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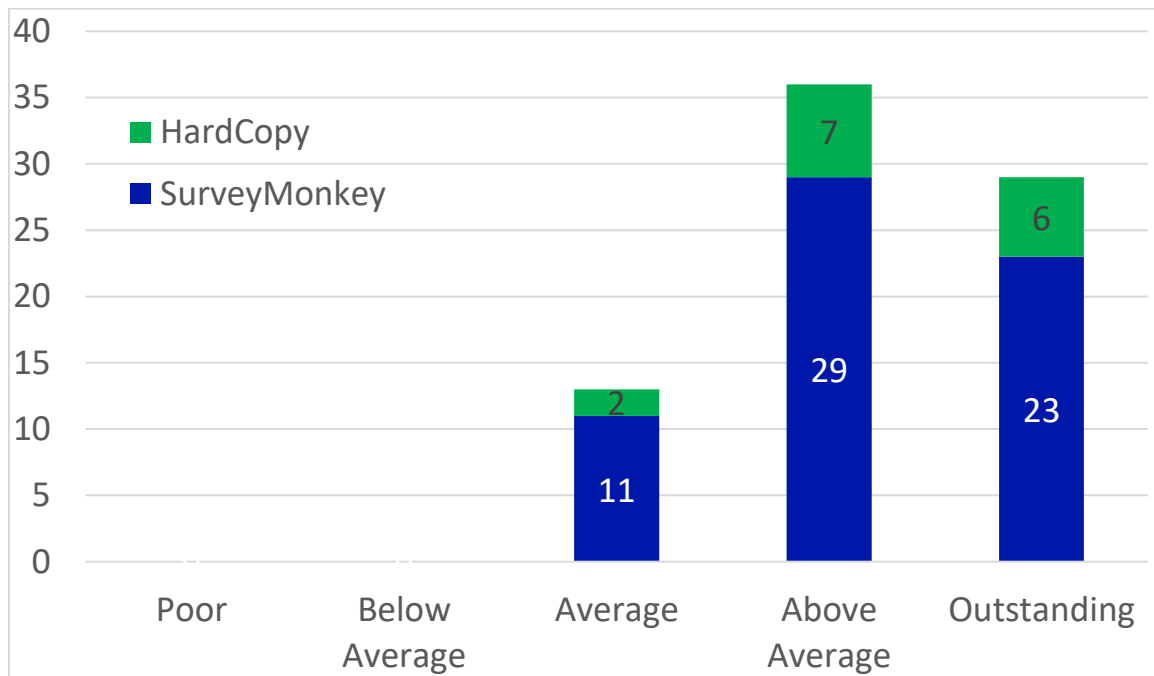
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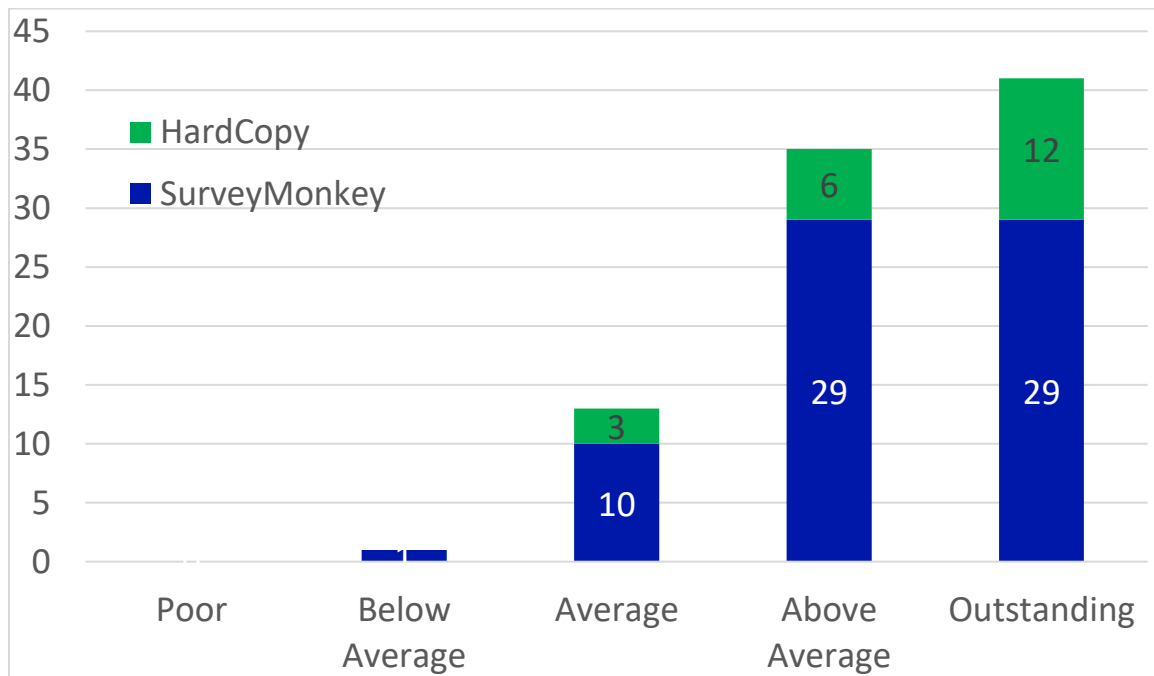
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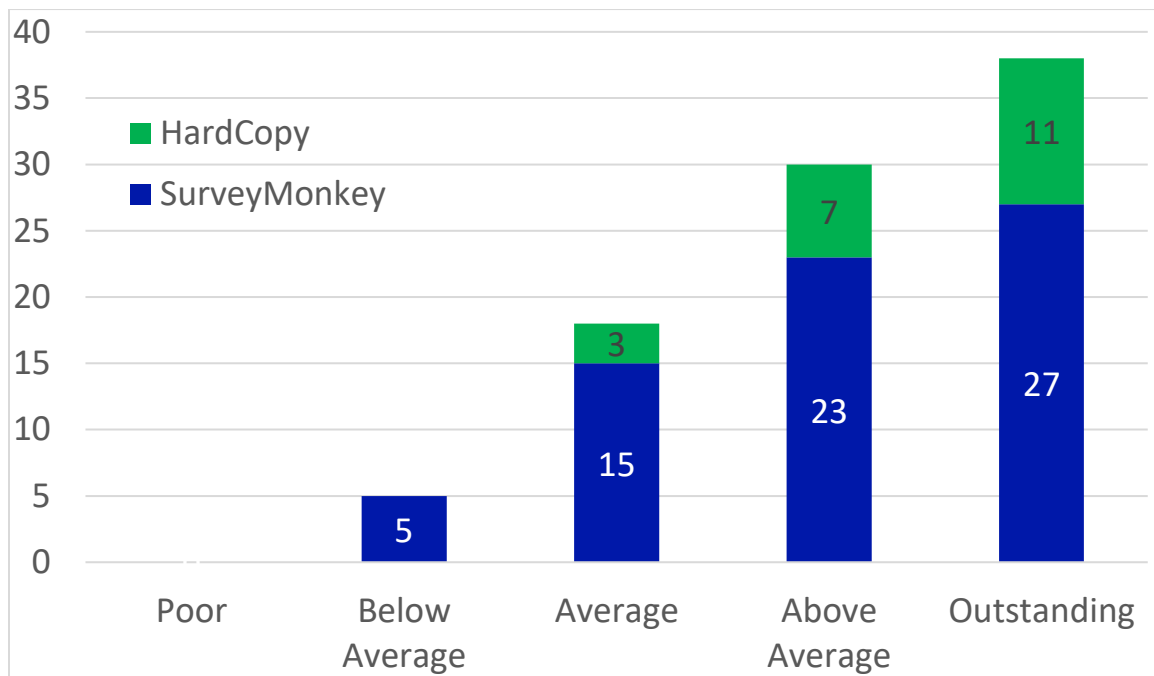
## Q1: Ease of abstract submission



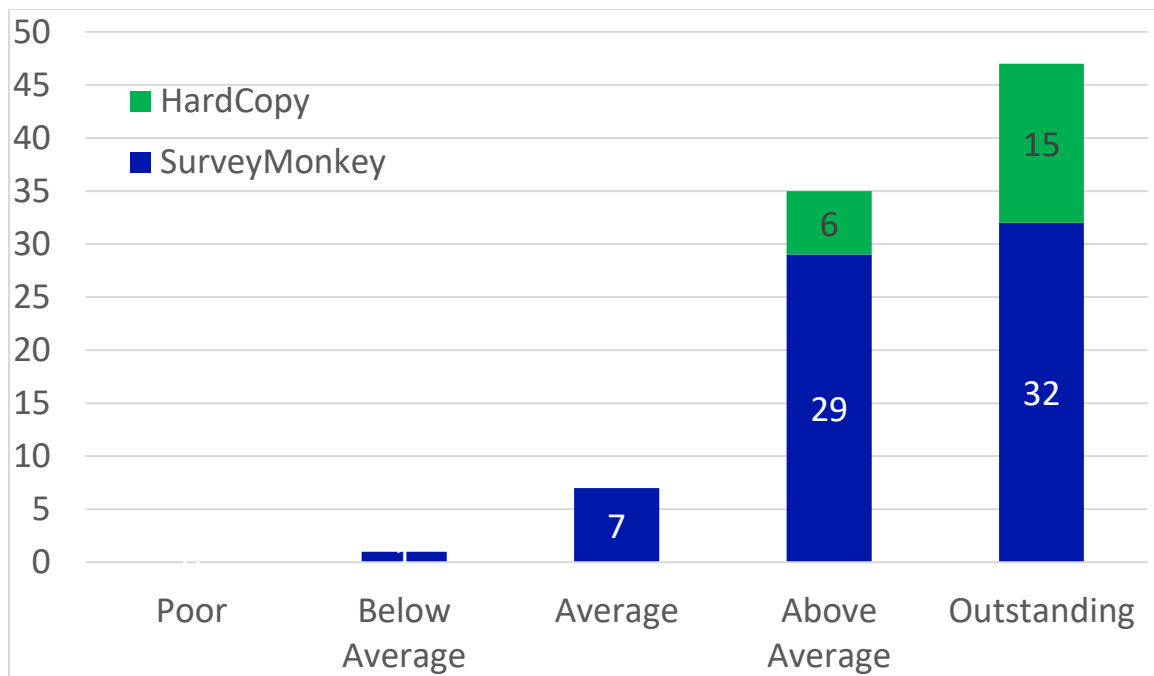
## Q2: Ease of meeting registration



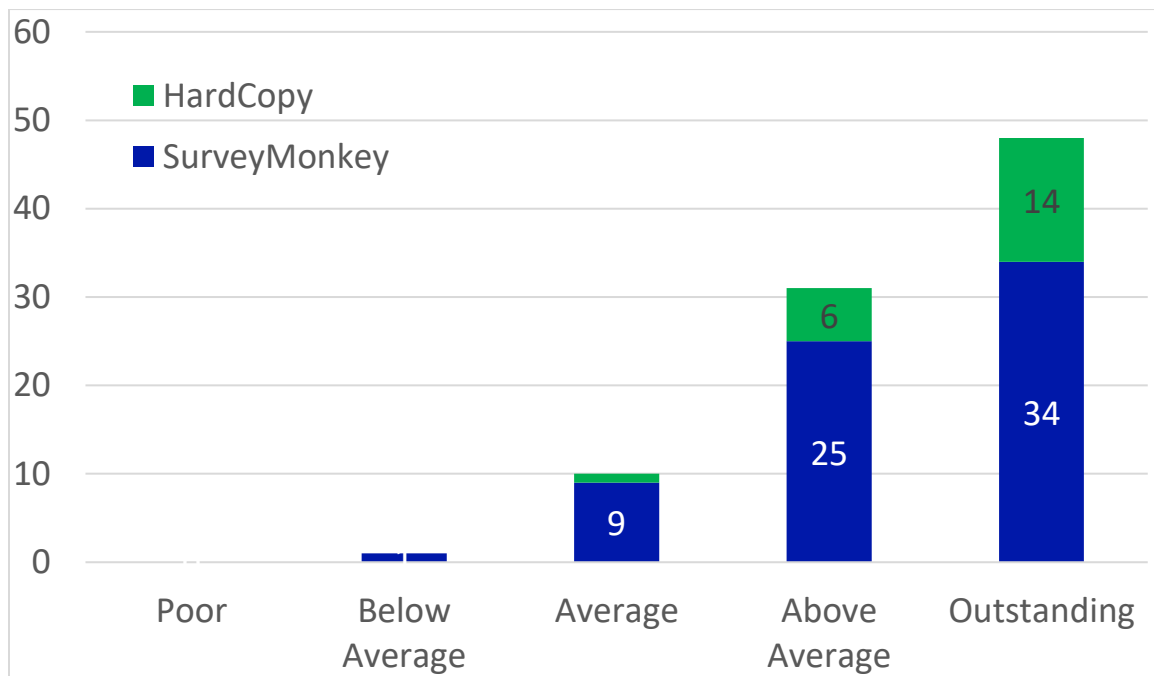
### Q3: Quality and timing of preconference information



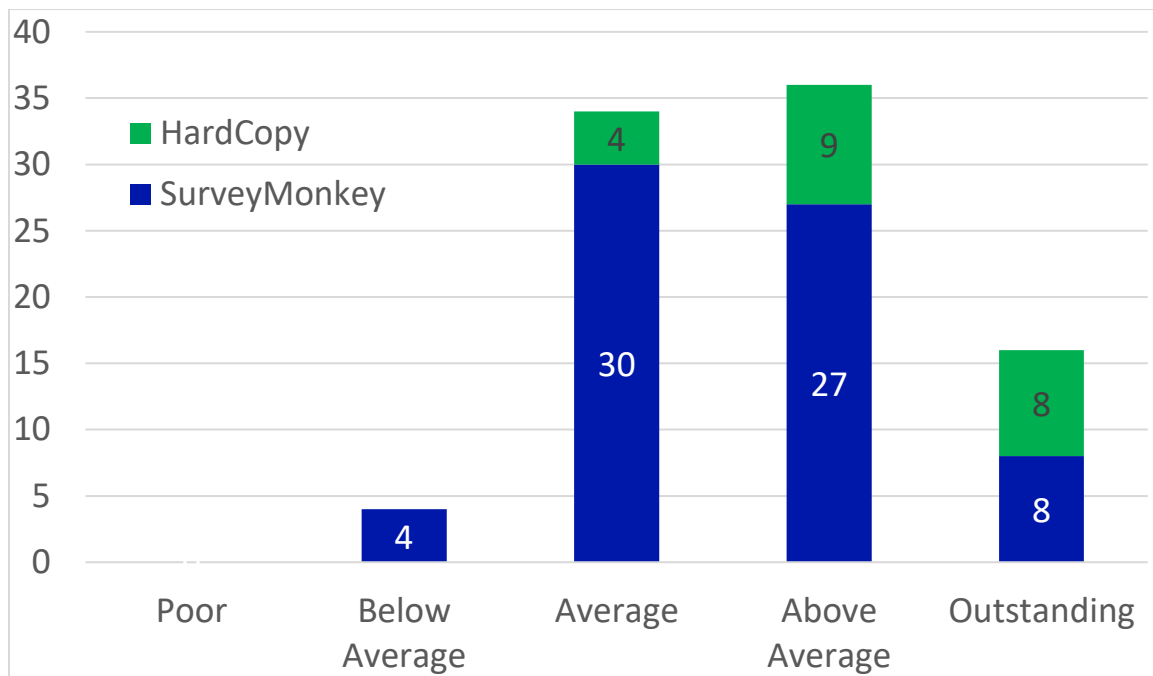
#### Q4: Quality of conference program



### Q5: Overall quality of meeting in relation to registration fee

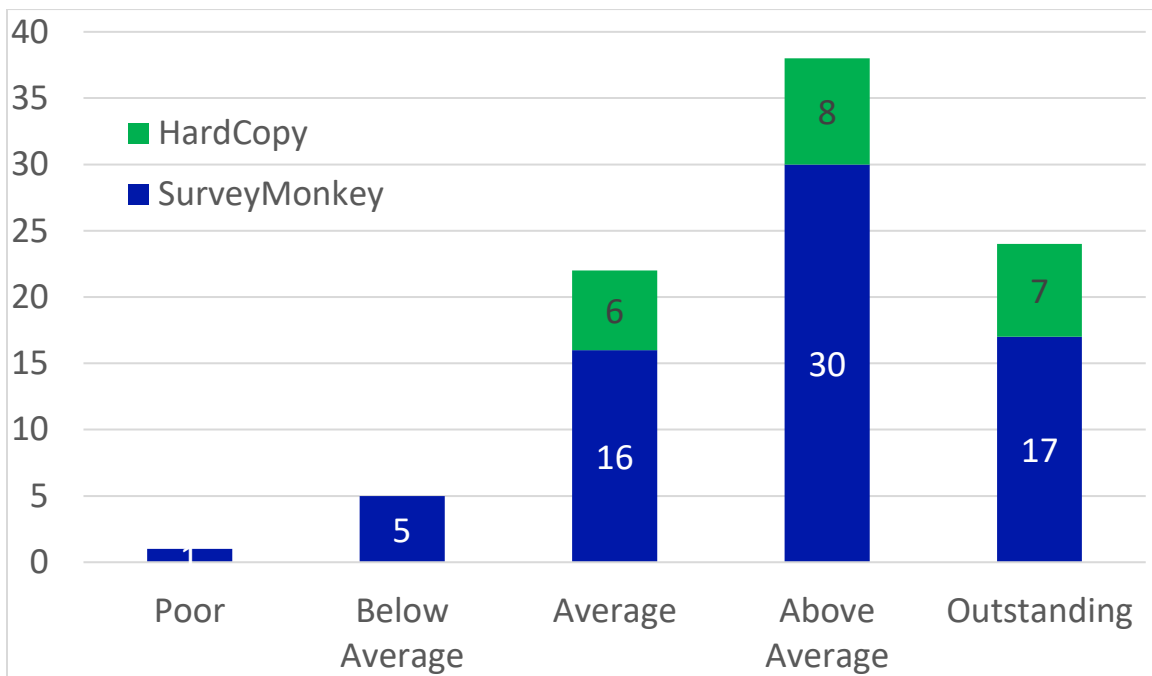


## Q6: Quality of conference rooms and meeting facilities





### Q7: Quality of audio and visual used for sessions



## Q8: What about the meeting this year worked well?

### Q8 Word cloud results:

nice networking well close rooms location good worked  
 session timing poster also presentations one  
 great proximity meeting awesome program minute poster

### Q8 SurveyMonkey Response Comments:

Electronic agenda was perfect.

1 minute poster pitch

I always appreciate the moderators keeping the sessions focused and on time

Opportunity to meet colleagues from other laboratories.

Program

Great speakers!

Location

Everything seemed to work well

The overall meeting worked quite well this year. Good schedule of events. Poster intros were quite fun and seemed to improve attendance and interaction at all of the posters. Everyone seemed a bit more laid back this year but perhaps that was just my perception - people more willing to speak up vs. wait and complain. The soft cube audience mic was cool.

Great content and an awesome student population

Loved the case presentations

Distribution of presentation rooms to space for coffee, ect. and area for networking. Did not have to wade through networking individuals to get to presentations. Appreciated the space for poster presentations, so people could read posters, ask questions and not have to interfere with other poster presentations.

Scientific programme

Good discussions, excellent presentations

Both meeting rooms were close together, there was access to the outdoor patio as well as room to congregate and sit in the common areas between the rooms. The posters were also in close proximity.

NCVP clicker session was fun and useful, as usual.

Nice mix of content with almost always something interesting in at least one room.

Constant supply of beverages starting at first break through the day.

Good organization, program, poster pitch session was good

Poster promos. Great way for me to target posters I was interested in instead of aimlessly wandering around the posters or reading all titles/abstracts prior to the session

(a) Mixing student presentations throughout the program

(b) The one-minute poster summaries were brilliant - best idea ever!

(c) The practical tips in the Bayer session were extremely useful for folk doing clinical parasitology

The latest of medications, molecular techniques, research projects, great lunches, good coffee & wonderful networking socials!

1 min oral poster presentations

Social events were awesome, particularly the pasta/vegetables cooked in front of you. Good timing of sessions, 1-min summary of posters was great!

Diversity of talks

Diversity

Well organized. High quality talks. I liked the poster promo.

1 minute poster intro rounds

As usual, AAVP was awesome!

Presentations staying on schedule.

The timing of presentations was well followed and the 1 minute poster promos were helpful in determining which poster you wanted to spend more time at.

The one minute poster presentations

Hotel. Quality programming

Exec committee did a good job organizing. Excellent plenary session.

Poster presentation session was a good addition

In general all worked just fine and just like previous meetings. Nothing new or different.

I liked the new 1-min poster promo session - it helped to narrow down which posters I wanted to visit. It was also nice to have lots of room for poster viewing so there was no need to squeeze past people.

Light system for speakers, proximity of rooms, size of rooms, proximity to Starbucks

This was my first AAVP meeting and I really enjoyed it! The meeting floors were a little difficult to navigate at first, but once I got used to the location it was easy. I really appreciate the friendliness and how welcoming everyone is. It's truly a family atmosphere and I really enjoyed myself.

Scientific program was amazing! Too hard to pick one of the sessions!

The 1 minute presentations

Nice mix of meetings and networking.

I really enjoyed the poster promos! Definitely something to continue

The temperature was good.

Poster 'pre' show was really nice

Convenient having the meeting rooms close to each other

Less cold than last year

Enough space to spread out and talk to colleagues.

Great food and beverages.

Excellent technical support in presentation rooms.

The food was great and plentiful. The hotel was quirky and unique which made it an automatic conversation started.

Great location and facilities. The poster promo sessions were great. Very nice evening events. Very good food.

Smooth organization

High quality program

Welcoming for students

Ease of moving between the two presentation rooms.

The close proximity of all the conferences rooms was helpful. Having more room to spread out for the breaks as also nice. Overall very pleased with everything.

Good socials. Lunch seminars were good also

Mobile app was great! Concurrent session timing worked pretty well.

1 minute poster session

All as planned. Solid performance.

Hotel works well for this meeting. The webpage and web based actions are a huge improvement. Miriam is a great committee addition

Good location.

The timing of the sessions

Conference rooms, program were great

Very enjoyable

### **Q8 Hard Copy Comments**

Very good

People

Everything was very punctual and on-schedule. There was just a right amount of down time

Very punctual and short poster promos were interesting

Hotel was nice, food was good, schedule was followed well

It worked well. Congratulations.

Ran well as always. The poster preview was pretty neat and turned out well

Extremely well organized

Everything went well. I especially liked the one minute pre-poster presentations

Incorporating students into helping with co-moderating sessions

Keeping the presentations on time so if I needed to get to the other session I could almost always

New one-minute poster descriptions were great

Well organized, Awesome

Really high quality science

Rooms and timing were set up very well

Very well organized. Easy to move between the 2 sessions. The oral introductions to the posters was excellent. Also enjoyed the lunch sessions.

Sponsored symposioms and dinner/socials. Great networking

Receptions were nice, staying on schedule, 1 min promos for posters

ALL talks were on time! The 1 min intro to the posters was fantastic!

## Q9: What about the meeting this year could be improved?

### Q9 Word cloud results:

meeting closer made year sessions bit nice screen hotel large room  
elevators good need times hear snacks coffee breaks talk presentation posters

### Q9 SurveyMonkey Comments:

Audio was a bit weak

Rooms a little closer together so that you didn't miss the first part of a talk when you were room-hopping

Change hotels

Facilities

There was some conflict on somewhat related talks - perhaps at the level of species of interest/group of parasites (e.g.; filarids). Although, I recognize that must be very hard not to have such an issue.

Nothing comes to mind that could be improved.

A combination of people thinking more about how their PPT would display (ease of reading in back of long room) and that the hotel would benefit from having a larger screen for projection. There is a general need for presenters to be better trained in presenting - not just students, everyone. There were quite a few times when it was difficult to hear the presenter. AAVP would benefit from offering training on presentation skills for all presenters.

Can't think of anything.

More room nights. Was able to only secure 2 of 4 or 5 needed for conference. This was 1 day after announcement of the room block.

Nothing organizing committee could do about hotel issues. For a Hilton Rewards hotel, the elevators were an issue and I had to go to front desk to request for cleaning and fresh towels. Events out of the organizing committee's purview. All in all outstanding scientific quality of presentations and posters.

Food at the socials

Hotel elevators too slow

Wine and cheese reception during posters last year was nice and missed this year, but understand if not financially feasible.

Occasional conflicts with two interesting sessions concurrently.

Coffee / beverages would have been nice to start morning rather than just at first break.

Not a huge fan of boxed lunches but they were adequate.

Snacks in between w/ coffee breaks, breakfast options. Ballroom was a bit cavernous for presentation sessions hard to hear in back.

Consider putting coffee out in morning prior to president's symposium

(a) Provide water during breaks (b) Easier access to microphones for audience members to ask questions (c) When moderating sessions there should be 14.30 minutes allocated to presenters, to allow for progression from one talk to the next. At 15.00 minutes the next presentation should be begin - this year 15.00 minutes was allocated to each speaker, which resulted in the timing going over.

I love Denver! However, some attendees did not have hot water in their rooms! The Curtis Hotel had good meeting rooms.

Venue

Would be better to have 2 presentation rooms closer to switch from one session to the other even if poster rooms are farther.

Another screen in the main room

Good :)

Light snacks during the coffee breaks would be nice.

Inaccuracies in the program both printed and electronic.

Make sure screen in lecture hall is large enough for the room. The Marco Polo room screen was too small.

Put me on a committee!

Laboratory technicians are not a recognized group in the society. Many techs do not receive funding from their employers and may not be able to afford to attend. It would be nice to make this meeting more affordable for that group because there is so much information to learn at this conference.

Snacks available between meals.

Snacks at coffee breaks

This hotel is just terrible - I don't understand why we used it again? The staff are hostile and the decor is unsettling. Hopefully we won't use it again.

Also, the following content should be removed from the online meeting description. It has shown up verbatim for several years and is very off putting and dismissive of people who have already been made physically uncomfortable at our meeting. "Last year there were nearly as many complaints for "too cold" as there were for "too warm." To enjoy the event, the smart play is to "layer up" and bring outerwear that can be easily removed."

Please omit or recast as "We can't always control the temperature in the meeting rooms. Please plan accordingly."

Acoustic was very difficult through parts of the meeting, little adaptation to individual speakers



The hotel was not good. Hard to figure out where to go, hallways crowded. Staff is rude. It wasn't good the last time we were here.

The program needs a good updating - formatting and layout are pretty mediocre (have been for years).

The projection screens were a bit small for the size of the rooms, making it more difficult to see from the back of the room

Snacks would be nice during coffee breaks

The showers at this venue are still a mess, AV team pretty good, need space on sides of room as a walkway (large ballroom had one side closed off as it was touching the wall), would be nice to have table/chair mix in 2nd room if space allows.

Nothing.

A few snacks during the coffee breaks would be great!

Separating from AVMA so there would have been enough room in the hotel to stay in the same hotel the entire conference

Can't think of anything.

Na

Slide size in relation to the room in the Marco polo room was off. Slide was hard to see from the back poster rooms could be longer or bigger to allow for more room for comfort and movement between posters, felt like i was constantly hitting into people to look at posters

Not as much food provided as last year

Elevators a bit slow and narrow. Card access in elevators a bit tricky at times--sensors insensitive to key card.

Large time indicator for speakers could be placed higher up as could not be seen by moderator closest to podium in large venue (Marco Polo).

N/A

There are many errors in the Proceedings. Company names are misspelled, author affiliations are wrong in multiple places. Somehow, the author affiliations were switched after abstract submission.

Hotel space limited

Better elevators to move people between floors.

It would be nice if some snacks could be provided during the day.

Rooms too warm at times

Offer more snacks at coffee breaks. I understand you don't want to overdo it, and that 2017 we had too much food, but some fruit and granola bars would've been greatly appreciated.

Audio in the min room was an issue the first day

Ok for me. Squeezed in luncheons made it a pretty compressed program. I don't see an alternative though.

If we have too many abstracts so that we have to limit talks to 1 per person, perhaps extend or add a session, the students have great and important stuff to say and we want to hear it

Audio was terrible and technician was not very responsive to requests to increase the volume

The food selection

NA

I would be interested in hearing more case studies

### **Q9 Hard Copy Comments:**

Donuts at first morning break would be a good idea

Audio

Some food during coffee break :)

The meeting room away from the main hall was small and it was difficult to see the slides from the back of the room

The second room's screen was too low to see the bottom of the screen.

Nothing comes to mind

We from Africa should be considered in the registration fees. We don't earn dollars

Business meeting lost "old business" and "new business" pieces so new topics from attendees were not introduced. Concern about lack of discussion regarding separation from AVMA Venue what is the decision making and approval process?

Maybe a little more of a gap between the last session of each day and the evening events; also, streamline check in @ hotel so we do not check in on the break

Snacks at coffee break. Caffeine and sugar and no food makes for a jittery crowd... There was also a long period between lunch and the socials with no food... not good for those that get hangry...

So far so good

More time to explore, organized tours/adventures of surrounding area. rooms are freezing

There was no passing time (even minute would have been enough) to move between sessions, making it easier to just sit through one more sessions than to explore other topics during the concurrent session

Different hotel/city

Different hotel/city

## Q10: What was the most beneficial aspect of the meeting?

### Q10 Word cloud results:

socials lot opportunities sessions learned science  
colleagues interactions meeting sharing  
Networking breaks students research good information  
new presented talks presentations

### Q10 SurveyMonkey Comments:

Spectrum of topics

All the of the amazing research presentations

Interaction with colleagues.

Learning what other groups are working on.

Sharing my research, and the contact with colleagues

Meeting with colleagues and the sharing of information

The lectures about vaccines were quite good. John's comment was spot on that a lot has been learned in this area where there is focus by only a small contingent of minds and hands. This is the best future for parasite control.

Oh, don't know where to start. This is the best meeting. Hands down.

Good meeting. Opportunity to learn something new.

Able to listen to good presentation, then network with presenter and interested individuals.

Networking

interactions

Networking with colleagues during evening socials, breaks, etc.

Quality of program

Abstract presentations

Incredible networking opportunities. A highly collegial and friendly environment throughout the entire meeting.

The number of talks presented by graduate students is very encouraging for the AAVP.

Overall collegiality amongst AAVP meeting participants, opportunities for networking and support for student professional development

As usual, kindness of AAVP professors and senior scientists to discuss and give valuable advice to students.

Some of the basic talks were extremely useful for teaching

Knowing new people

Networking and cutting edge research.

Networking.

Meeting other Parasitology minded folks

High quality content

Learning up to date information and networking

This was my first meeting, so I loved the variety of abstracts and talks.

Networking socials

The science

Collegial interactions, outstanding sponsored socials, strong plenary sessions

Good balance of sessions and breaks for networking and further discussions

Opportunities for meeting/networking !!

The sharing of new scientific knowledge and the ability to network

Interactions between students and industry/private. companies/academia

breaks and socials to discuss the science presented

The sessions, I learned a lot.

This meeting is amazing! Great environment

Networking and learning from others presentations

Everything.

Networking

The communication and opportunities for collaboration

student lucheons, like the meet and greet with people in parasitology fields which was really informative

Networking with colleagues and meeting new people, perhaps for me personally, especially good to meet the smaller, independent consultancies and contract research organizations.

N/A

The presentations covering emerging issues: hookworm resistance and *Haemophysalis longicornis* in the US.

Ability to network and share ideas

Great opportunity for students to present and get feedback from those in the crowd.

The breaks and socials to be able to network and talk more with attendees

New information. Networking. Talking with colleagues.

Loved the one minute poster promo sessions!

Getting to hear famous parasitologists

New science, lots of students and meeting up with all colleagues.

Focus on science is so much more useful than focus on commercial ventures.

Quality of the program

Hearing about all the various work done by others

Interesting topics

Good presenters

#### **Q10 Hard Copy Comments:**

Collaboration with same scientist

Information

Convenience

There was a diverse array of topics presented. ensuring that there was a little something for everyone. Also very student-friendly!

Lots of short sessions, got to see a huge variety of topics

Meeting people and learning about current research

The most beneficial aspect is the poster session where one can meet and talk to any prof. and student.

The networking and continued development of professional relationships as well as friendships :)

Great opportunities to network and catch up with colleagues from other locations

No single thing is the most important as far as sessions, symposia, etc. The primary thing is the opportunity to interact and network with colleagues.

Quality of presentations and interactions

Oral/poster

Networking opportunities/chance to discuss science

Scientific interaction

All the opportunities for informal interaction

Quality of the presentations was very good, the size of the meeting is a real positive and makes it easy to interact with others

Audience. great quality/ quantity of govrm./industry attendees

The information delivered in the talks

Seeing what labs are doing

## Q11: One recommendation for the next meeting?

### Q11 Word cloud results:

None possible WAAVP great room Nothing Keep students meeting will  
 poster socials session better food Keep going breaks time  
 presentation

### Q11 SurveyMonkey Comments:

None

Change hotels.

Not sure as it will be a joint-meeting with WAAVP, and they usually have more concurrent sections with other topics

None

Include notes in the schedule agenda for when group photos will be taken.

Keep going. WAAVP will be different, so we will have a different experience, which will be fine.

More room nights.

If not financially prohibitive, designate 1 or 2 rooms off the major traffic flow for "networking and discussions". Rooms with sets of tables & chairs.

Food during the breaks

keep cost reasonable \$600 is too high since sponsor provide the food

Continue the one-minute poster intro session which was new and interesting this year although it may need to be divided somehow with (potentially) a large number of posters being submitted with WAAVP in combination.

Keep poster promos. They increase poster attendance. I think that does a better job of that instead of wine and cheese.

Keep the one-minute poster presentation session! Keep students involved with as much of the meeting as possible.

We may not need to meet in the same city or time as the AVMA, however some of the DVM, PhD's enjoy the opportunity to meet those attending the AVMA meeting.

None that I can think of at this time

Cookies/pastries at coffee breaks please!

None

Keep the progress. New places if possible

Wine during the poster session.

Clinically relevant talks are key. Research is important but the take home message is what counts.

A pot of decaf in the morning

This meeting had hotel reservations for attendees for only July 14-17th. Please extend the reservation options before and after the days of the conference.

Continue the great work!

More pastries

Limit student travel grants to only quality abstracts from AAVP-engaged students. Some are excellent but others use it as a free trip, give a poor presentation, don't attend (other than the socials), and don't contribute positively to the meeting. I fear the word is out that AAVP funds any and all comers and it shows.

More active outreach to parasitologists from the non- participating US vet schools and and also across the Americas to encourage participation

Improve the layout of the program.

Improve the membership roster in the back. It needs to be vetted. If someone registers for the meeting they probably put in a current address and that's what should be in the program.

attendify app worked well

Keep it going strong! Everything was great for me.

Keep students events although it's a joint meeting with waavp

The meeting was great!

Nothing.

Na

The schedule in the app was hard to follow

Larger poster room

Maybe some breaks between socials and presentations

Personally I don't like posters. Could we do three parallel oral sessions?



If possible, remind people to renew their membership before it's time to register. However, it's not a big deal, just an inconvenience.

Allow authors to proofread abstracts in the Proceedings to ensure authors, affiliations, and abstract text are correct.

Less expensive city would be better

Food refreshments more often

Having a bigger room for posters sessions would be helpful

Nothing specific

Snacks at coffee breaks.

Better presentation technology ie audio

Keep going.

No rapping at the poster sessions. Haha, kidding!

More food on the Bayer Social.

Have food options available for people with dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan)

NA

Nothing

#### **Q11 Hard Copy Comments:**

Organize transport from hotel to conference venue

New city

New city

For the poster sessions, perhaps split the sessions into student and adult

An awesome selection of wisconsin dairy products at coffee breaks

Payment method for registration another recommendation is it possible the next meeting will be held in Texas

Feed us! :) \*note: I know this costs money so maybe allow smaller sponsors opportunity to co-sponsor and split costs. Don't need a big spread

Room sharing really helps with cutting down on costs, so maybe have a pre conference message board or disseminate info on those interested in sharing

Ensure we have sufficient time for AAVP meetings/sessions to conduct our society's business

AAVP could also look for a cheap hotel for others who could not afford the venue

Make sure there is a clear AAVP presence and identity strengthen ties with central and south American parasitologists and relocated societies

## Q12: Any other comments?

### Q12 Word cloud results:

hotel Love conference many **great** None **meeting** committees  
**Thanks** much

### Q12 SurveyMonkey Comments:

Overall a great conference. Each conference has some small things that are not perfect and this is inevitable. Also somethings depend on the venue and are somewhat fixed. The small things were greatly outweighed by the whole, which was an excellent conference.

Change hotels.

None

Thanks for the dedication by the Exec team to plan and implement the meeting.

nope

No.

Organizing committee gets a heartfelt atta-boy. Registration and distribution of packets worked out well, thank you Doug, Flavia and Mason.

no

Great conference!

A useful future session would be the projected impact of climate change on parasite issues.

This was one of the most informative, useful and enjoyable meetings I have ever attended. It was so good to see so many young folk present which says much about the future success of this discipline area. Thanks so much.

I commend the committees and all those who put together a great conference. I like the NCVP free gifts & sending us samples for teaching! The clicker session is great!

None, other than congratulations to the organizers on a successful 2018 meeting

Awesome meeting as usual, you can count on me for WAAVP/AAVP 2019!

None

Thank you for everything!

Great meeting!

I love AAVP!

Please keep this survey format. It is very easy to use

We need women on the exec board. Our junior members notice. We can make excuses but in the end, the composition of the exec board over the past few years speaks for itself.

Why does every student get a travel grant even if their abstract is of such poor quality to not be understandable. They shouldn't get a free ride just for being a student. Travel grants are great but since we don't actually have a budget to support them, we should be more careful in how they are awarded.

Always greatly enjoy this meeting! Many thanks to the organizers and sponsors

No

Great experience! I really enjoyed myself.

No

Na

if looking for conference areas with family activities a few options could be in PA- Hershey , they have a hotel and lodge, the lodge works well for conference and conventions plus have hershey park, VA- Busch Gardens area has a convention center, a park and many historical areas, and OH Cedar point area is the same way

Thanks very much for another great meeting!

N/A.

Love the venue! It is very refreshing to stay in a hotel with a sense of humor!

Great meeting!

The poster pitches seemed to be helpful for advertising poster information.

No

Love this meeting so much!

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No.

Thanks so much to the committees.

N/A

NA

No

**Q12 Hard Copy Comments:**

Keep up the good work!

I would prefer if the meeting didn't take place over a weekend but realize this is unlikely to change

Thank you for all your hard work!

Keep us the excellent work!

AAVP is a good association

Does membership get to vote on future venues or is that decision made by exec council?

This is my favorite annual meeting!

As always, this is my favorite conference. Thank you for putting together a great program!

Please, there should be another payment method for conference registration. In Pakistan paypal does not work. Thank you.

No snacks at coffee breaks

The hotel is really cool/quirky. Some of the power point presentations had really small text - implementing a font size suggestion/requirement may help to improve the clarity of the words on the slides

Well organized conference

## Bonus Question—Hard Copy Only: What special sessions or topics would you like to see included in future meetings?

GRP Posters together by subject matter

More livestock issues

Changing parasite epidemiology with climate change

Fish parasitology

Would there be any interest in the parasitology associated with aquaculture

One health, wildlife/exotics, diagnostics

I enjoy the range of topics

I would like to see more vector and vector borne diseases, their biological control and management

Something about local area bioinformatics

Small ruminant

More food animal research