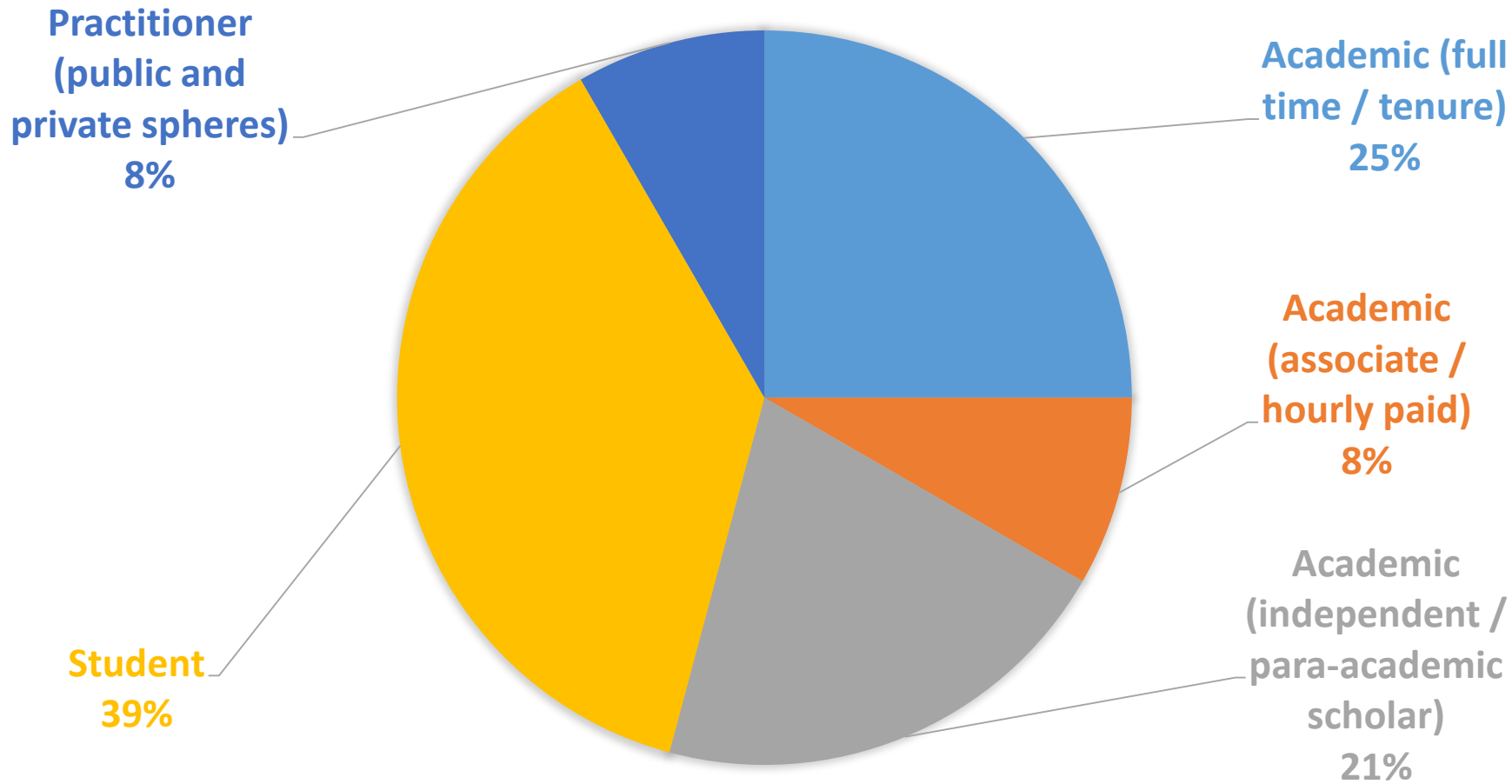


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# Attendee / survey respondee roles

More than one option could be selected

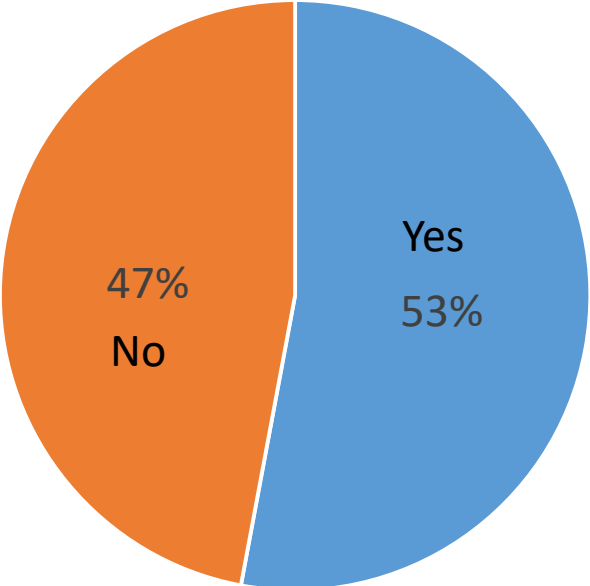


The survey was sent to 38 conference attendees whose email addresses were on record. These were all paying attendees, and did not include keynotes, keynote respondents, BSP ExCo or conference committee.

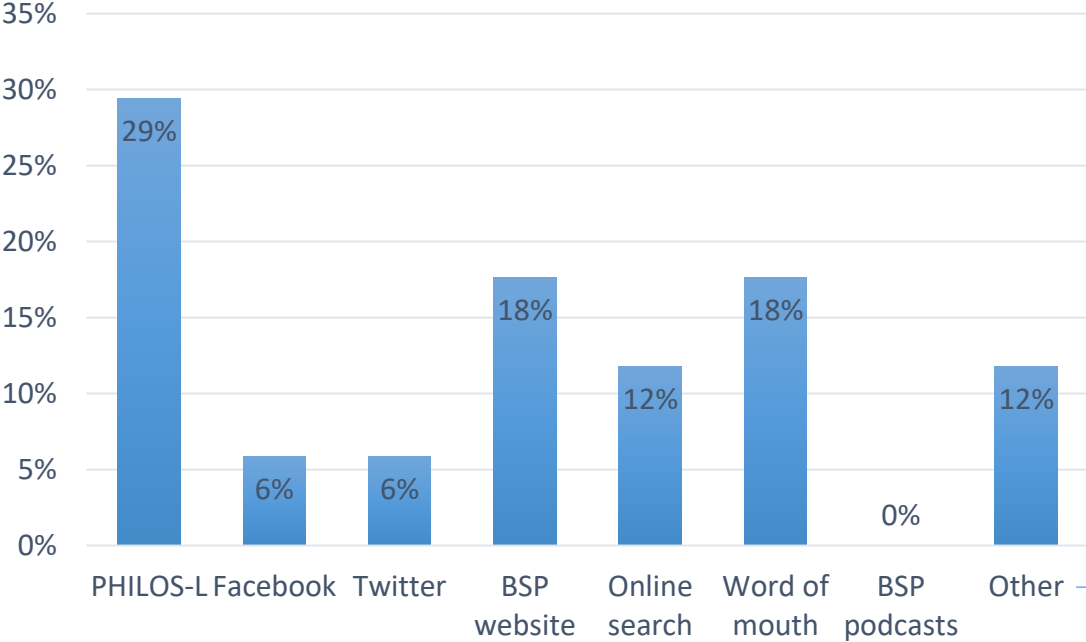
Survey Respondees	#
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
Speakers	15
Delegate only	2

# Awareness (1)

Was this your first time at the BSP conference?



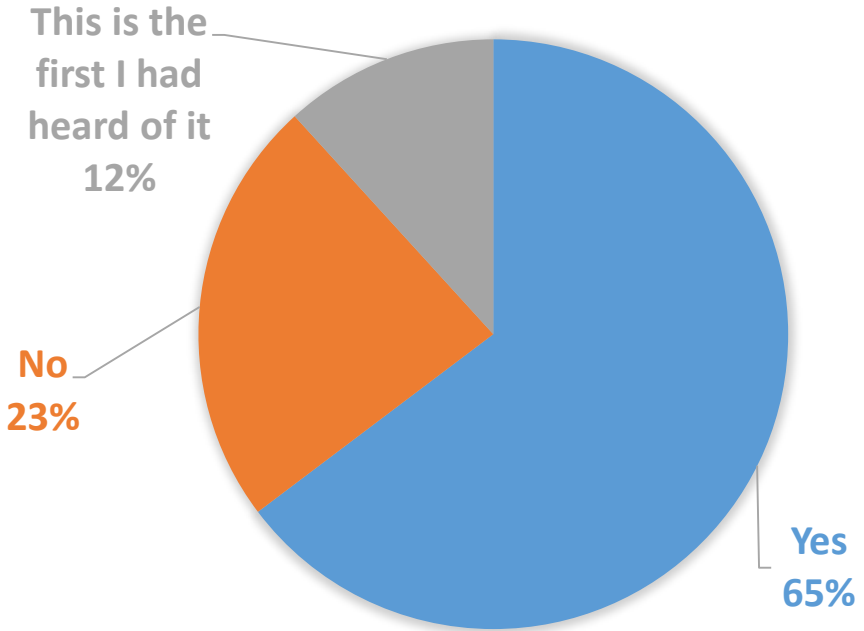
How did you first find out about the conference?



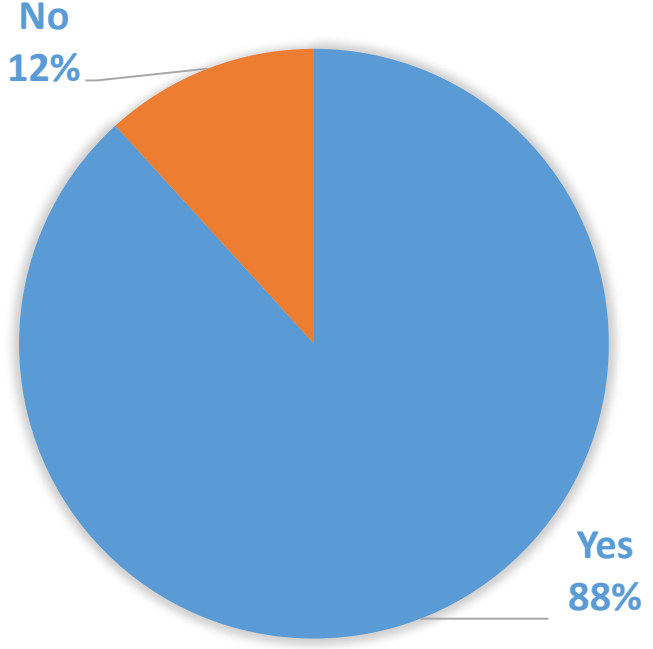
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# Awareness (2)

Had you heard of the society before finding out about the conference?

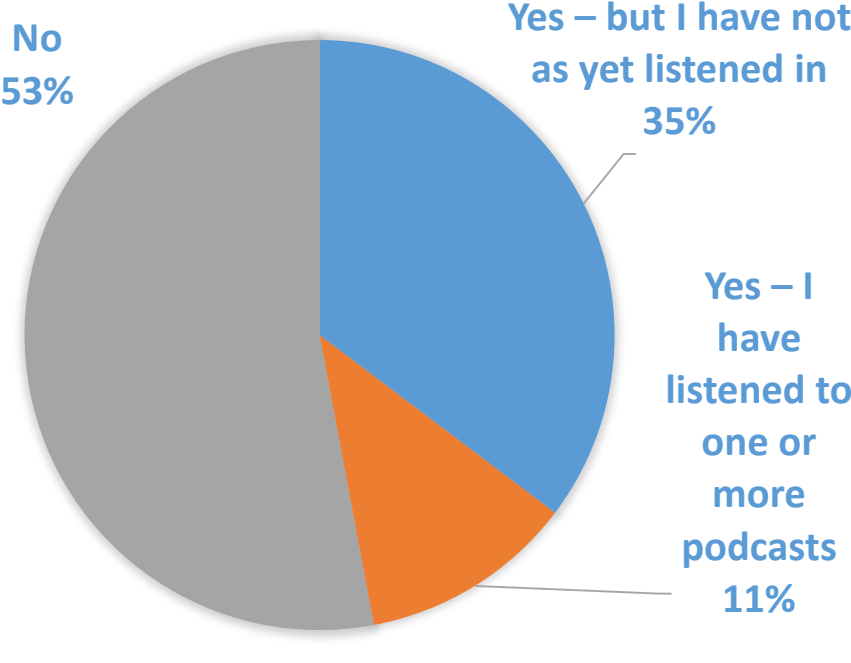


Had you heard of the journal) before finding out about this conference?



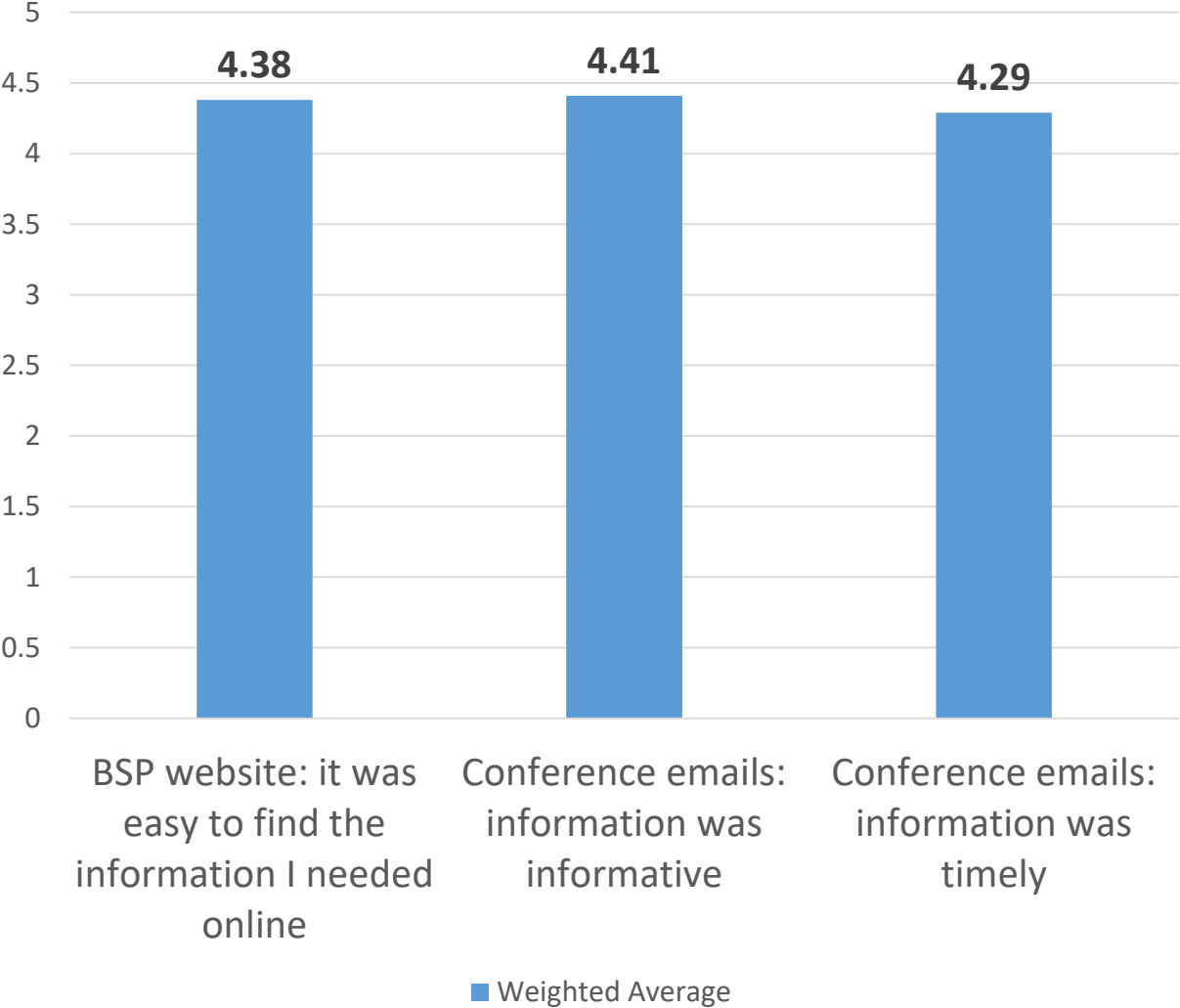
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Had you heard of the podcasts before finding out about this conference?

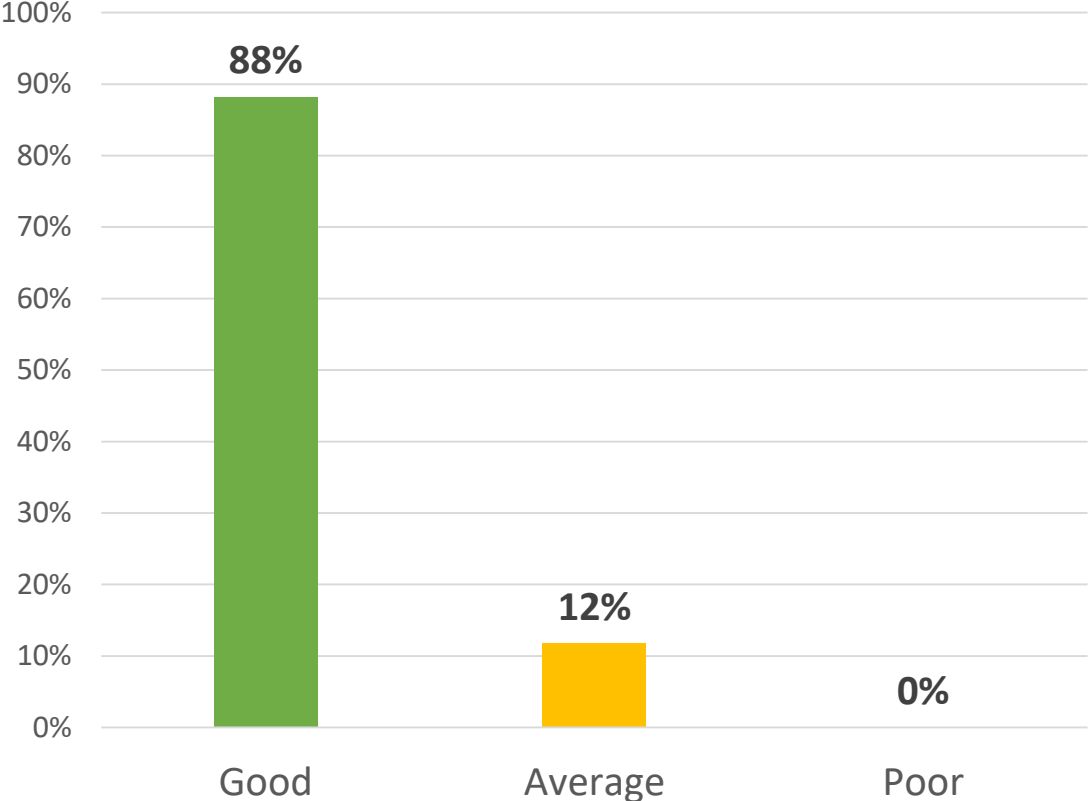


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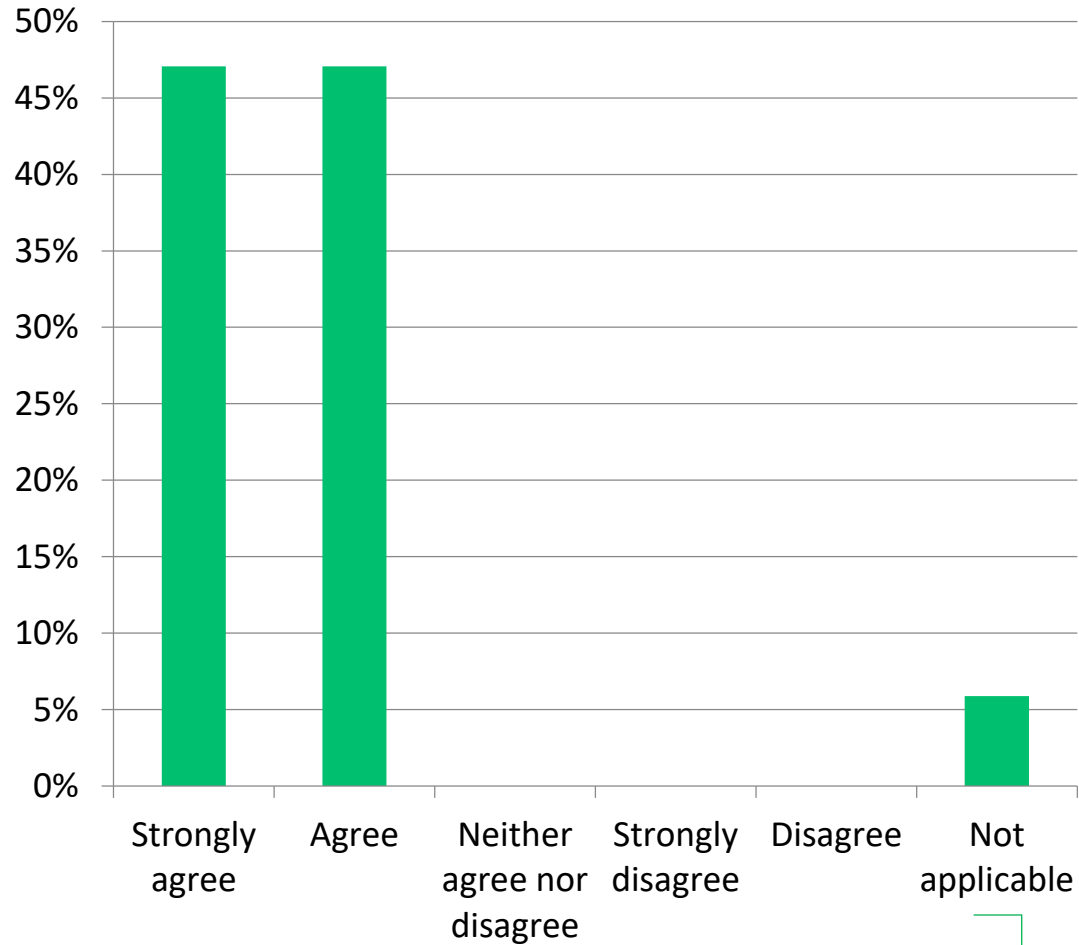


Overall, I would rate the conference communications as:



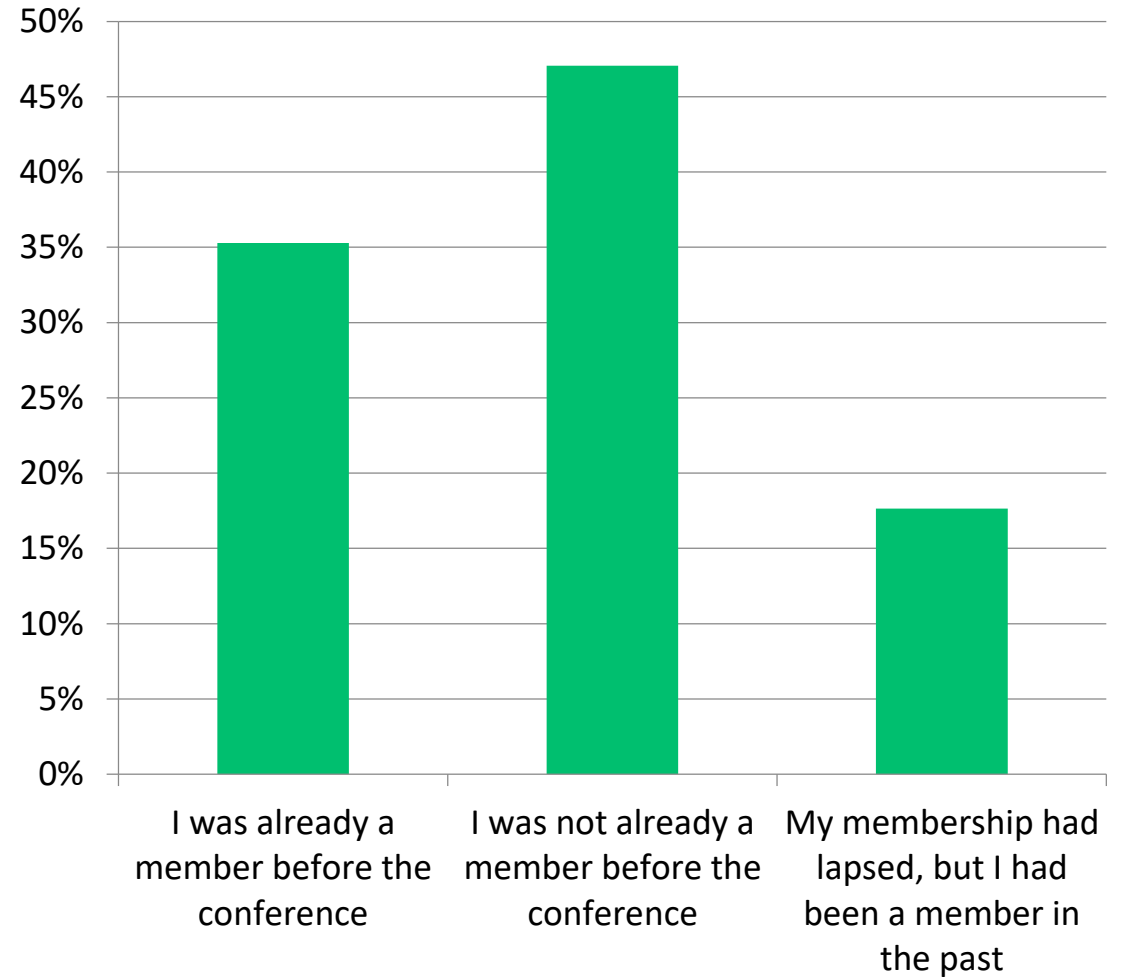
# Registration (1)

The conference registration system was easy to use



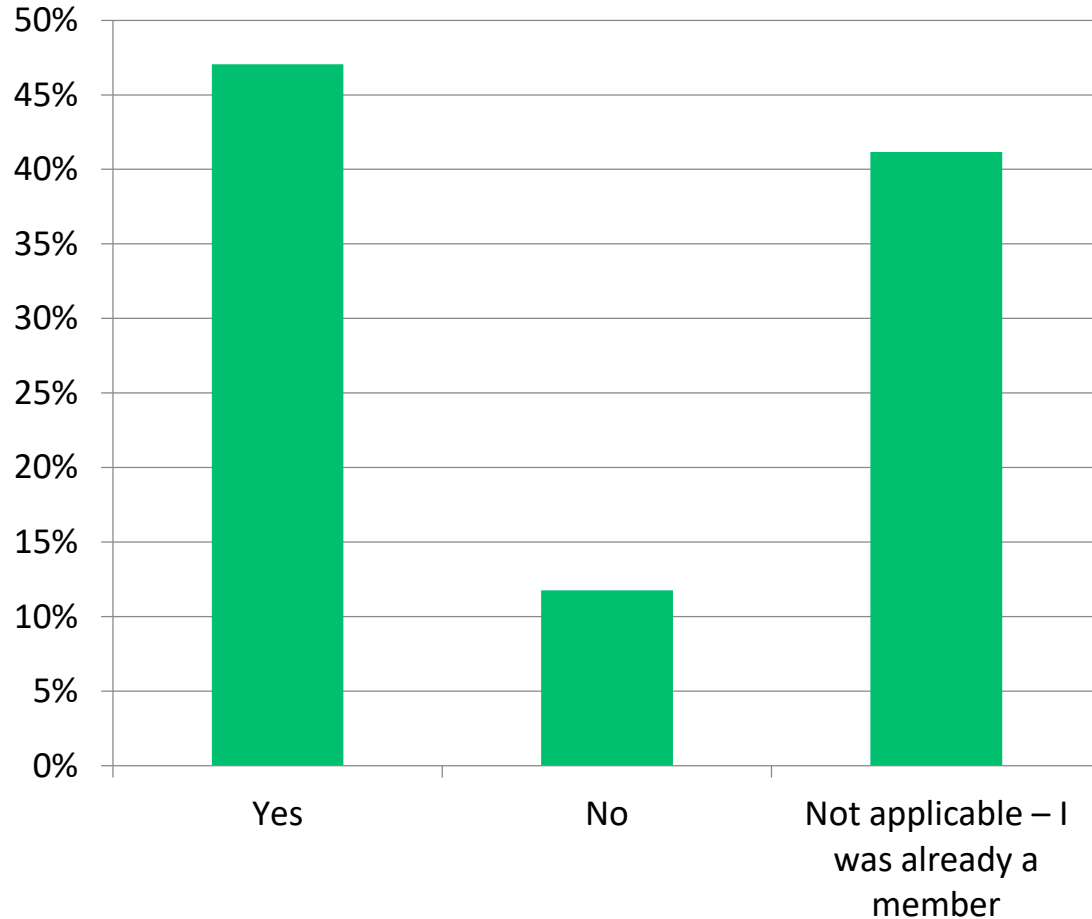
> institution booked  
> ?

To attend the conference, you needed to be a member of the BSP. Please tell us

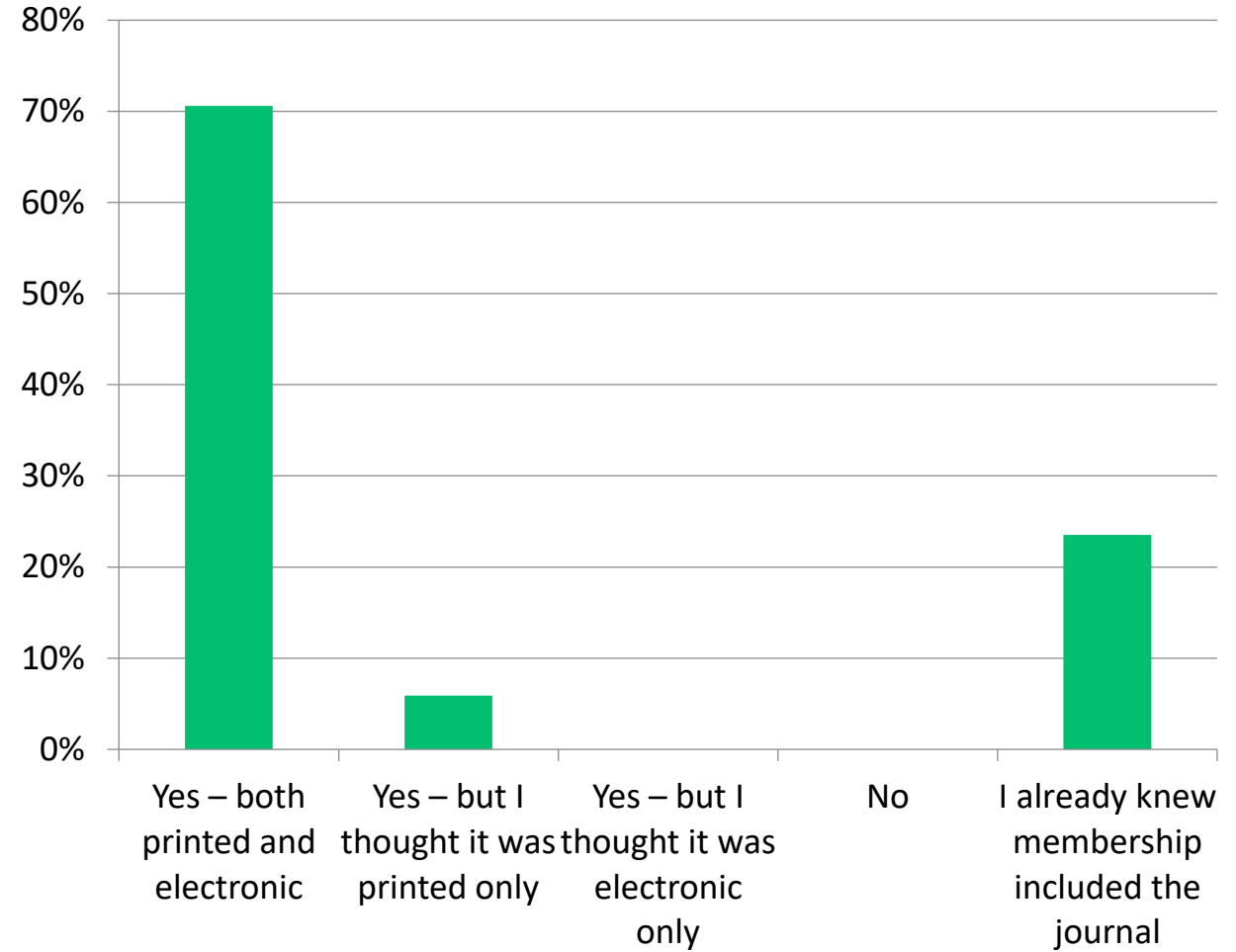


## Registration (2)

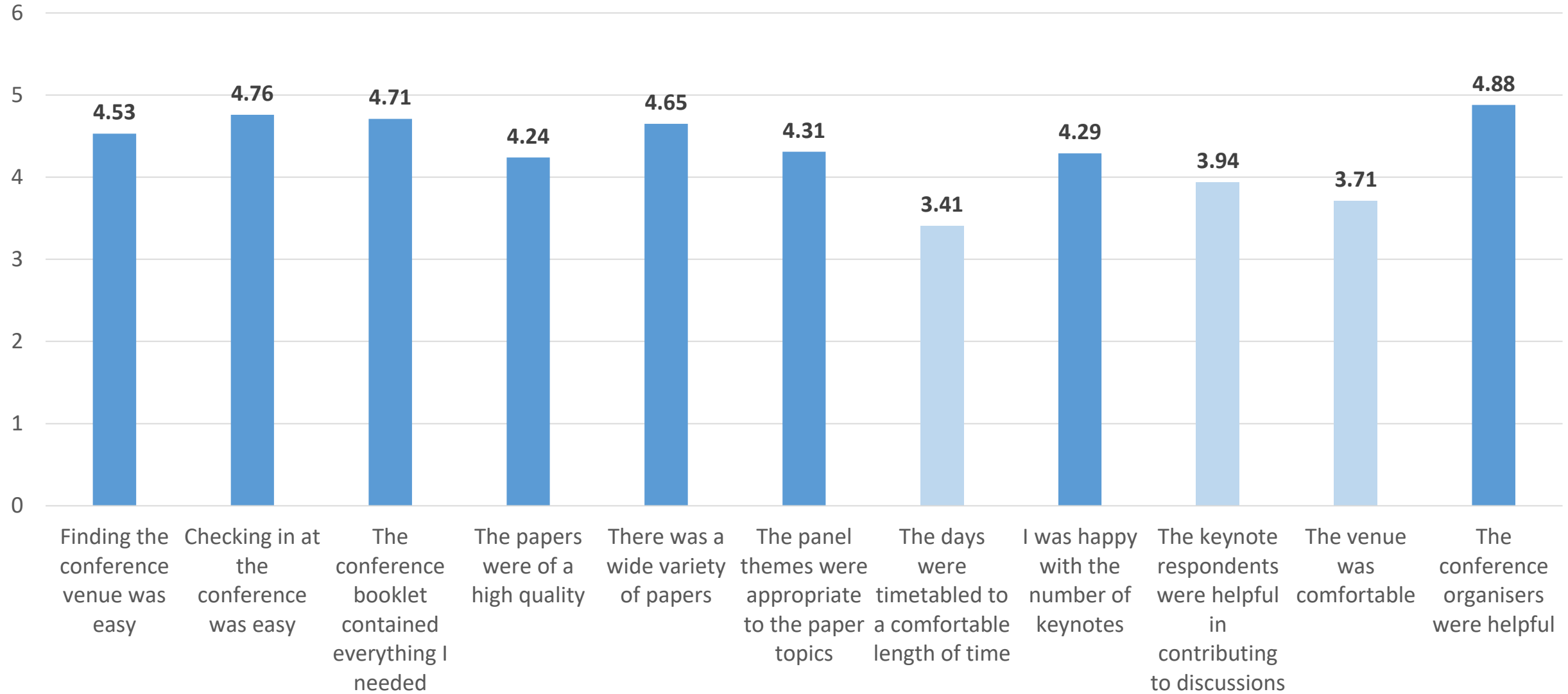
If you weren't a member before registering for the conference, was the site clear as to why this was required?



It was clear to me during the registration process that membership included a year's subscription to the journal (both printed and electronic)

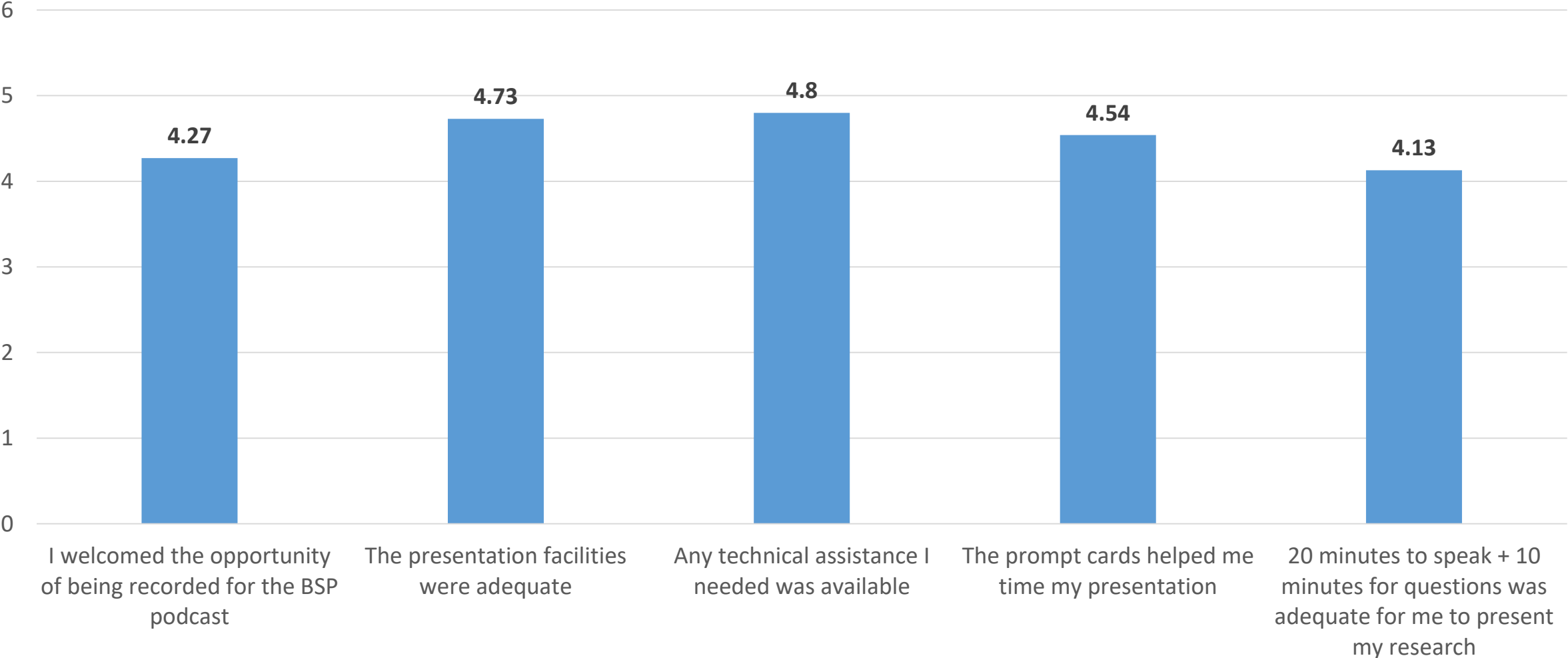


# Delegate experience

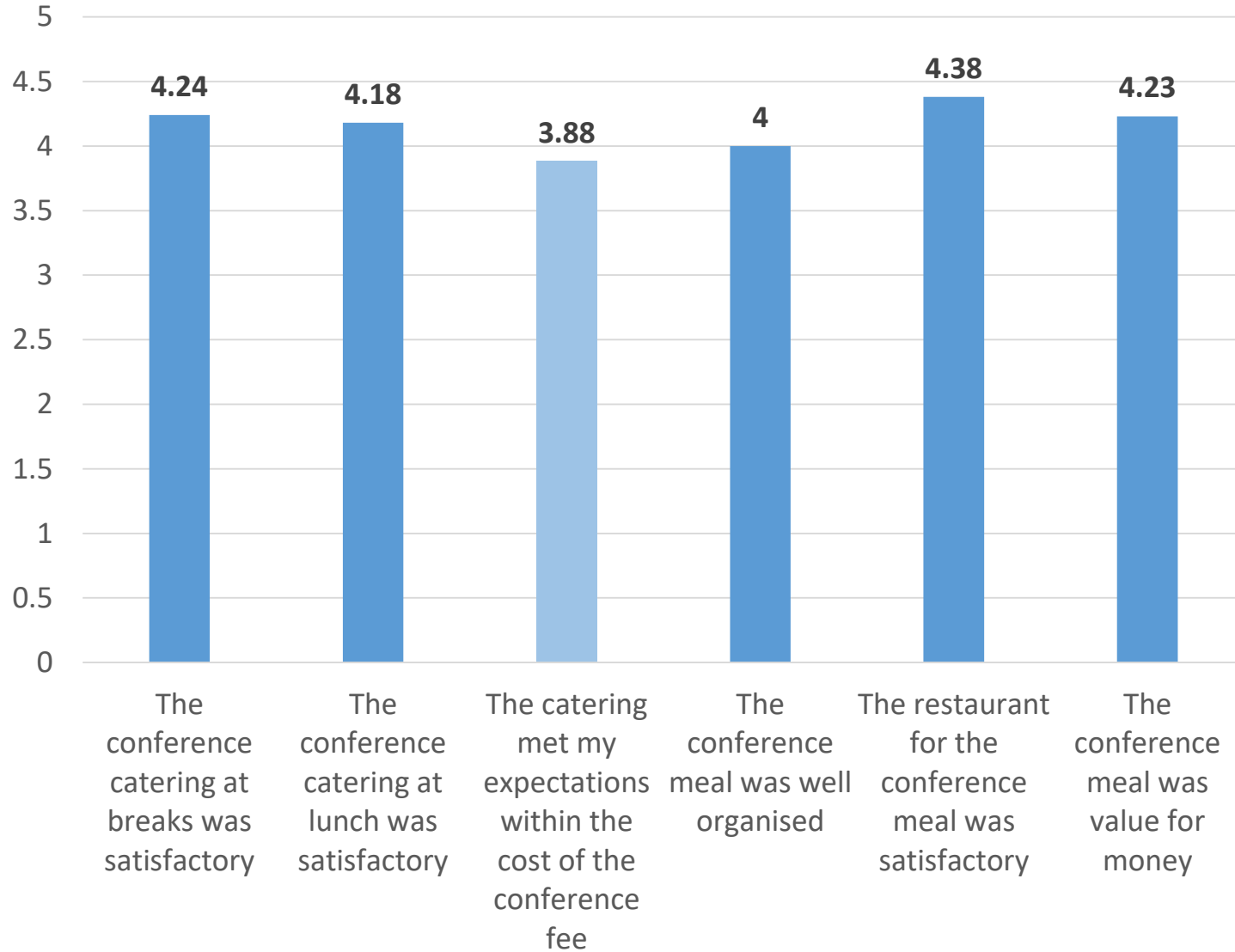




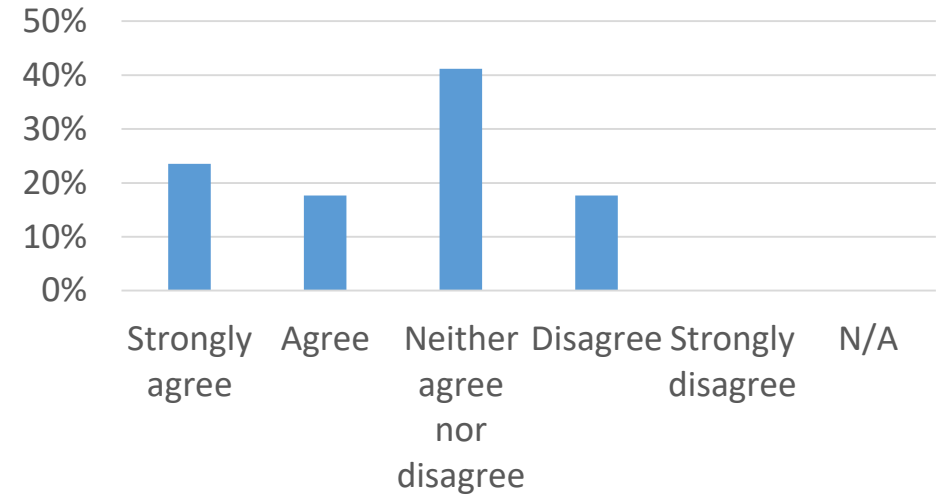
# Speaker experience



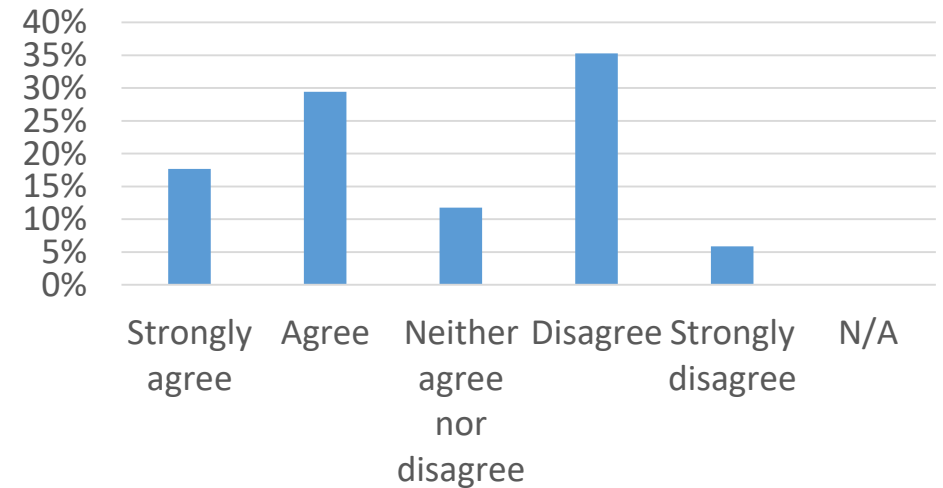
# Catering, conference meal



I would have preferred to opt in and pay for the conference meal during registration

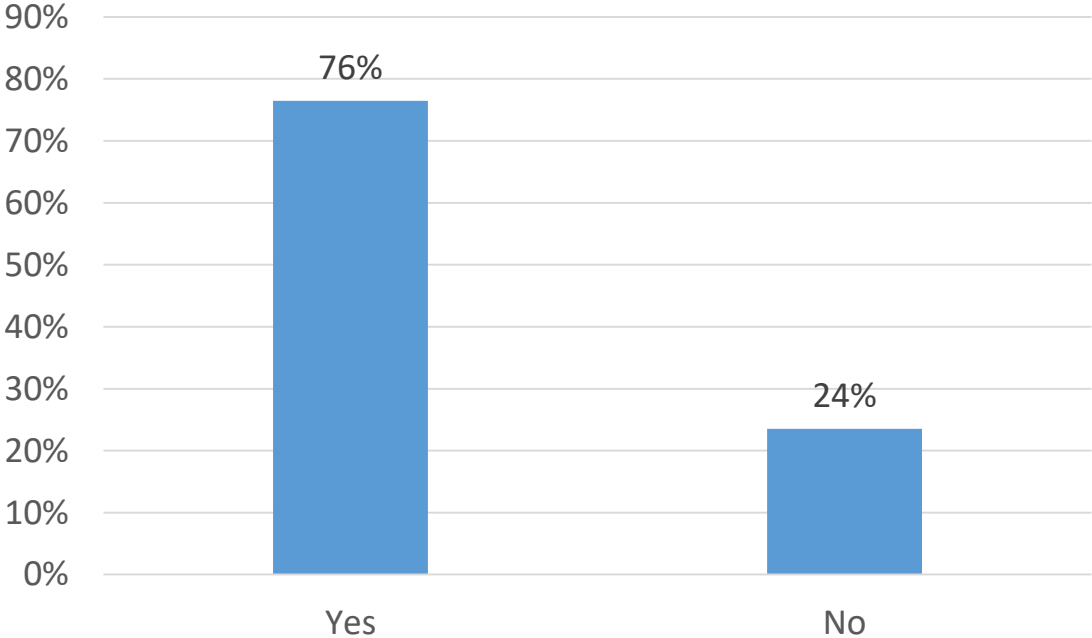


I would have preferred more group activities in the evenings



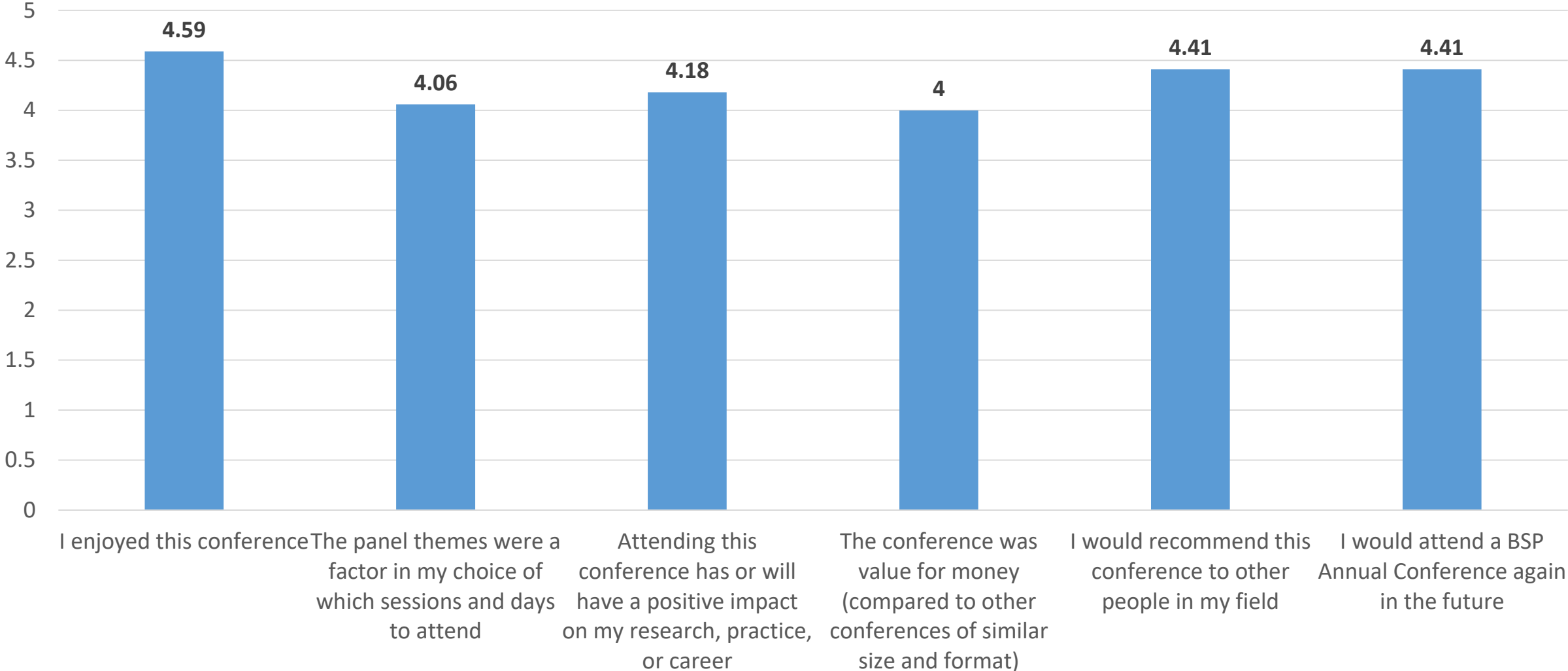
# Retention

Did you attend the conference on all three days?



Other engagements  
I had to go back to my home country  
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# After the conference (1)



## After the conference (2)

**Do you feel that there any subjects missing or under-represented at the conference?**

- The interface between phenomenology and analytic philosophy
  - Literature, cinema, art
  - The arts
  - Phenomenology of perception; Phenomenology of emotion
  - More French phenomenology
  - French phenomenology eg Merleau-Ponty, Lévinas, Sartre
  - Indigenous phenomenologies in the English world
  - Phenomenology and hermeneutics, or phenomenological hermeneutics
- 
- No
  - No, one of the real strengths of the conference is it's eclectic mix of subjects.

## After the conference (3)

### What was the high point of the conference?

- Niall Keane. Although there were many excellent papers given
- Keynote speaker : Niall Keane - Nihilism in Heidegger's philosophy
- Niall Keane's talk on Heidegger, which was really rich and fascinating
- Luna Dolezal's keynote speech
- Keynote on Day 1 [Editor's note: Luna Dolezal]
- The keynote speakers with respondents were special in the way they presented a position and an insightful and learned reaction to it, almost resulting in a debate at times.
  
- The diversity of papers
- Most sessions had something exciting to offer
- There were too many standout papers to mention- an intense, inclusive and intriguing conference! Amazing job!
- Everyone was very friendly and offered constructive and stimulating discussions
- Speaking is a highlight as the reception and feedback is always passionate, critical and supportive. You really do learn a lot about your own research.
- The people
- The people
  
- No particular high point

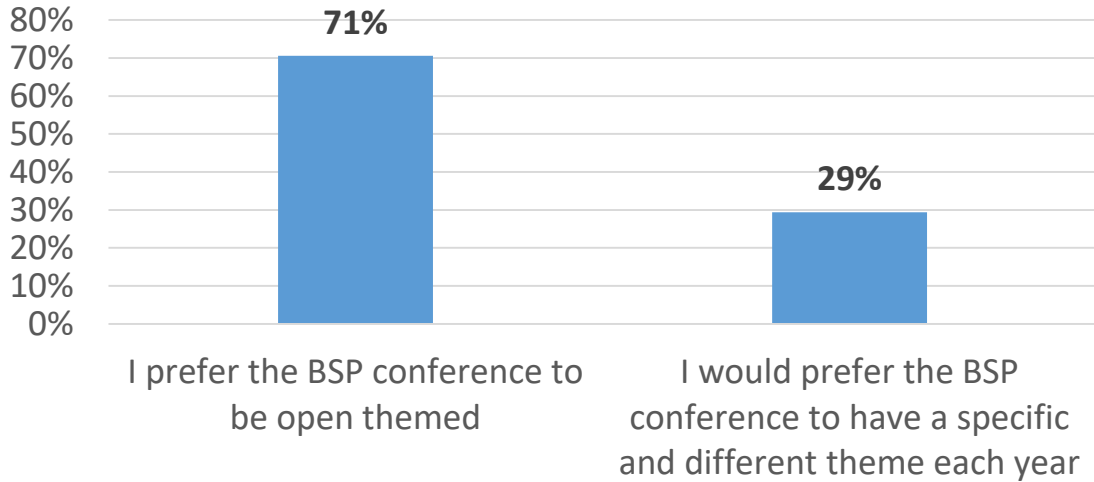
## After the conference (4)

### What was the low point of the conference?

- The heat!
- The conditions in the lecture hall, the venue needed working air-conditioning fit for the current environmental apocalypse
- It was a very hot few days- the air con was inadequate and really needed addressing but this was a facilities issue.
- Facilities, especially lack of Air-con
  
- The long days and short breaks. Audiences need to be seen as audiences
- Long days
  
- It's a shame to mention it, but I think many philosophers might regret to miss the beautiful talks on the third day, some of them were my favourites. We shouldn't have seen the least number of attendants (even) on the last day.
  
- No particular low point.

# Future format

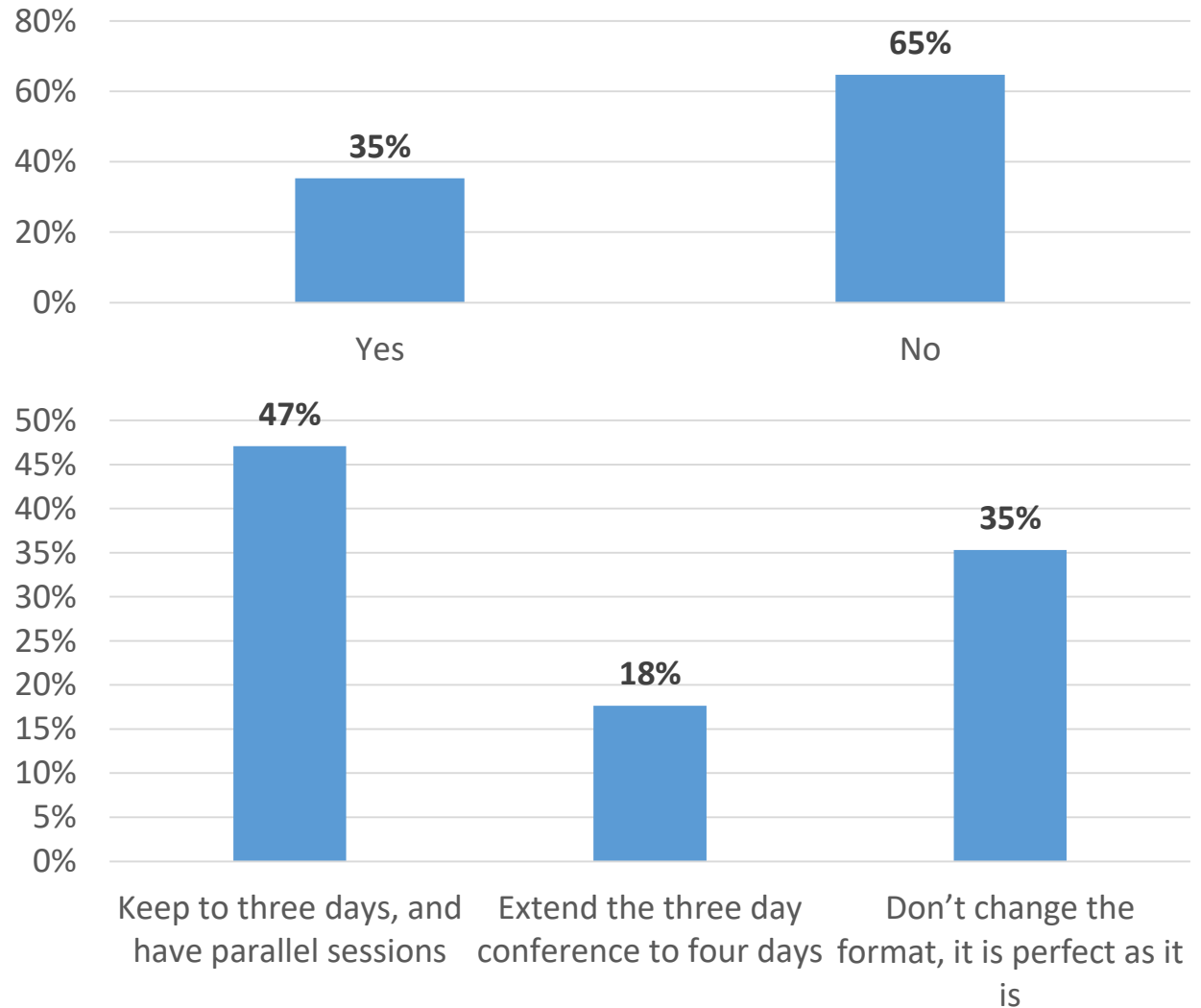
The BSP Conference – as in more recent years – had an open theme... what do you prefer?



We are looking for ways to expand the capacity of the conference to allow more people to speak. What would you prefer?



Was the current format a factor in your decision to attend?





## After the conference (5)

### Anything else you want to tell us?

- The conference was excellent and well organised! I loved attending
- Very well organised conference. Nothing to add by way of things to change or further facilities
- The question about parallel sessions is interesting. You would need to get the balance right. Two, three at the most. This would also help with the less than optimal long days
- Long days
- To note on the format change: I would run parallel sessions, but keep these to a minimum (maybe one split) as the precious quality of inclusiveness for the conference is so valuable. I only selected the parallel sessions to get more people there and speaking, and 4 days is a very big time commitment
- If parallel sessions run it could be an opportunity to have more open format discussions / round tables / informal meetings which I find very useful.
- The conference artwork and branding could be enhanced. More media (photo's, video interviews, social media) but also more theming around the years conference.
- It would have been useful to have more of an idea of what was expected from the talks. I attended independently so had no supervisor to guide me in such matters.
- This might be too much to ask, and some attendants might have other plans to use their submissions, but I hope we could have access to the full papers presented at the conference (as long as the speakers give consents)