

**Opinion and feedback survey about the international conference
EcotoxicoMic2020 (virtual format)**

Statistics:

Number of registered conference attendees: 131

Represented countries: 21 (Austria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, England, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Sweden, Syria, Tunisia)

Number of connected attendees per session:

GRAND OPENING - OPENING CONFERENCE, Dr Lukas WICK : **87 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - KEYNOTE CONFERENCE, Dr Helena GUASCH - Session 'Microorganisms in complex systems' Part I : **70 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - Session 'Microorganisms in complex systems' Part II : **75 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - Session 'Microorganisms in complex systems' Part III : **70 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - KEYNOTE CONFERENCE, Dr Christian GRIEBLER- Session 'Microorganisms for ERA & microbial ecotoxicology' : **68 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - KEYNOTE CONFERENCE, Dr Sara HALLIN - Session 'Impact of contaminants on microbial functions'- Part I : **82 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - Session 'Impact of contaminants on microbial functions' - Part II : **70 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - Session 'Impact of contaminants on microbial functions' - Part III : **67 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - KEYNOTE LECTURE, Dr Jonathan LLYOD- Session 'Microorganisms role in contaminants (eco)dynamics &... ' : **75 Participants**

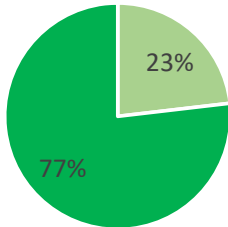
ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - Session 'Microorganisms role in contaminants (eco)dynamics & application to bioremediation' - Part II : **55 Participants**

ECOTOXICOMIC 2020 - KEYNOTE LECTURE, Dr Isabelle LAVOIE - AWARDS CEREMONY & CLOSING SPEECH : **69 Participants**

Results:

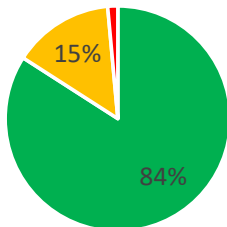
Number of participants to the online opinion and feedback survey : 69

Were you satisfied with the overall organization ?



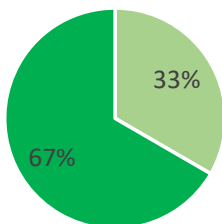
■ Absolutely not ■ Rather not
■ Rather yes ■ Absolutely yes

Do you think the registration fee (100€) was :



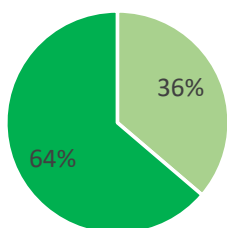
■ Too low ■ Reasonable
■ Slightly too high ■ Absolutely too high

Were you satisfied with the quality of the keynotes ?



■ Absolutely not ■ Rather not
■ Rather yes ■ Absolutely yes

Were you satisfied with the quality of the oral sessions ?



■ Absolutely not ■ Rather not
■ Rather yes ■ Absolutely yes

Comments:

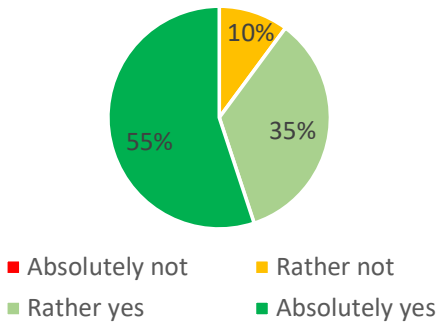
- The use of the interface was quite easy and smooth. Thanks for the good explanations regarding how to reach the talks and the posters. Very nice!
- I put "rather Yes" even if you're absolutely not to blame, it's just that I've had a lot of problems with this damned GoTo (untimely disconnections, dusty streaming, problems with microphone..)
- Congratulations for the organization of this "special" congress!
- Special thanks to the organizers who decided to keep the conference going and successfully switch it to virtual mode
- It would have been great to activate the webcams for questions
- There were some technical issues but it was organized online in the last minute, so I am quite impress of how smooth everything went.

- I got a free registration. Thank you very much !!
- slightly too high of course, but given the circumstances we need to be supportive

- The diversity of topics was very good, the level of some of the presentations was less that expected

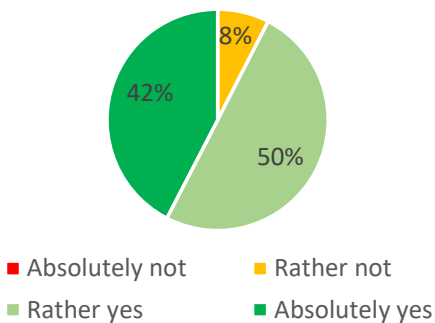
- For next time, please ask the speakers to check the audio quality of their speech before they send it because some of them were unfortunately not audible.
- It was sometimes very difficult to hear some oral presentation as the sound was too weak. But the scientific content of oral presentations was very good
- In some cases the speaker's voice volume was too low and it was difficult to follow. Althrough , I guess this is more of the speaker's problem rather than the organization's
- It was good to have the ppt recorded. In this way presentations don't last longer that they should and it is more comfortable for organizers and presenters
- There have been very good presentations but some were based on preliminar and in many cases uncompleted studies

Were you satisfied with the interactivity during the questions and answers sessions?



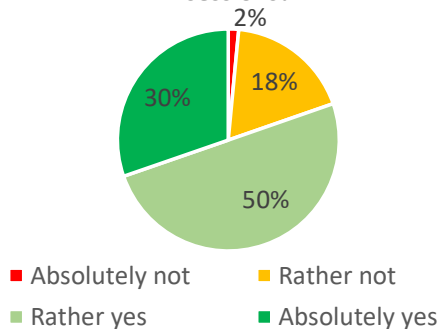
- Obviously, the exchanges are more interactive during a real oral session.
- As for online lecturing, this is not the best way to have a good scientific discussion but this was constrained and not in the hands of organizers who have done a great job.
- The fact that each talk was followed with a dedicated discussion time slot was very good. However, it would be nice to have something more friendly (like in zoom, with all the webcam on).
- the fact that we did not see who was online, the names of those who were asking questions, or their faces, was a real negative point for me, and was a major obstacle for interactivity
- It was enough for a few questions related to the presentation. However, not enough for networking
- My issue came from the virtual situation itself and not the quality of questions or answers

Were you satisfied with the quality of the poster sessions ?



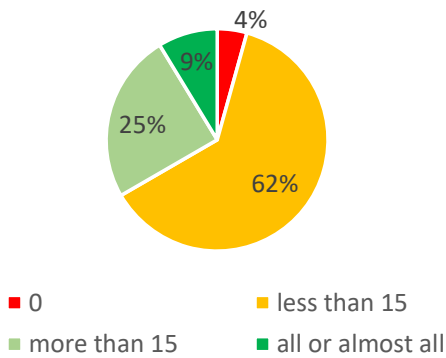
- The audio quality has to be checked by the speakers before they send their audio poster
- the only downside is that the sound of some videos was too low for us to hear correctly.
- Acces to posters as pdf file was perfect but It was difficult for me to access the poster as video. The possibility to add comment to posters and to answer was perfect !
- In some cases the speaker's voice volume was too low and it was difficult to follow. Although , I guess this is more of the speaker's problem rather than the organization's
- I thought the "virtual flash presentation" was a real bonus!!
- Actually, during the three day the posters did not work really well. So the quality was really good, bit I do not think it was a really session for the posters.
- I did not have the time to see all of them

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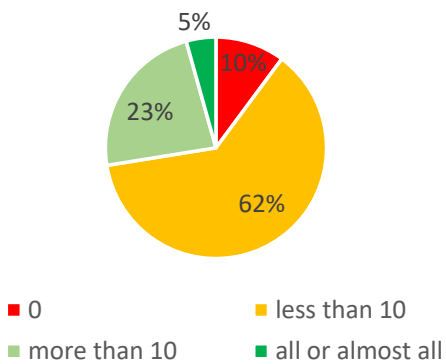
- there were some technical difficulties in posting comments. Finding the posts area at the bottom of the page is not very intuitive. Do authors receive an alert when they receive a post?
- this did not work for me
- it would have been easier to be able to ask questions directly on the same interface as when watching the videos (without the need to switch from one site to the other)
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How many "video posters" did you watch ?



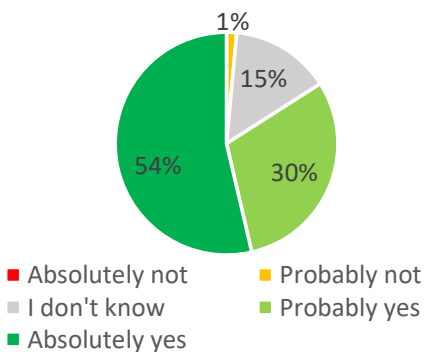
- very few as i had problem to load the video
- I plan to continue watching those posters when time available as during the congress. I was busy with organisation! So having them available afterwards is precious to me! Thank you!

How many "pdf posters" did you watch ?



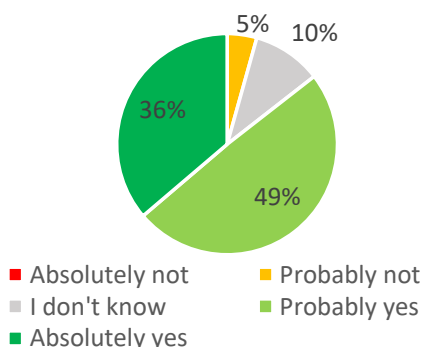
- I was only able to see the pdf posters in a very small frame, such that I almost did not recognize anything. If it was due to the setup of the page, this should be changed in the future (full screen).
- Large poster files are really difficult to read online. Clearly, the 3 minutes presentations are far more appropriate to convey messages

If it is possible to organize a "classical" conference, are you willing to participate to the EcotoxicoMic2022 conference ?



- Congratulations for 2020 event!! Very good organization, high scientific quality, sessions well dosed, I agreed with laureates results and all the people are very nice !
- With great pleasure !
- I would definitely participate if I am still in academics then
- It will depend on the next steps in my career.
- It depends of my jobs in 2022. If I work on a project corresponding to EcotoxicoMic, with pleasure

If it is required to organize a "virtual" conference, are you willing to participate to the EcotoxicoMic2022 conference ?



- I would definitely participate if I am still in academics then
- I found it very easy and even more rewarding to follow the conferences from a distance. The disadvantage is not being able to exchange during breaks and other "unformal" moments.
- the virtual has its limits, in particular when it comes to interacting with colleagues for longer periods of time
- Yes but the system needs to be improved for more interactivity