



Evaluation Summary Report

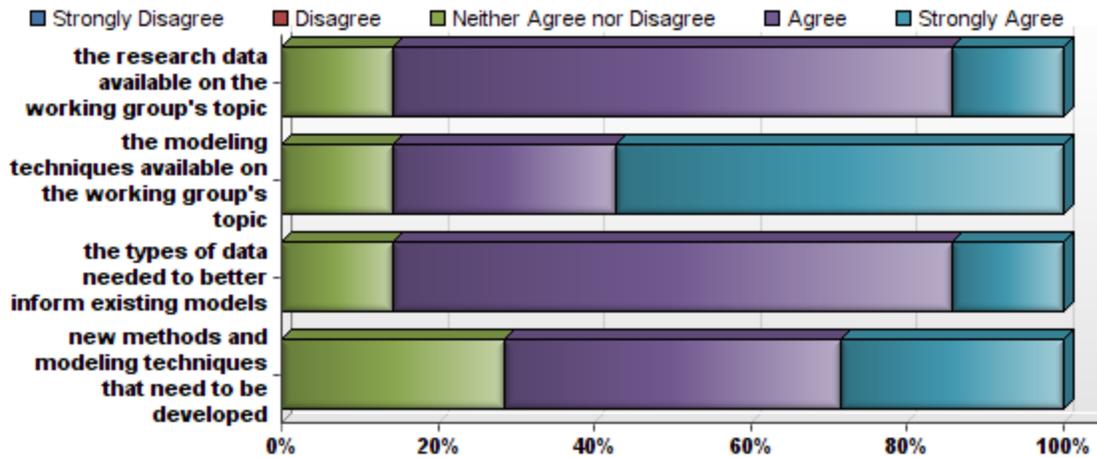
Working Group: *Molecules to Organisms*

November 16-20, 2015

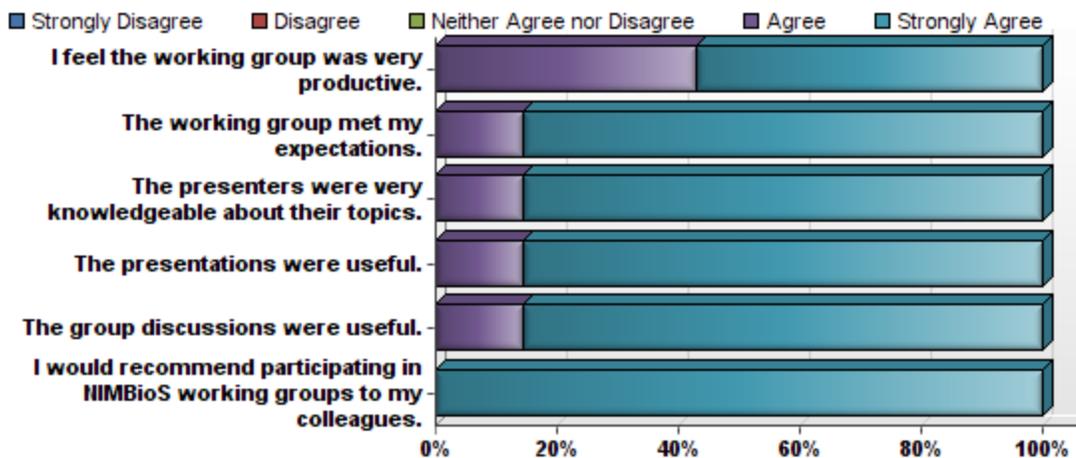
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1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

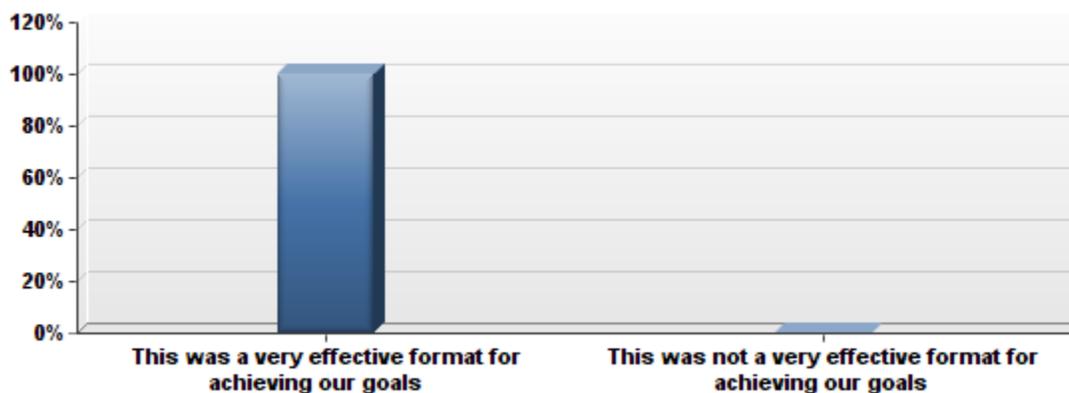
As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:



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:

It was a wonderful experience for me.

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?



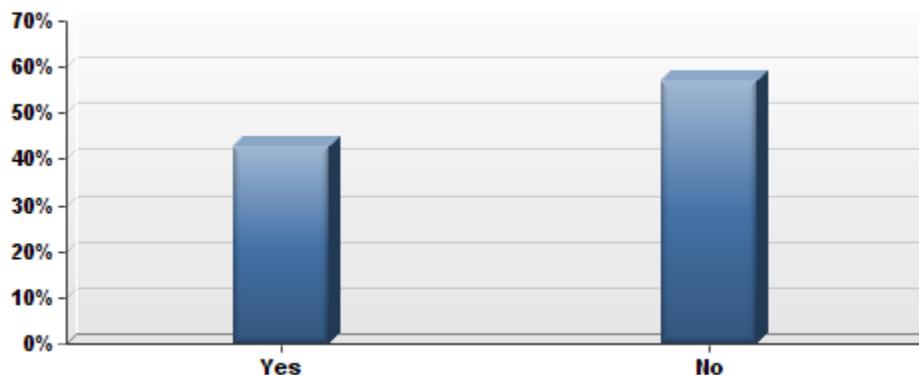
Please explain:

Having several days to interact with working group members provides an opportunity to really learn about their research in both formal (e.g., via presentations) and informal settings (e.g., during a break or a meal).

My interactions with population modelers has been beneficial to my understanding of the data needs for parameterizing models. I look forward to our future meetings to more completely identify these needs.

Some very large goals - but I can begin to see how to achieve.

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



Please explain:

I met someone with data that I can use to extend another aspect of my research, that isn't the focus of this working group. It was a pleasant surprise.

Not yet

Not yet but I don't exclude the possibility

This is a distinct possibility but has not yet happened.

New modeling approaches seemed unapproachable to me before

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



Comments:

We needed the time to discuss different interpretations of terminology, and to ask and answer questions about different research areas and methods.

Surprisingly good progress in breaking into the topics

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:

No comments

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

The ability to get to know other workgroup members both professionally and socially.

Brief lectures to get introduced everyone on specific topics, conceptual model design, finding a common language during discussions

The broad scientific knowledge present at the workgroup provided a great basis for interaction and brain storming.

Different types of expertise brought together for a true interdisciplinary work

The small group discussions

Good size, open-minded individuals, varied backgrounds

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

Background reading assignments prior to the meeting would have helped to orient the group to some of the major concepts that ended up taking a surprising amount of discussion time.

I feel the meeting went well and cannot think of anything major that needs to be changed.

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

I enjoyed the workgroup meeting and look forward to productive collaborations.