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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 mush stricter time keeping or needed more “slippage” in schedule.
- Don’t schedule the conference on top of NERM and try to advertise even more then 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!