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## FEEDBACK FORM SUMMARY

### Upstate New York Science Librarians Annual Meeting Friday, October 20, 2006 Binghamton University

#### 1) What did you particularly like about this year's conference?

- More shorter classes.
- I like hearing what everyone is doing during round table updates.
- Talks were very good – I learned many new ideas and approaches to collections, outreach, and instruction.
- The talks, networking, the signs helping us to find the union. Thank you for organizing this program.
- Topics – sharing by colleagues what they were doing
- The meeting space, equipment was very nice. Lunch and snacks, and breakfast were great. I enjoyed the entire event.
- Very nice meeting. Interesting presentations.
- Tech tools. Signage.
- Learned about new technology – that we are not using yet. I was impressed with the talent and interests of the librarians at the meeting.
- Good variety of talks. Talks were a good length.
- Roman & Ben's talks gave me many good ideas.
- The blue signs directing us to the conference room were wonderful!!
- Lunch was very good. Meeting room nice, if a bit chilly.
- Everything.
- Whoa, all that food! How did you do it for \$20 a person?
- Once again, thought provoking presentations in an informal setting with good questions & discussion.
- The program was very practical & I found it really helpful to talk with other science librarians.

#### 2) What could be improved for next year?

- Nothing
- Things seemed to run well – it was nice to have a live internet connection as seeing things live is especially important
- To stay on time, the moderator needs to cut off some of the questions after the presentations
- Don't be afraid to keep to time schedule. Needed much stricter time keeping or needed more "slippage" in schedule.
- Don't schedule the conference on top of NERM and try to advertise even more than you did to get a bigger audience. Some really great folks were not there.
- Really didn't like long individual intros at lunch. Limited conversation at table.

- This was very well done.
- Nothing – just perfect.
- Perhaps fewer talks. We like to network!
- Continue to keep the excellent topics on new current innovations = we want to learn things and get new ideas. Repeat speakers should have new info not to keep telling us about the same thing. Please encourage speakers to give handouts of powerpoint slides – they are very handy.
- N/A
- Media – good to check with speakers if they'll need connection to internet, video/audio capability. Also, make sure projection quality is good.
- More programming on particular information resources. One year we had a great session on Technical Reports.

**3) Any general facility, organizational, or setup details that could be improved? (Keeping in mind that we will be in a completely different location next year.)**

- Great job BU
- Things worked well – it was nice to move from one set of tables to another for presentations and lunch
- Room was cold, especially in the afternoon
- Great facilities and food
- Generally excellent – nice big room, good food – needed 15 minutes more for lunch.
- I was comfortable throughout. Planning was smooth. Only thing – a slightly easier schedule (space between speeches or something to ease the pace)
- No. This was great. Food fabulous.
- Great food. Signage.
- Good bright meeting room – comfortable having tables in the meeting room.
- O.k. Room was spacious. Having food in the same place was a good idea so people didn't have to spend time walking and waiting in a buffet line – nice job! Compliments to the wait staff as they were great!
- Signage is helpful. (Perhaps, directions, too.) Parking passes are very nice.
- Could use to sit closer to screen, but good to have food on one side and meeting space on the other.

**4) Please share any ideas/topics for next year's meeting. (Answers to this question will be helpful in planning this conference next year.)**

- Would like to hear more about courseware integration and what libraries are doing
- New technology tools
- Outreach to faculty in departments
- Promotional awareness of electronic reference products and online product updates
- Open access – how are we supporting and encouraging it
- Keep a mix of topics and diverse activities for speakers
- Assessment
- Institutional repositories, etc.
- Alternative publishing
- Further exploration of integrating tech tools into library web sites & user info space?
- Working with first-year students?
- Consider having fewer speakers with longer talks if topics warrant it. Although the 30 minute talks at BU were fine, too.
  - Consider having poster sessions, too = even 4 would be enough as a minimum. They often are a good source of new ideas.
  - Topic idea – using RSS feeds and passing these on to students & faculty.
  - Please allow more visiting time – let's have round robin at the beginning, before the speakers, next time. We need lunch time to visit.
  - Maybe have a poster session or something more interactive after lunch – especially with a late lunch, I didn't feel like sitting & listening any longer.
  - These are just suggestions. It was a very good conference.
  - I think sometimes the librarians teaching experiences could be done more quickly – giving handouts instead. (It was just too much of the same thing after a large delicious lunch)
  - Thank you for hosting everyone this year.

**5) Other comments?**

- Great signage from the parking garage to the meeting room
- Signs to get to the meeting were very good. They could be seen easily and led us to the meeting without effort.
- Excellent!
- Delicious lunch – Handy to have coffee and snacks accessible during the meeting.
- Great as usual!
- Good job!
- Look forward to hosting at RIT!