



# Evaluation Summary Report

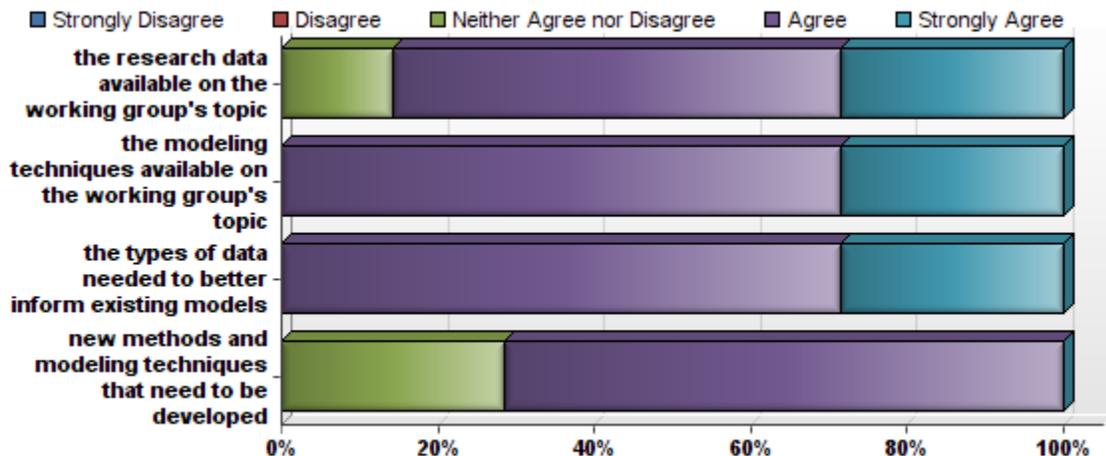
Working Group: *Dispersal Biogeography*  
*Meeting One*

May 11-14, 2015

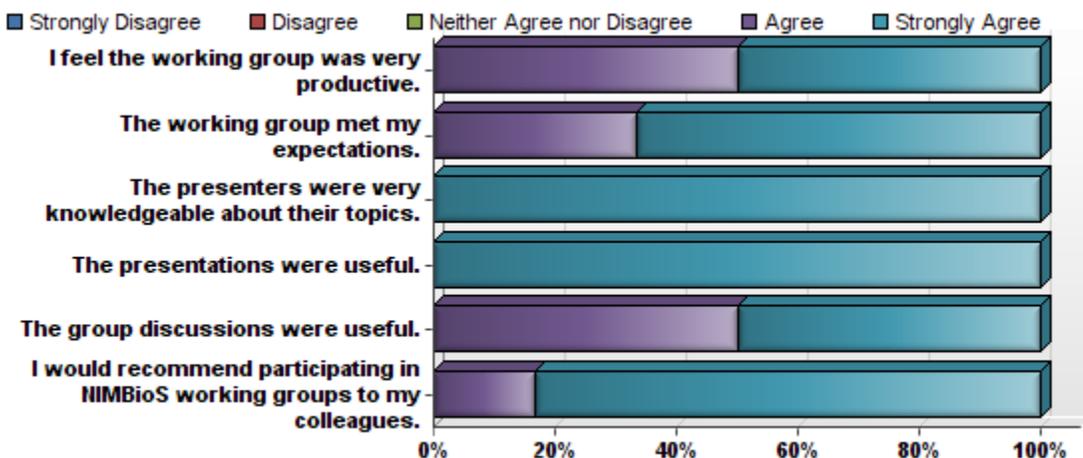
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1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

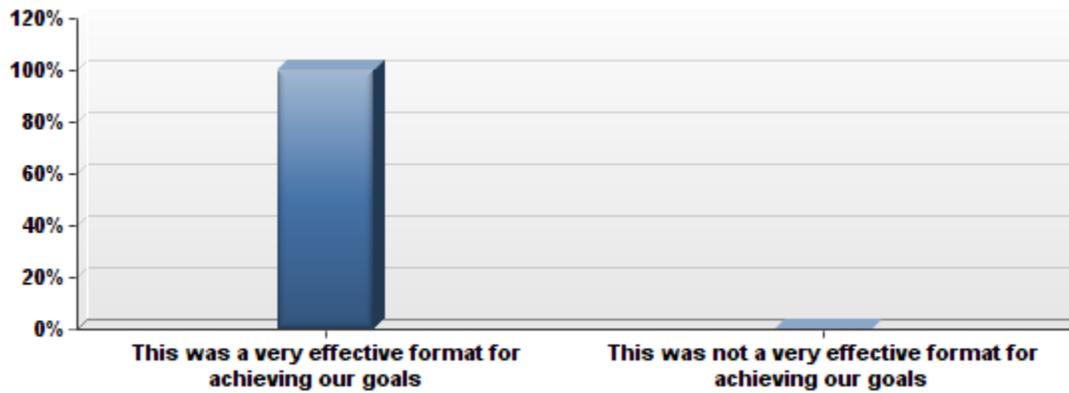
As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:



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?



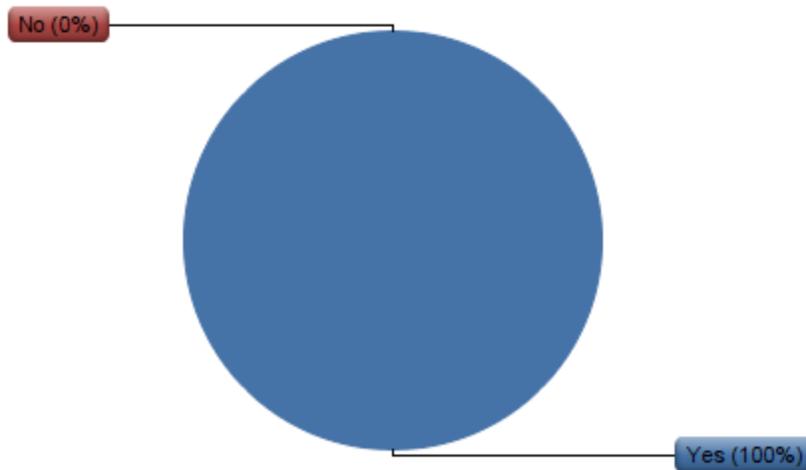
Comments:

*Absolutely!*

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



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



**Please explain:**

*Yes, with some of them.*

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



**Comments:**

*We moved really fast.*

**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)?**



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

*Opened up new avenues for both collaborative and personal research.*

*Participation by two groups of researchers working on similar problems at different scales with different assumptions*

*Learning new ways to think about my research.*

*Bringing together researchers with different background and different expertise*

*Meeting with inspiring people from different fields*

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

*There is a need for better IT support to facilitate the remote participants - this was the only thing that did not work smoothly.*

*Nothing*

*The focus of the working group is becoming a little too broad; in particular, I am not sure that adding the evolutionary aspect (and to increase the number of group members accordingly) was a good idea.*

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

*I thought that the meeting went very well and I look forward to more. Thanks NIMBioS!*

*The working group was academically successful, but was also a collaborative experience where senior scientists (men and women) spent significant time mentoring more junior scientists (and in particular, women) on issues related to gender imbalance in science, career trajectories, and time management.*

*The NIMBioS staff have always been very supportive -- my special thanks to Ms. Jennifer Spar and to Prof Sergey Gavrilets.*

*Thanks!*