ICBO2022 Survey Results

10/26/2022

Participate the survey here: https://forms.gle/9YvVjNKGwXyrMqWRA

Statistics of ICBO-2022

- Complete registrations (in person): 67
- Incomplete registration: 23

- Virtual meeting registrations: 145

ICBO-2022 Virtual Attendance Registration Form

- Total 213 unique registrations for the conference
- As of October 26, **58 took the survey**.

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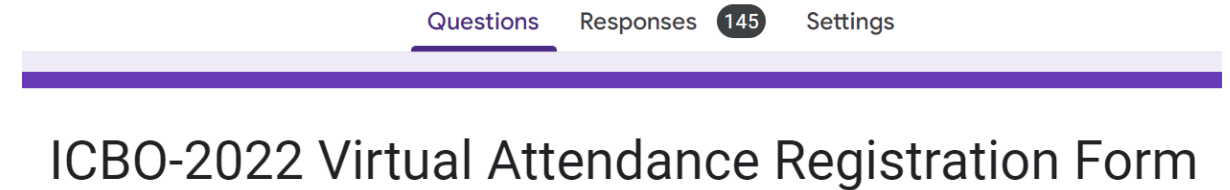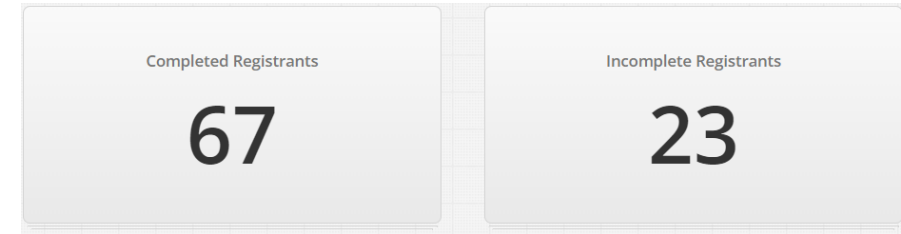
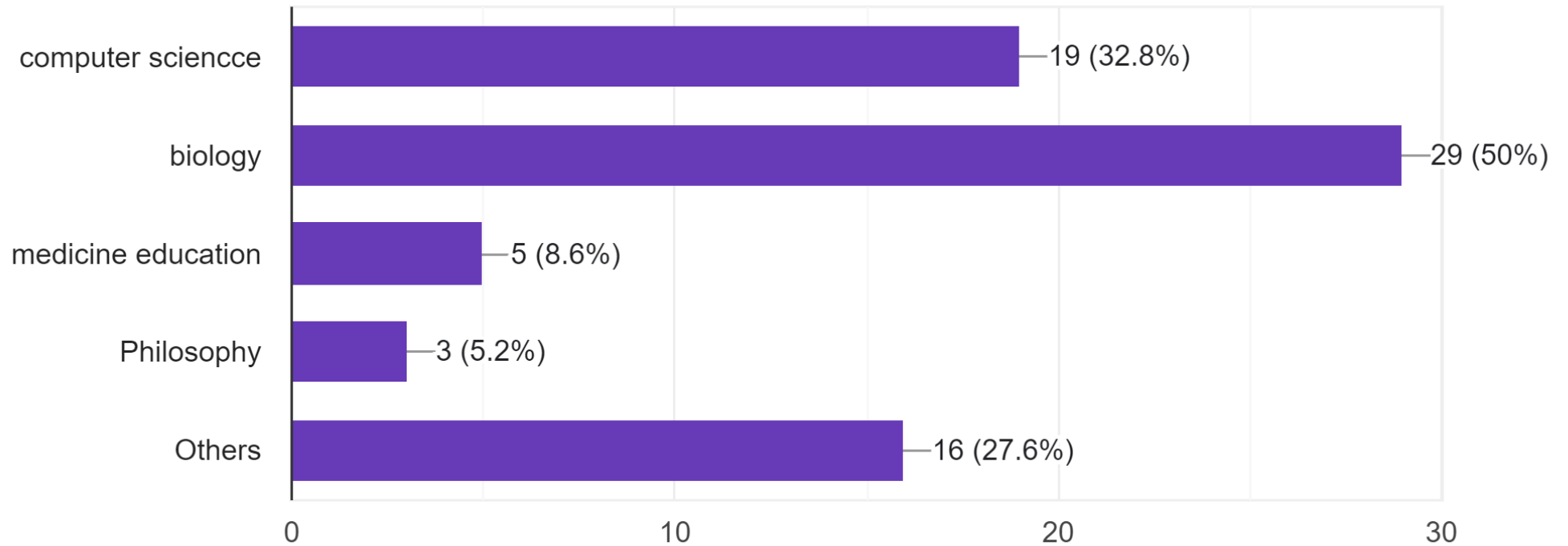Did you join the ICBO2022 conference in person or virtual?

58 responses
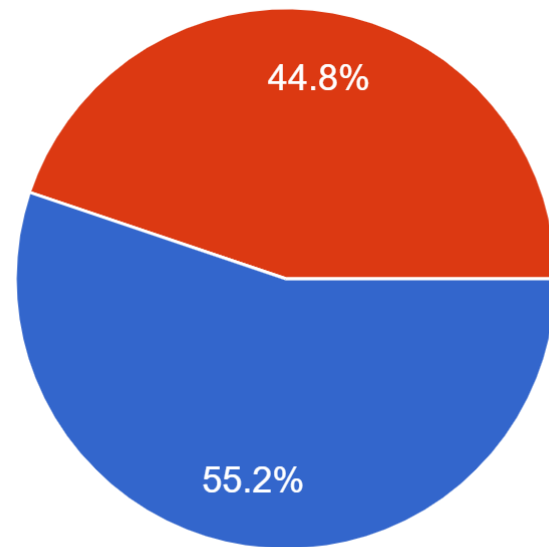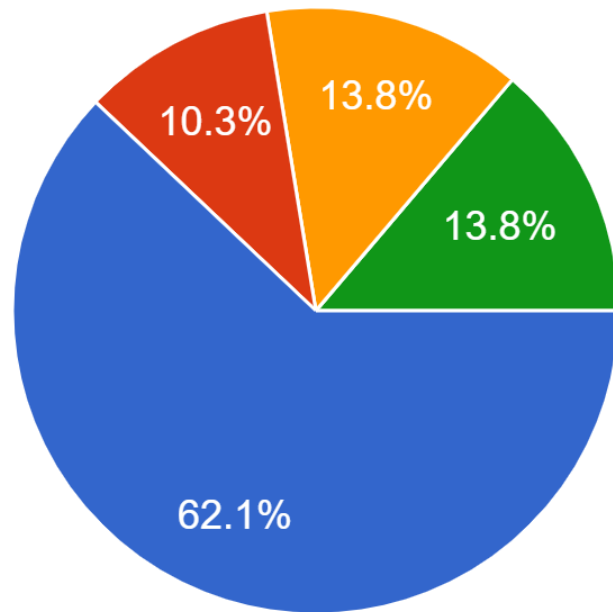
- in person
- virtual
- did not join

44.8%

55.2%

What is your education background?

58 responses

Please select the type of your institute

58 responses

- University
- Private sector (company/NGO)
- government
- Others

62.1%
10.3%
13.8%
13.8%

Are you involved in CDE, data model, or schema design at your work?

58 responses

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

24.1%

69%
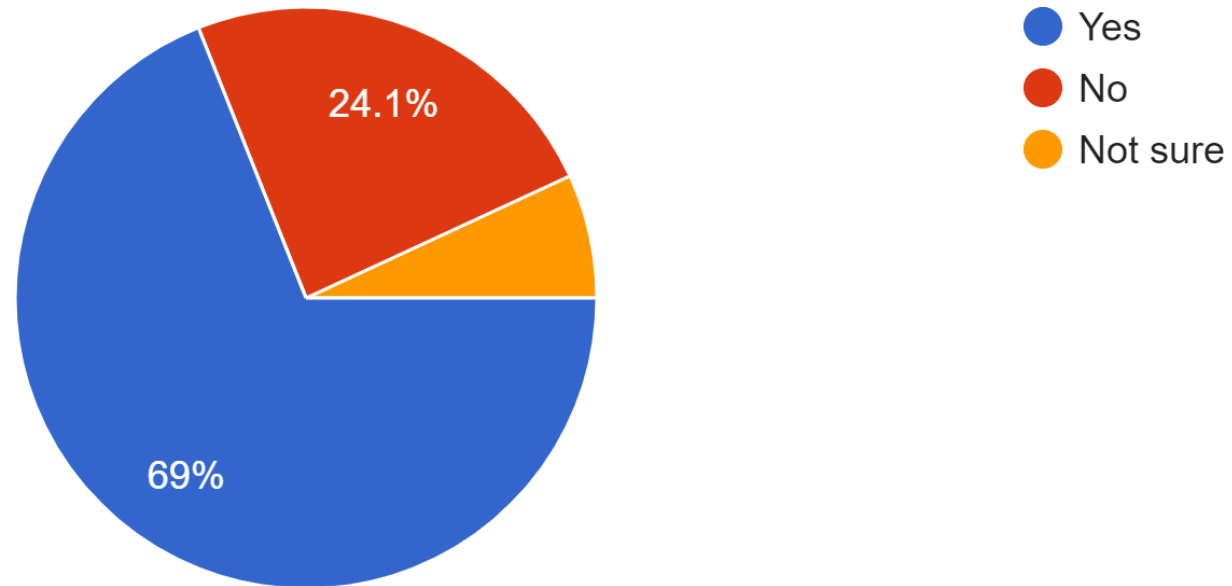
Select below describes your activities related with ontology

58 responses
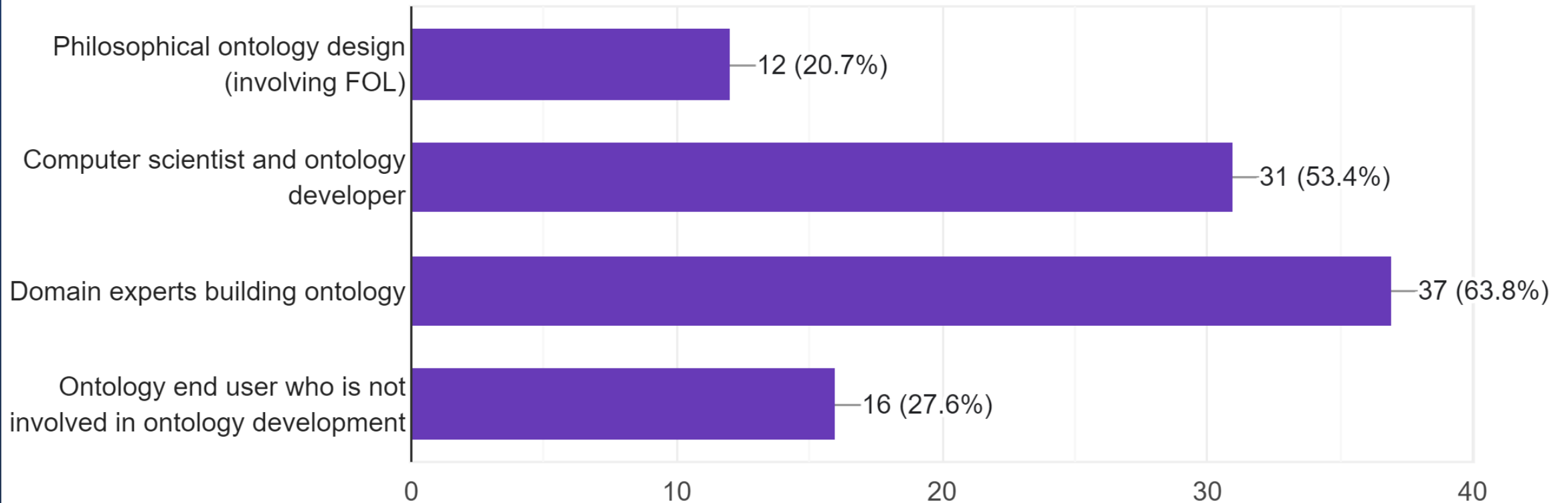
Are you familiar with FAIR principles

57 responses

- Yes
- No

89.5%

10.5%
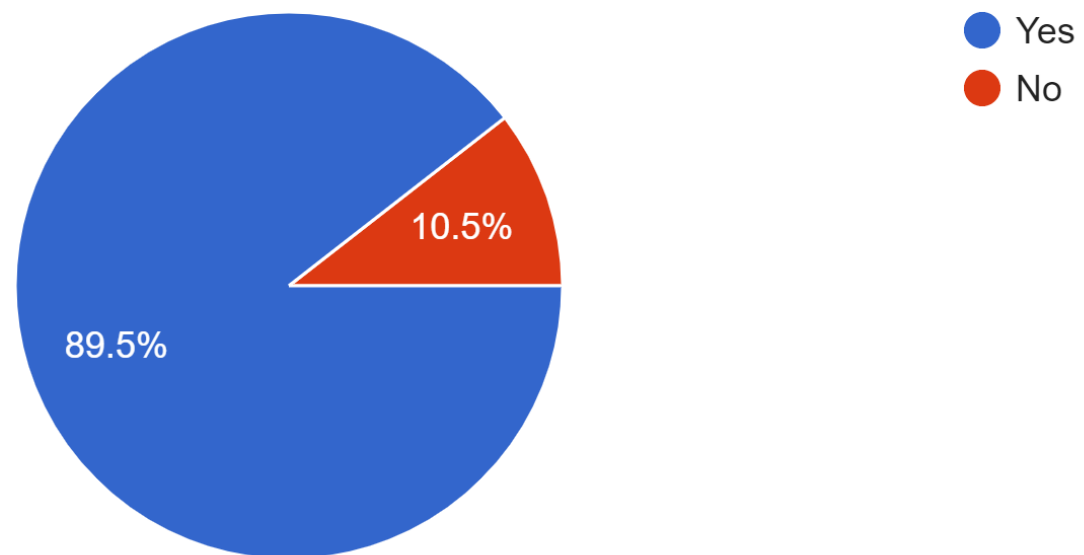
Are you familiar with TRUST principle?

58 responses

● Yes
● No

51.7%

48.3%
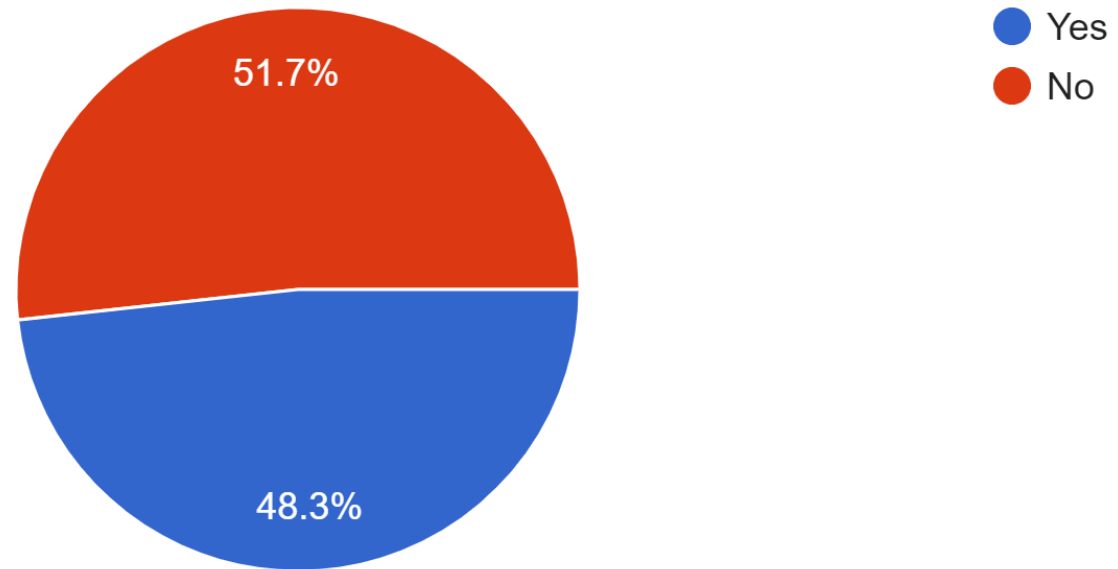
Is/was your research funded by NIH?

58 responses

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

44.8%
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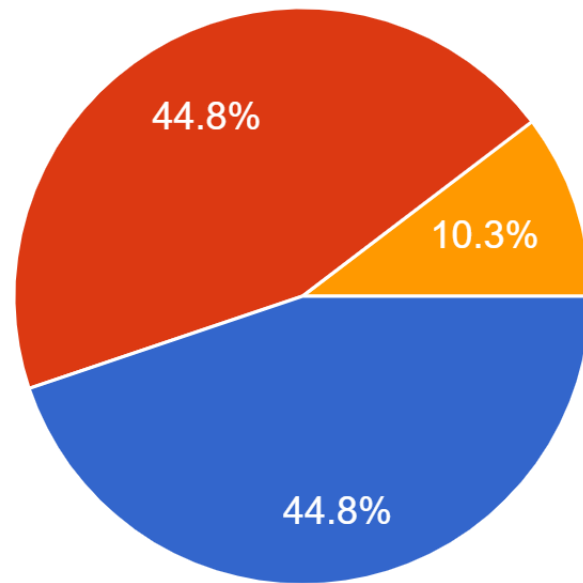
Are you aware of the NIH new data management and share policy?

58 responses

Yes — 58.6%
No — 41.4%
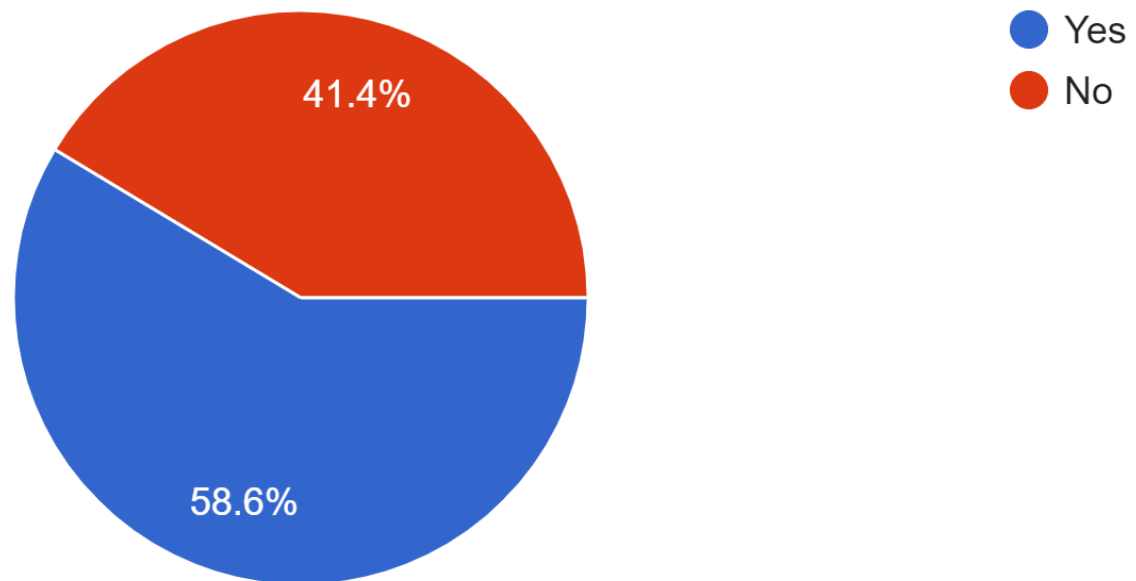
Please rate your satisfaction of ICBO2022 using below scale

58 responses

50% (29/58) responses provided suggestions to future meetings

Suggestions

- I know it is difficult, but it would be good to improve the technology such that **questions from the audience** can be heard by online attendees.
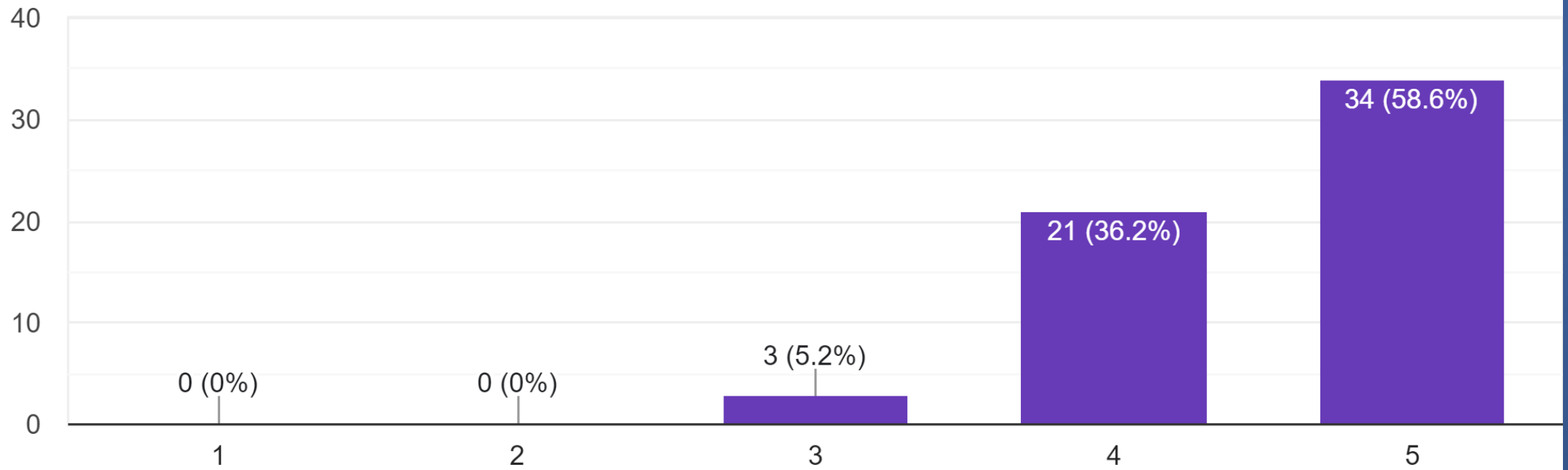
- Try **not to schedule** on Rosh Hashanah

- **scheduling sessions on weekdays** , as also being a parent, its sometimes difficult to participate in discussion when you do not have a daycare that day-

- The **IT/AV issues** were a distraction and seemed preventable. Fixing tech issues, **limiting virtual attendance**.

- **AV support could be improved**, being able to see and hear audience questions would be good. Also, both **moderators/speakers were not very engaged with the online audience**.

- Would have been nice to have a way for **online users to see the posters**. Also better attention to **balance of presenters** in sessions and workshops. Attended one workshop where all speakers and organizers were male.

- Make sure event times **have a time zone associated** with it for virtual viewers.

- please ensure **no conflicting external events** to be certain that hotels are available

Suggestions

- No improvement suggestions really, but THANK YOU to everyone who made this hybrid meeting so successful. Simply put - as a virtual attendee and workshop presenter, I felt completely involved in the meeting and got a lot out of it. Definitely helpful to have the hybrid option. I took **a survey of the virtual folks** on Monday to see why they were virtual and the standard things were true: **child care, cost of travel, insecurity of travel in the age of covid, CO2 footprint, too many travel commitments**. But also folks mentioned that not only were they able to participate in ICBO, but their other competing obligations and responsibilities could also be handled (for example, a critical person for ICBO on Monday, was able to teach a class on Tuesday and still come to ICBO after his class). This is a direct result of your efforts, and I very much appreciate it! :) Great job!!!!

Suggestions

- Thank you so much, I would love it if we have **more students** next time, maybe we should find a way for better engagement for this?

- **Poster Sessions using a virtual platform like Remo** when held online.

- I think it would be interesting to **partner with the ISB** (International Society for Biocuration) to have back-to-back meetings. The idea would be to have an overlapping day that would focus on ontology use in biocuration and analyses.

Suggestions

- I really enjoyed the lightning talks for posters, helped to prioritize who I wanted to speak with at the poster session! Some of the days were a little bit long, so I would recommend **spreading out "talks" for the morning session and trying to disperse workshops for the afternoon times**. This way, if you had two days of half day workshops you would have the night to "sleep" on ideas and think for a little longer about decisions that are being made. The locations were nice overall and I appreciated the chance to have **group dinners** to get to know folks. Thank you for organizing!

Suggestions

- **printing of program** in a more perspicuous way

- Maybe have a **longer break for lunch** and **go out walk around** or hiking, so afternoon people will have a fresher start, instead of conference fatigue.

- **Expand outreach and training** for general researchers (not only during conferences)

- The workshops and discussion sessions were very helpful. At times the sessions seemed a little long - 3+ hours is a long time.

- The ICBO may consider a **theme for Ontologies for science education**, **STEM education**. I have been immensely benefited from the community of biomedical ontologies. My research is on using ontologies for re-representation of biology text, semantic content analysis of texts, focusing on language of science for disambiguation, rigor.

Suggestions

- The OWL tools workshop was amazing! The whole conference was great. I would recommend to be more prepared for hybrid events for_ever_.

- Here some suggestions:
  - 1. **Better mics** for audience for ZOOM participants to hear anything
  - 2. Having **a camera pointed at the audience** so that virtual speakers can see who they are talking to.
  - 3. More **immediate availability of recorded videos** (I missed a great talk because it was super late in my time zone, and I wanted to catch up the next morning)

Thank notes

- For me the **tutorials on Monday were the most helpful** as I could refresh my understanding of OBO and learn about new tools that are available to help build ontologies. One suggestion is to **figure out a way to not have the chat windows show up on the room screen** as it a) sometimes covered up the slide content and b) was distracting and often just chatting.

- The **hybrid format** worked out surprisingly well. We should consider **continuing** it.

Thank notes

- I was very pleased with the content of the presentations - informative even though I am not a specialist; the venue was most suitable and a lovely setting; the attendees were most welcoming to an "outsider." No criticisms but work to improve computer/display readiness as new speaker begins reducing wasted time; consider lighting on speaker's face for both local and zoom attendees - possibly have small camera above podium that allows speaker to look at attendees and be looking at zoom audience as well. Food very fine, but replenishment was a bit late several times. Dinner at park was most enjoyable. Thanks to all and congratulations on an excellent conference! (I have sent my photos to Dr. He.)

- It was so fun to gather in person and see everyone. I'm really glad I was able to attend.

- ICBO 2022 meeting organizers are wonderful. They have done great jobs in organzinag the ICBO meetings. Thanks!