

GENEVA 2017 CONGRESS SURVEY

Positive feedback and a treasure of ideas for future ESCAP events

Looking at the results of the 2017 after-congress survey, it seems tempting for the ESCAP board to lean back and enjoy the audience's compliments. Meanwhile though, survey participants also contributed a treasure of comments and ideas that will help ESCAP to match this excellent performance at the next congress, Vienna 2019.



Maria Melchior's opening keynote was well received.

Parallel sessions

Several responders noted that there were so many high quality talks and symposia going on at the same time, that it was too hard to choose. Some said that ESCAP needs more than three days to roll out so many lectures at this level. Others asked for an annual frequency of the congress.

"Absolute favourite"

Responders were asked to mention the lectures they liked most. More than fifty different talks and symposia were marked as an "absolute favourite". The keynote lecture by Patrick Luyten on childhood depression was mentioned most as a favourite. Other high scores were given to Paul Hoff (conceptual transitions), Dieter Wolke (bullying), Patrick McGorry (transitioning to 21st century mental health care) and Alfons Crijnen (child and murder). The mentalization lectures by the Geneva University study group were also mentioned several times as favourite congress topic.

Demand for clinical topics

The wish for more clinical topics does not come as a surprise from an audience with 73% from a clinical background (22.3% were researchers and 1.5% work mainly in youth mental health

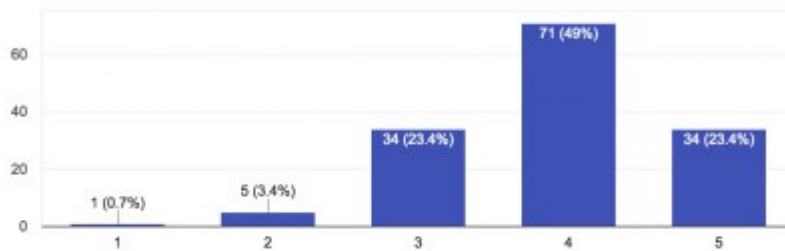
policy). One delegate said to expect ESCAP to lead the way and recommend evidence-based treatments. Some delegates ask for more discussion time at the symposia.

Recommendations

How do you rate the KEYNOTE LECTURES on SUNDAY, JULY 9th?

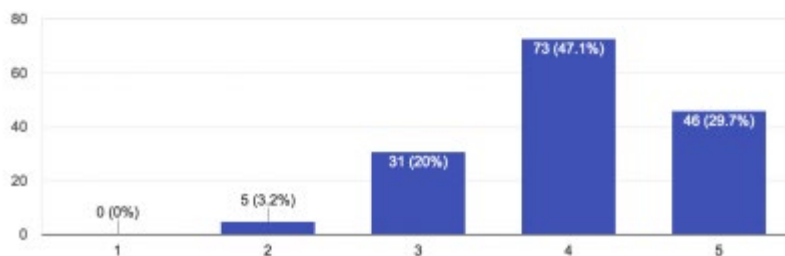
Maria Melchior: Social inequalities in children's mental health

145 responses



Patrick McGorry: Transitioning to 21st century mental health care

155 responses



1 = not so interesting; 5 = excellent

The overall opinion of most delegates was very positive. The venue and other facilities were rated positively, and almost 80% of the 2017 congress participants said to have enjoyed the city of Geneva, its sites and surroundings. Many would recommend the congress to their peers and an overwhelming 97,4% already considers to attend the next congress in Vienna, Austria. From another recent survey, among youth mental health professionals who did not attend, it appeared that over 50% of the responders found it too expensive to travel to Geneva to take part in the congress. Registration fees and the Swiss reputation of being expensive made them decide not to come. 20% of the responding non-attendees had planned their holidays during the congress. None of the responders marked an "unappealing programme" as their main reason for not participating. Nevertheless, the ESCAP relations who did not participate this year, also marked that they would like more clinical topics on the congress programme (43%).

Samples

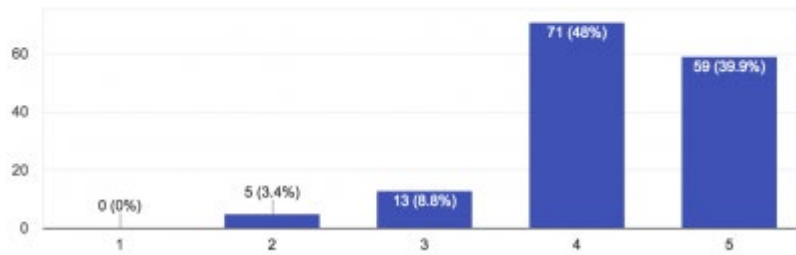
193 delegates responded to the survey (out of 670 who received and opened the survey). 58 non-delegates responded to the other survey. Out of office replies and ESCAP website traffic show that many relations were enjoying their holidays when the survey was performed.

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How do you rate the KEYNOTE LECTURES on MONDAY, JULY 10th?

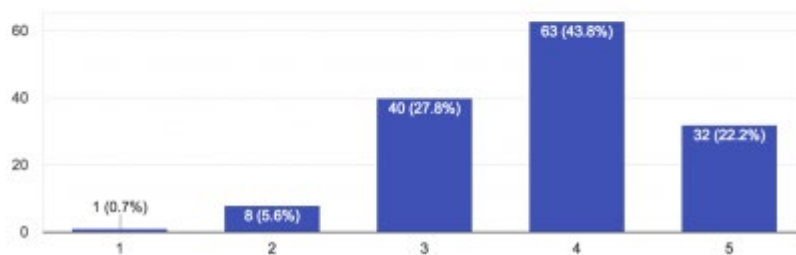
Patrick Luyten: Child and adolescent depression

148 responses



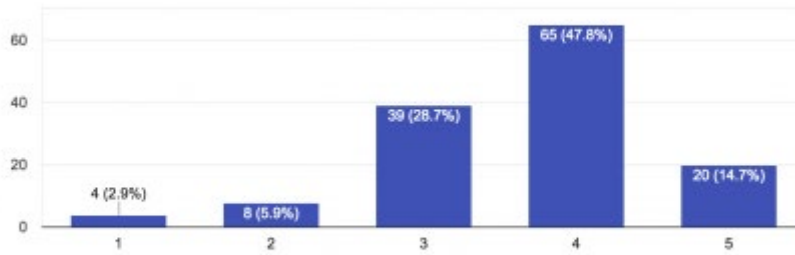
Tony Charman: Early autism symptoms in at-risk infants

144 responses



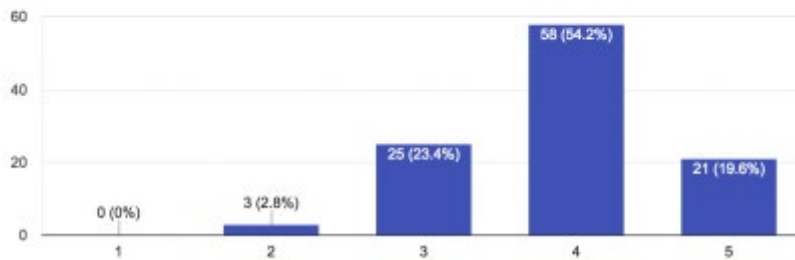
Johannes Hebebrand: Pre- and postnatal screening

136 responses



Jörg Fegert: Care of traumatized children

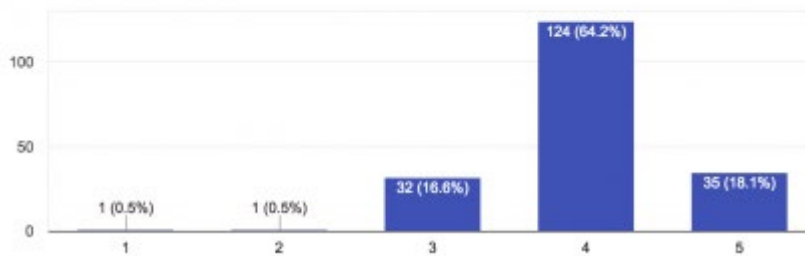
107 responses



How do you rate the lectures, presentations and symposia in general?

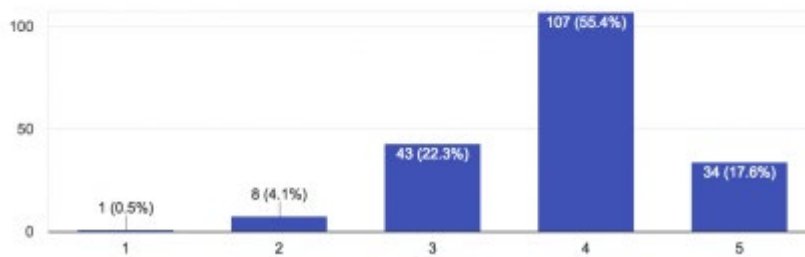
Quality of the Geneva plenary sessions (keynotes and state of the art lectures)

193 responses



Quality of the Geneva symposia

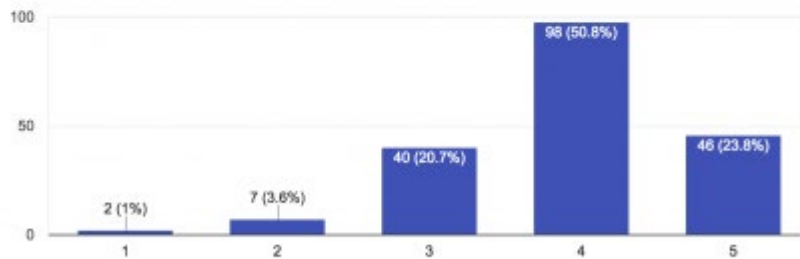
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Your conclusions

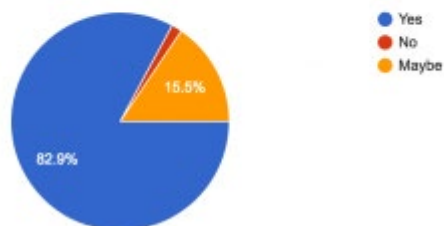
The congress contents are applicable in my work environment

193 responses



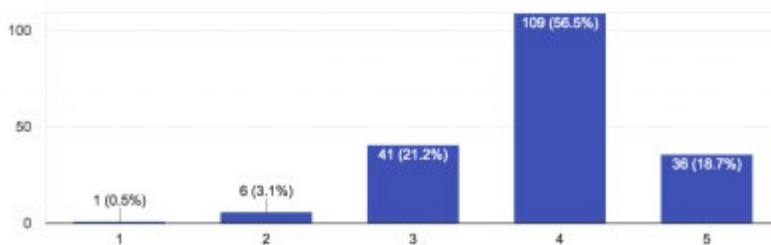
Would you recommend the next ESCAP congress to your professional relations?

193 responses



To what extent did you reach your goals, attending the congress

193 responses



I will attend again at the next congress

193 responses

