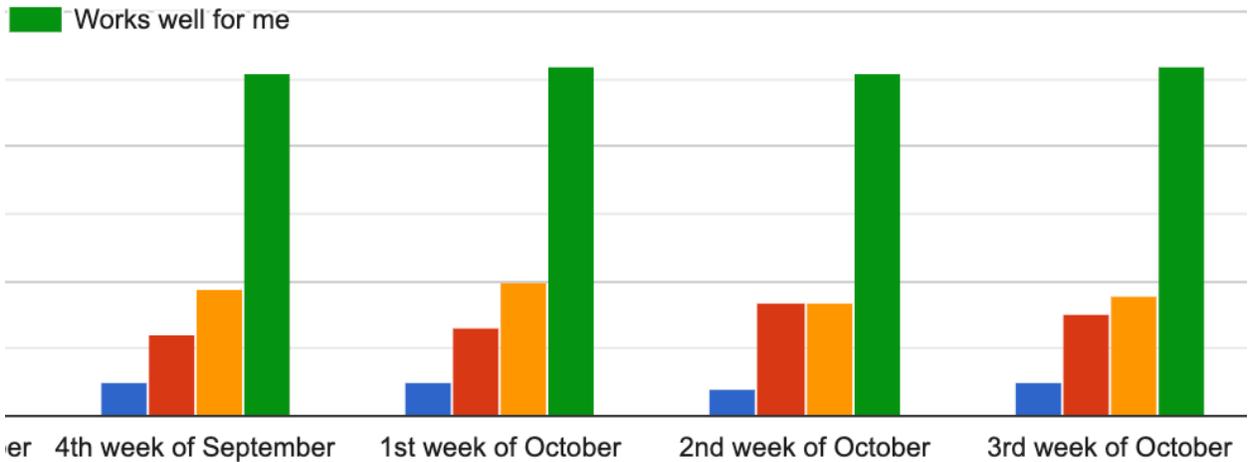
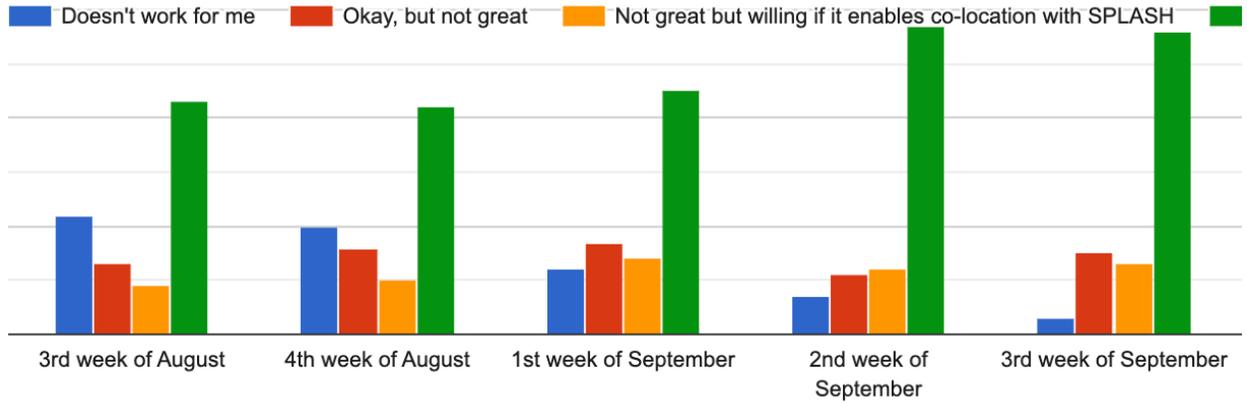
People provided many useful remarks about the registration and attendance process, which will be useful both to the Singapore organizers and to the individual events for the future. Many of the comments were specific to the registration site and to the physical venue, which do not generalize across venues.

The main topics of more general interest were:

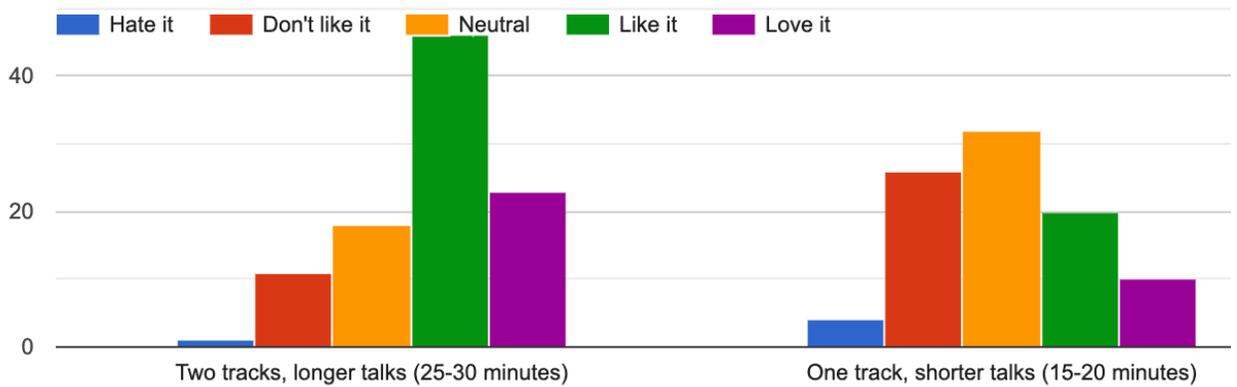
- cost
- room temperature
- food (some praise, but also some unhappiness, about handling dietary restrictions)

## Timing and Structure

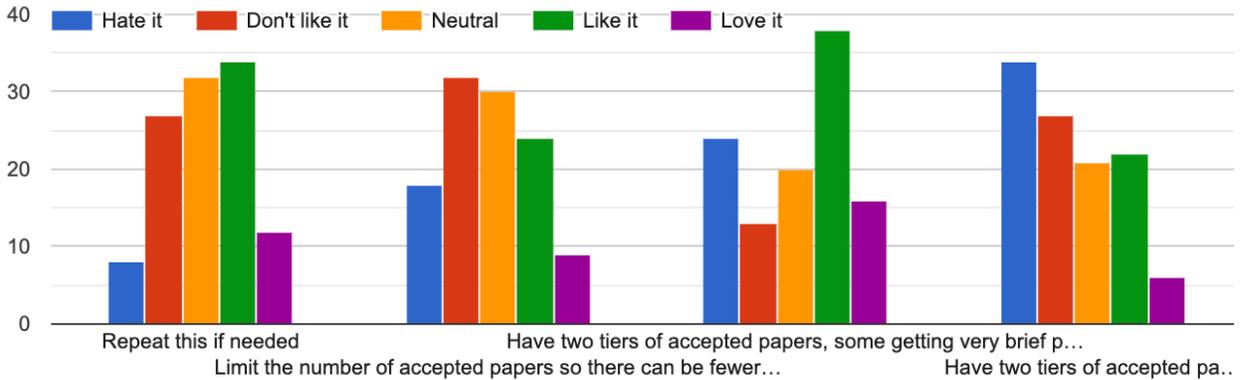
ICFP asked people to report on different times that would work for them. We learned:



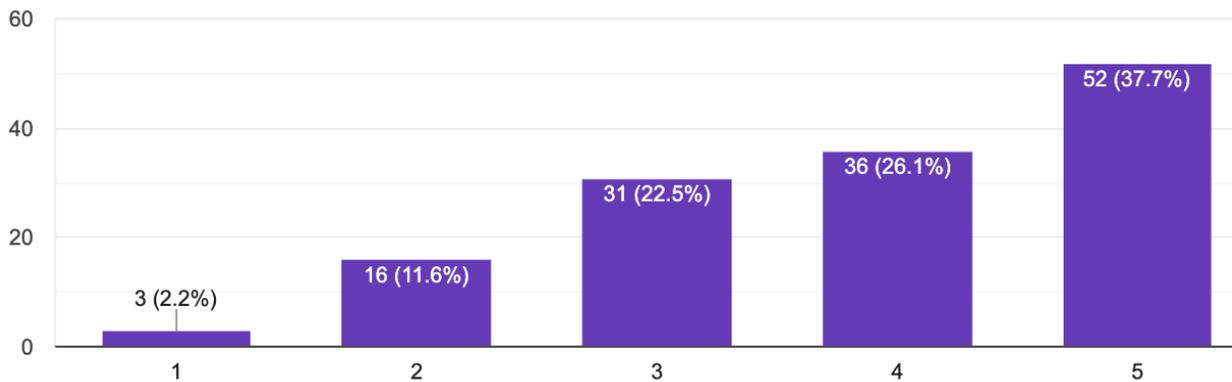
In terms of structuring ICFP talks:



OOPSLA also asked about talk structuring:



Of particular interest was whether ICFP and SPLASH should again relocate:



In terms of what worked well, people mentioned:

- seeing people they don't always get to see
- meeting new people
- cross-pollination of conversations and ideas
- the ability to attend both events, reducing travel and interruptions
- the ability to hear each others' keynotes
- pleasant surprise at the amount of overlap between the two venues
- pleasant surprise at the open-mindedness of the other venue
- benefit as an PLMW attendee to get so much variety
- the breadth of workshops

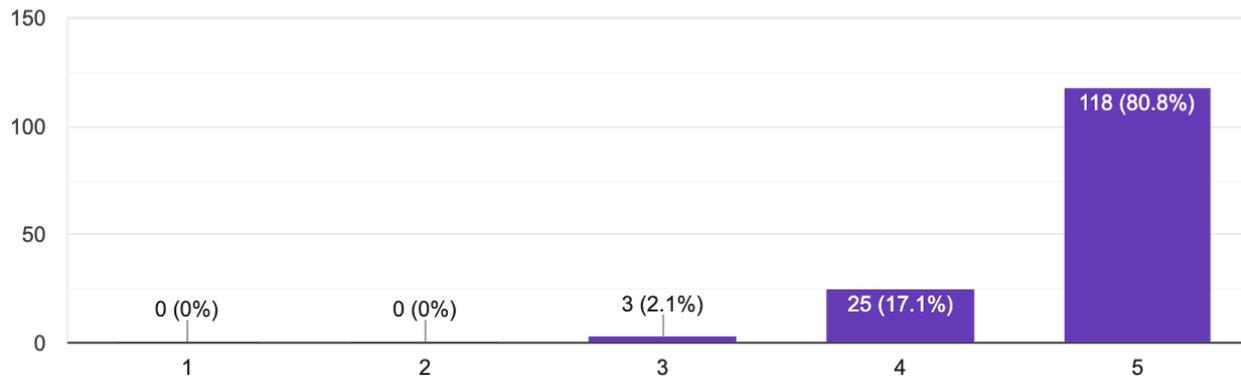
In terms of what worked (or might work) poorly:

- a much higher danger of date conflicts
- very tiring/exhausting/overwhelming to have a whole week of conference
- more events ⇒ more conflicts between events
- more events ⇒ fewer people in rooms per event
- concern about losing the identity of each event

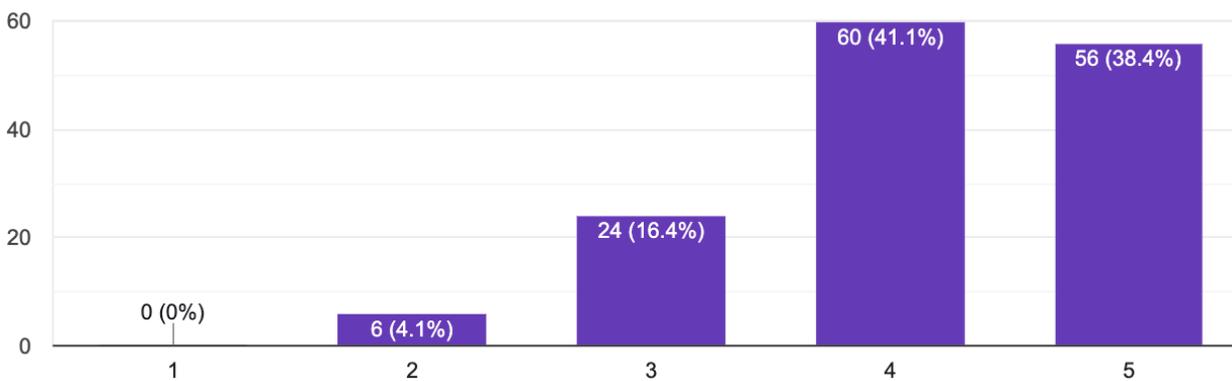
Overall, then, this seemed very positive, and there is genuine interest in doing this again, but there are also important notes of caution, which suggest doing this periodically but not always.

## Participation (5 is good, 1 is bad)

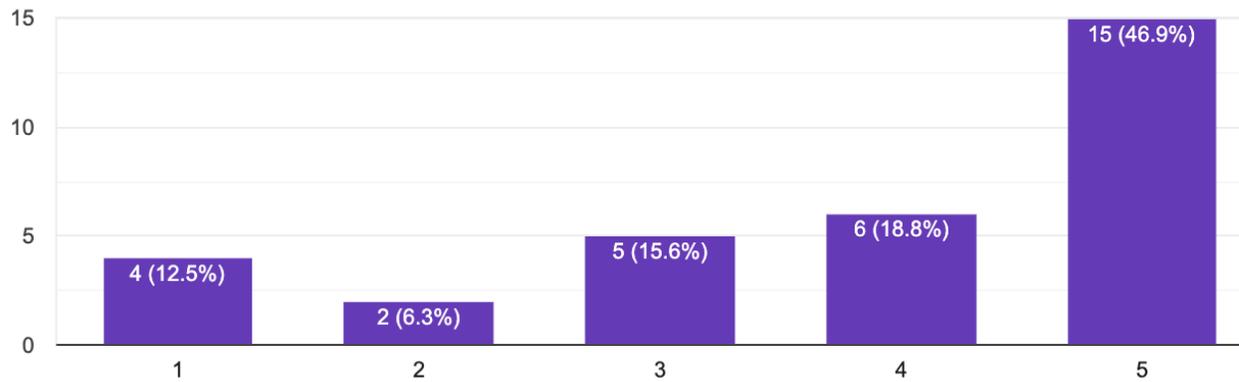
“I felt included at ICFP/SPLASH 2025 and was treated with respect throughout the conference”:



Effectiveness of networking experience:



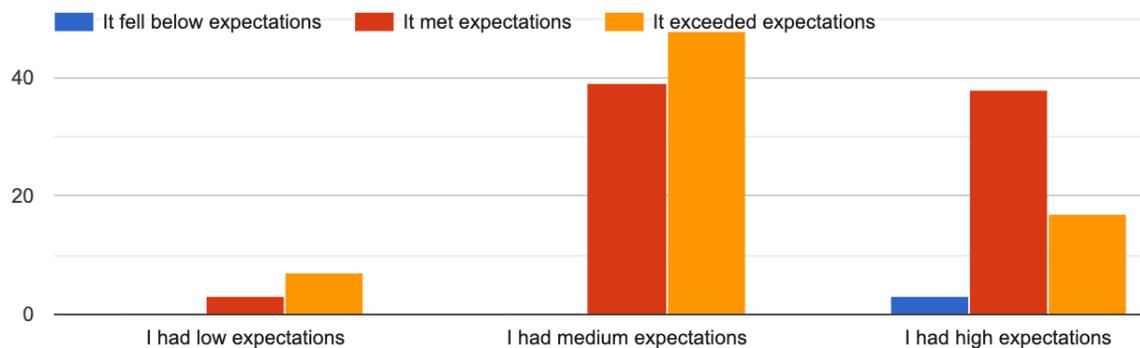
Utility of DEI events:



For how people could be better supported, we got several useful comments, some more specific to the event (though they can be generalized), and others clearly requiring general caution. Many of these comments were not specific to, say, inclusiveness concerns, but broader (e.g., cost of the conference). There were also specific claims (e.g., about paper withdrawals) that were factually incorrect.

## Conclusion

How the conference fared relative to expectations:



There were numerous positive remarks about the venue, organization, food, community, and specific technical topics.

In terms of falling short of expectations, the comments focused on cost, how “plush” the conference needs to be, the length of days and number of events in the week, and some issues specific to the location, as well as other issues covered above.

Overall, it seems clear that while a majority of people are concerned about the cost of the event, we also have (contradictorily) requests for several more features that would only drive the costs higher. We clearly need a conversation about sustainability and pricing, but must recognize that every “nice to have” only makes these conversations even harder.