



# Evaluation Summary Report

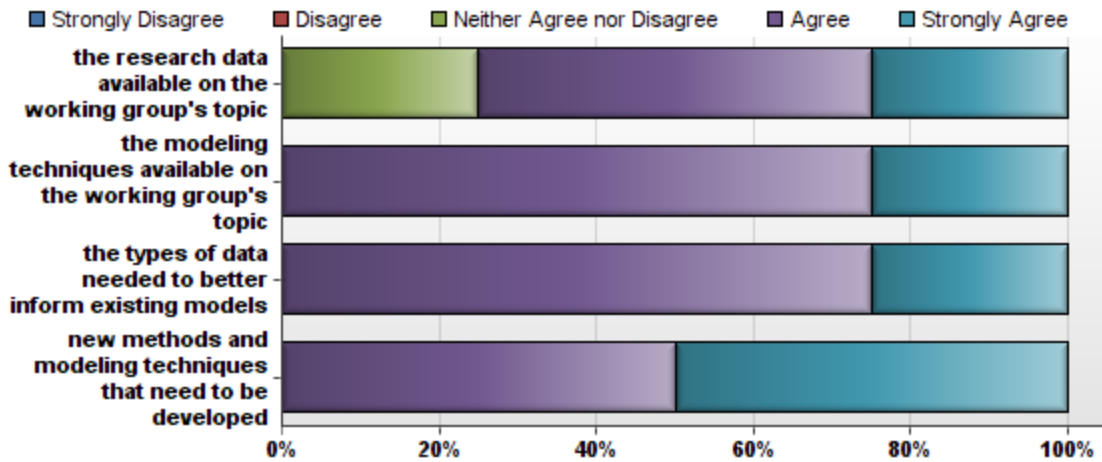
Working Group: *Cooperation and  
Cognition*

December 9-11, 2015

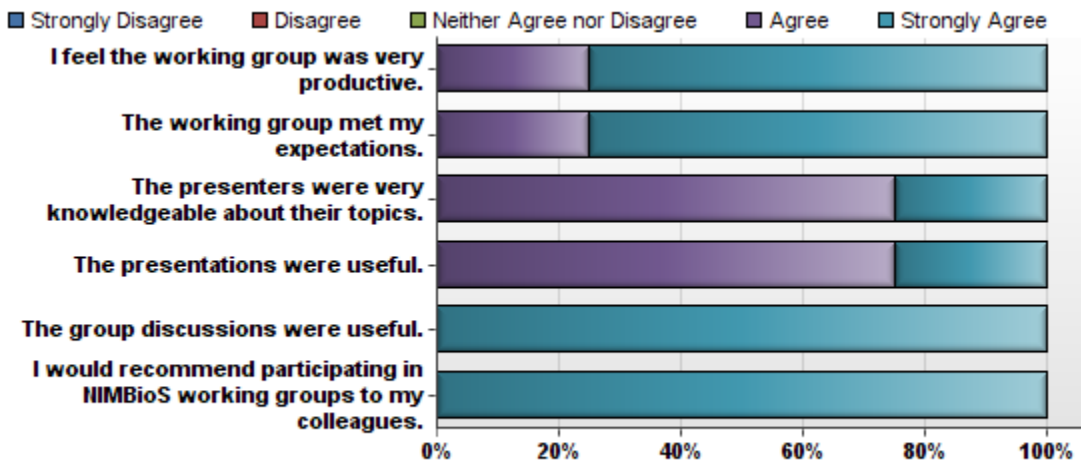
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**1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.**

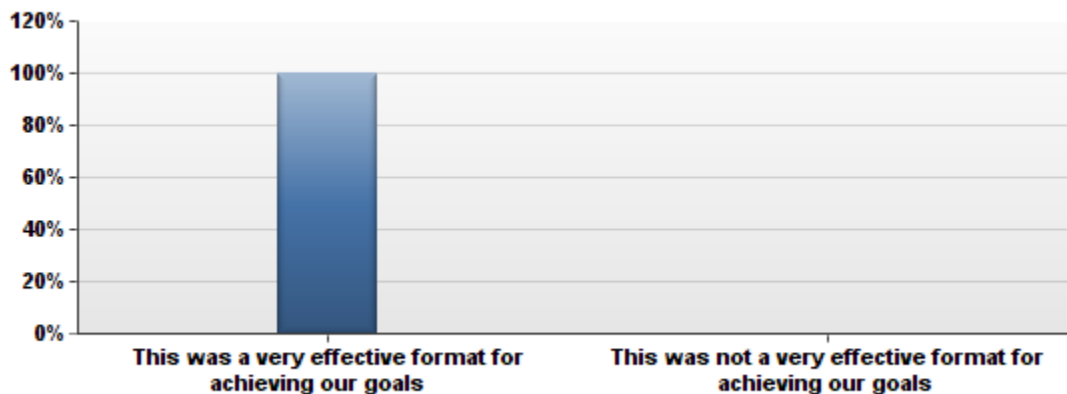
**As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:**



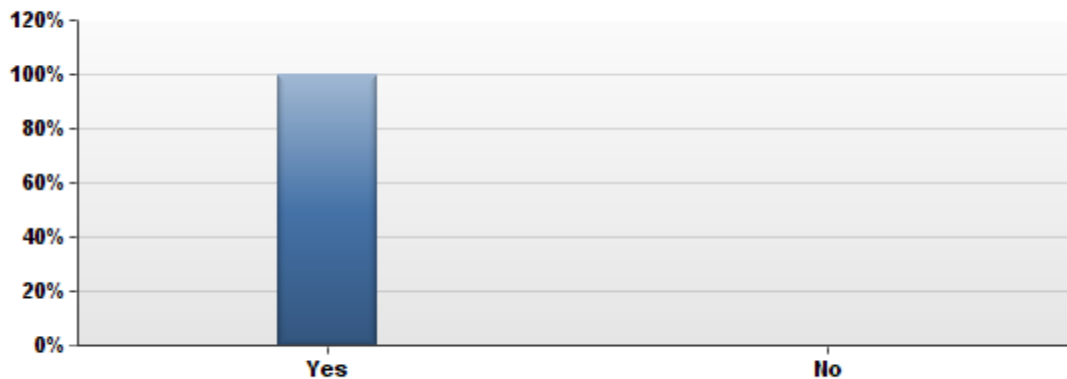
**2. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:**



**3. How do you feel about the format of the working group?**



**4. Do you feel the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area?**



**Comments:**

*No comments.*

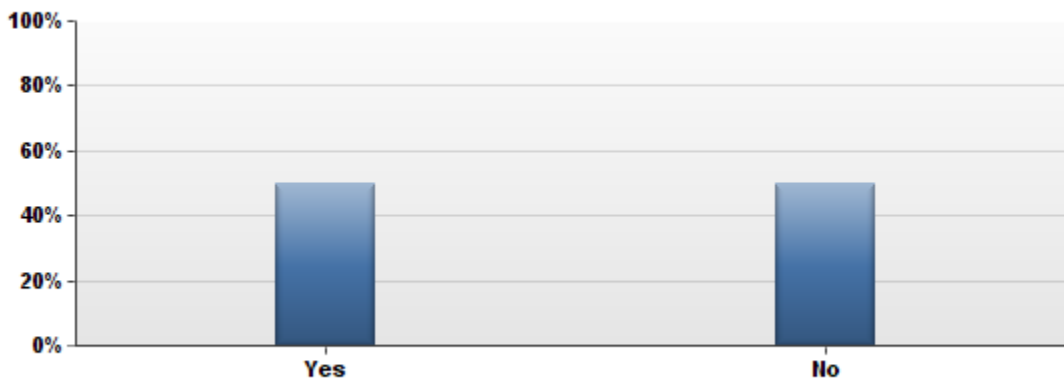
**5. Do you feel that participating in the working group helped you understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group's topic area?**



**Please explain:**

*No comments.*

**6. Did you develop unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants?**



**Please explain:**

*No comments.*

**7. Do you feel that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence your future research?**



**Comments:**

*Remarkable progress on operationalizing concepts to create common ground across disciplines.*

**8. Do you feel the expectations for the next working group are clear (in the sense that you are leaving this meeting with a good idea of what your contribution will be at the next meeting)?**



**Comments:**

*It will certainly influence what I do with this working group. Other than that, it's too early to tell.*

**9. What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?**

*Coming together to work synergistically on a common problem, which we identified during the meeting. Each person's expertise had a role to play.*

*Interaction between theoretical and empirical researchers, allowing us to develop a common conceptual framework and language that should make it possible to develop formal models relevant to the study of natural behavior.*

**10. What, if anything, would you change about the working group?**

*Nothing.*

***Can't think of anything I'd particularly like to change.***

**11. Please provide any additional comments about your overall experience with the working group:**

*NIMBioS has provided the best professional experiences I have ever had!*