

## Summary of Questionnaire for JGFoS Symposium 2006

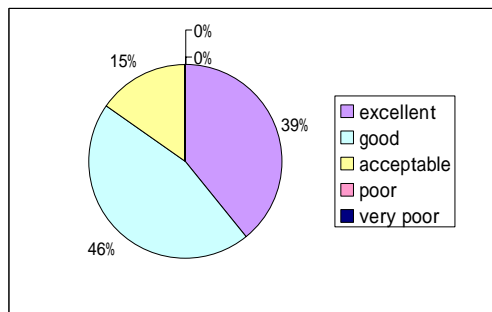
### 1. Please indicate your role in this symposium

Planning Group Member	10
Speaker	18
General Participant	18

### 2. Please rate the following: Meeting

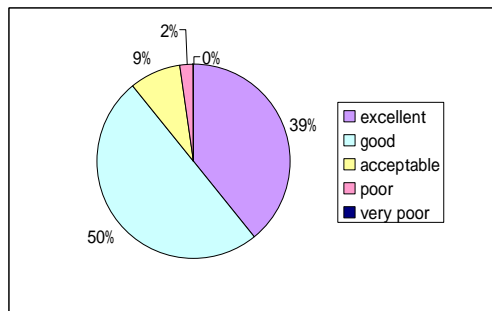
#### meeting format

Excellent	18
Good	21
Acceptable	7
Poor	0
Very Poor	0



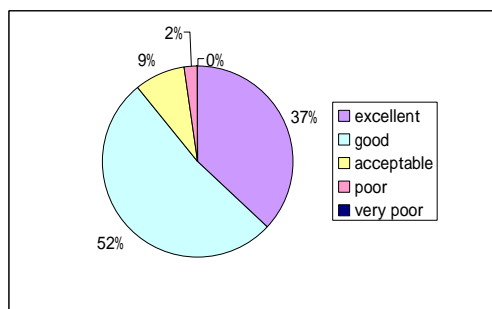
#### Length of time given to presentations

Excellent	18
Good	23
Acceptable	4
Poor	1
Very Poor	0



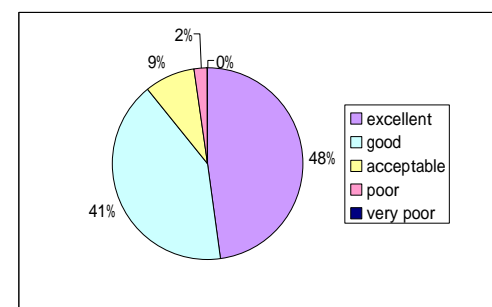
#### Length of time given to specific discussions

Excellent	17
Good	24
Acceptable	4
Poor	1
Very Poor	0



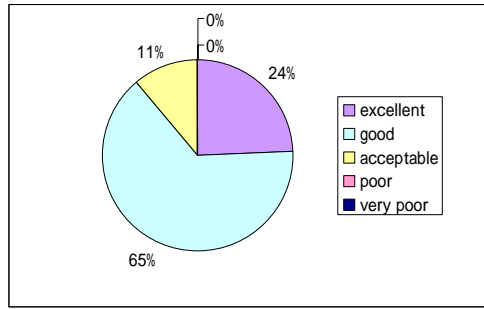
#### Level of science covered

Excellent	22
Good	19
Acceptable	4
Poor	1
Very Poor	0



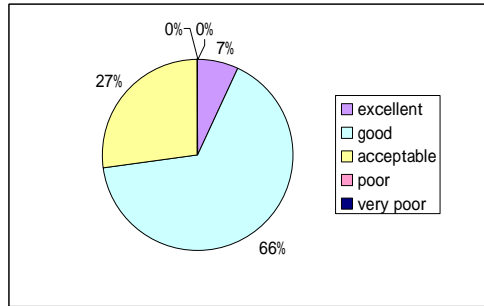
### Quality of presentations

Excellent	11
Good	29
Acceptable	5
Poor	0
Very Poor	0



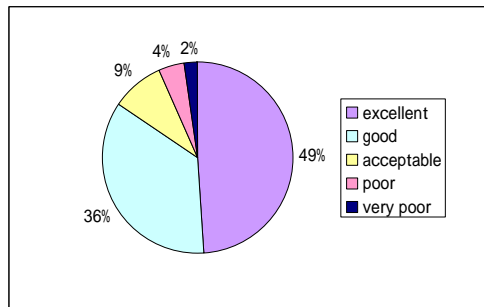
### Quality of posters

Excellent	3
Good	29
Acceptable	12
Poor	0
Very Poor	0

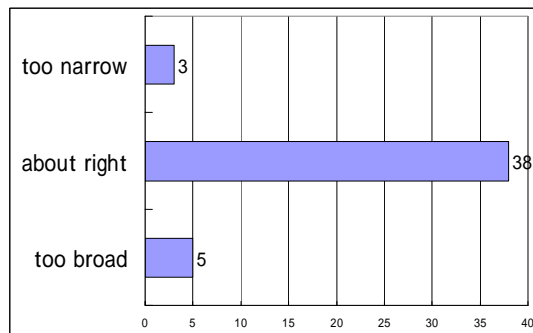


### Your opportunity to participate

Excellent	22
Good	16
Acceptable	4
Poor	2
Very Poor	1

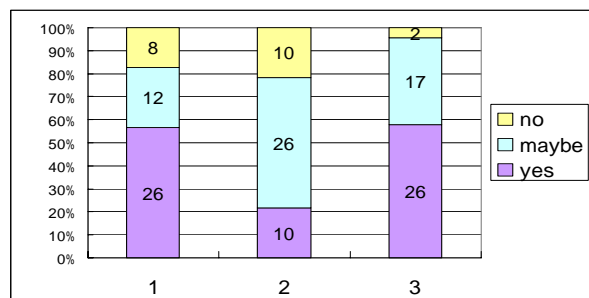


### 3. What do you think of the range of session topics?



### 4. Are the materials you have gathered useful to your research?

	Yes	Maybe	No
1. Materials from presentations in your own discipline	26	12	8
2. Materials from presentations in other disciplines	10	26	10
3. Materials from informal discussions	26	17	2

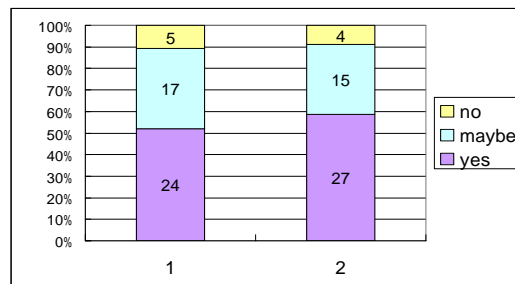


5. Were you satisfied with the materials provided?

Yes	29
No	2
Comments	- I suggest to put the presentations and the posters as pdf files on a server - Book of Abstracts would have been more useful than CD - Provided CD was not very useful because it contained hidden folders - Hand-out or PDF of presentations would have been great for subsequent use
No comments	9

6. Future Outcomes

	Yes	Maybe	No
1. Did you make any new research contacts that you wish to pursue?	24	17	5
2. Have you received new ideas and impulses for your own research?	27	15	4

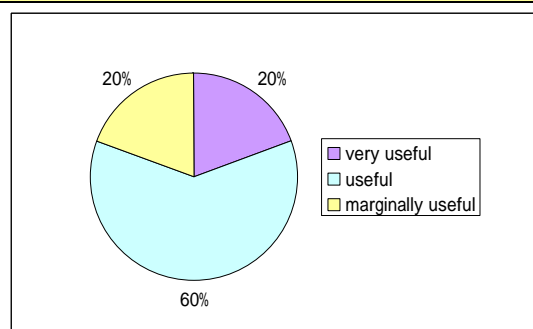


What aspects of the meeting were most interesting or valuable to you?

-Meeting people from other disciplines	15
-The time for discussions during and between the sessions / Informal discussions	13
-The multidisciplinary of the meeting / the broad discussions	10
-Learning this way about different attitudes towards sciences, also feedback my own field / Differencies in a way of thinking in various fields	7
-Knowing high quality research of other fields	4
-Comparison between German and Japanese scientific societies, cultural exchanges	3
-Gathering some scientific news / to learn about new technological developments	2
-Networking with colleagues	2
-I learned a lot about molecular biology and medicine in the 4 and 6	
-Scientific discussions	
-the session 'Machine learning and prediction'	
-Alzheimer's metabolism of Ab and g-secretase	
-Getting into contact with Japanese scientists	

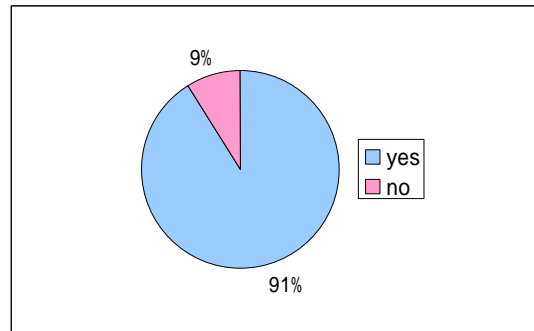
How do you rate the usefulness of this symposium to your professional development relative to other meetings you have recently attended?

Very useful	9
Useful	28
Marginally useful	9



Based on your experience at this meeting would you attend another symposium of this format again?

Yes	41
No	4



If you could make one improvement to the meeting what would it be?

<b>Contents of sessions, Management of sessions</b>	
-Enforce session chairs to keep time for a group discussion at the end	2
-Longer time for flash talks	2
-Provide real interdisciplinarity	2
-Some sessions were too specialized for me	2
-A short introduction of every participant with name, research field and one statements	2
-There might be more 'fundermental discussions' if the topics were presented by speakers with a more diverse background and if there was panel discussion at the end of the session	
-Perfectly organized	
-More time for a general discussion at the end of each session	
-Increase time for presentations	
-Partly less specialized talks	
-Maybe it would be nice that someone checks the contents of the talks for participants from the different fields	
<b>Session Topics</b>	
-The topics were too broad	3
-Within 6 fields the people should be selected more closely to one another, in order to improve the possibility of later collaborations	2
-Focussing the session themes to a single broad common goal of the conference in order to increase the potential for mutual exchange between scientists from different fields	
<b>Schedule</b>	
-A bit more time to do some sight-seeing	
-The schedule was tight / The time schedule on the final day might be quite tight for people from overseas	5 2
<b>Venue</b>	
-Select a venue which facilitates socializing of participants	
-If we were able to choose accommodations with a more country style, it would be perfect	2
-It would be good if meeting was held in the center of the city	
<b>Organizing the meeting</b>	
-Let Japanese participants come individually / more flexible schedule	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Please make the name tag and the font size larger</li> <li>-I would feel better if we PGMs could present our own works at the symposium because the efforts of PGMs are not recognized officially</li> <li>-Make more transparent what criteria determine whether someone gives a presentation or is just attending (possibly reconsider the use of having researchers who merely sit and listen; i.e. having smaller workshops)</li> <li>-I would try to make sure in advance that all speakers not only have high professional, but also presentations skills</li> <li>-Less food</li> <li>-More efforts should be undertaken to mix up people from different nations</li> <li>-Shifting the balance between sciences and natural sciences; also humanities could be important</li> </ul>	2
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Any other comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Thank you for the nice event / invitation / efforts by PGMs</li> <li>-It was a great meeting and an experience I do not want to miss.</li> <li>-I very much enjoyed the participations in the JAGFoS meeting</li> <li>-The conference was very well organized by AvH and JSPS</li> <li>-Organization, hospitality, general 'climate' of friendly, open exchange are excellent and should not be changed.</li> <li>-I felt that this time was the most fruitful among the three JGFoSs that have been held.</li> <li>-I attended JAFoS once before, but I like this JGFoS better. People were more interactive.</li> <li>-Although it was very positive to know what is people doing in different areas, I think that there's a low probability to further interact between the researchers and build collaborations among such distant research fields</li> <li>-Some presentations were too technical and difficult to digest for a general audience. More care has to be taken by the speakers. Also the discussions were slightly biased. A better balance could have been achieved if the PGMs would have moderated the discussion</li> <li>-We may need a free time every day</li> <li>-Especially with respect to our Japanese guest – some more time for visiting Heidelberg would have been nice...</li> <li>-I had no impact on the (top-down) selection of the people presenting. These are in general not the researchers I would want to collaborate with.</li> <li>-I was merely invited to sit and attend the presentations. It is unclear what the benefit of this is.</li> <li>-In general the programs of the AvHF are interesting, but with some respect a little bit idealistic concerning the amount of funding.... It would also be great if the AvHF funded PhD students.</li> <li>-Maybe the follow-up CONNECT program could be more flexible. Why not supporting visits of people I met at other conferences or know from my research?</li> <li>-I hoped to visit to some German laboratories after the FoS meeting</li> <li>-Understanding topics in other field was not benefit to my own study, but it encouraged me to proceed more exciting works</li> <li>-PGMs should meet and discuss more about the next year topics. E-mail or web does not work for pre-meeting discussion. Working lunch will be good.</li> <li>-It is good if electronic photographs during the symposium (photo album) are provided (in the form of CD-R or web download) by the organizers.</li> </ul>	8
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