

AA CS/SPD
2009 Conference Participant Survey Summary
94 Respondents

Thank you to all the attendees that responded. The comments in [blue](#) are from the Conference committee.

1. Would you come back to the Capri keeping in mind we do it on the end of the ORNA conference to have more vendors?

- Yes 88 respondents

Comments were as follows:

- “would like it to be earlier in the year for better travel conditions”
- “facility great”
- “central location”
- “would like to see it in other cities”

- No 1 5 respondents

Comments were as follows:

- “possibly another hotel”
- “would like Edmonton location better”
- “want different cities like Calgary or Banff”

2. Split sessions or Concurrent sessions

- Split: 72 respondents

Comments were as follows:

- like it, would be better with more, to break up the monotony of lecture atmosphere
- worked great with split sessions, smaller groups are quieter and give more time for questions
- like the break for a coffee and stretch
- information sessions were good, keep split
- more opportunities to learn from different speakers
- want more concentrated hands on sessions like this

[This may be hard to do with broad spectrum of processors we are servicing but it is something that should be considered.](#)

- One session: 14 respondents

Comments were as follows:

- concurrent too short a time
- one afternoon session

- No comment 6 Either 2

Another thing to look at is lengthening the concurrent to 1 hour each. Also keep the staff from the same facility together for concurrent. This is something I will touch on in my overall conference report at the meeting, end of November.

3. What I liked about the conference.

Topics and Lecturers: 52 respondents

- Liked decontamination failure stories Barb spoke of
- Barb should always be present for us
- Good refresher for endo
- Barb Bolding excellent 16
- Rachel Foster excellent 3
- Olympus good 3
- Liked how blunt the speakers were about events
- All sessions were perfect
- Showed how important our jobs are

Meeting Other Processors: 14 respondents

- Sharing experiences with other processors

Vendors: 17 respondents

- Liked that the vendor area was less crowded

Food: 9 respondents

- Didn't run out at lunch
- Was always coffee or drinks
- Nice long lunch to chat with friends or visit vendors

Venue: 13 respondents

Friday Night Event 7 Respondents

- Really fun and entertaining
- Should have it every year

Well Organized

- Good flow to day
- MC brought great atmosphere to the day

On Time 3

Widen Your Knowledge

Free Gifts

4. Did Not Like

Breakfast not mentioned in the Application form

Food for Lunch – tired of same soup and sandwich, could there be hot food
Less bread and more vegetables

Not everyone drinks coffee, more hot water at last break especially

Lunch break was too long

Election break was too long but understands that it was unavoidable.

Would like the information for Elections emailed out or sent to sites
(Information on the elections were e-mailed out to the fan out group and it is their responsibility to share that information with all the surgical processors at their site. We will try to ascertain what could be done differently in the future)

Main room too cold, Pentax room too hot

Could not see screen from back of room

Too early start time

CS Supervisors and Facilities Supervisors should be invited (All CS Management, Supervisors and Infection Control were invited. The conference was also opened to the private sector clinics. There was a very valiant attempt to get all the players at the table. We will keep trying though.)

Didn't think the motivational speaker applied to her workplace, rather had yoga instructor or meditation instruction for workplace

No Information hand outs for sessions

Speakers for concurrent sessions seemed rushed. (I believe this is probably true. Next year the conference committee should look at 1 hour concurrent sessions if that is the way they choose to go.)

- No time for questions
- Speaker for power tools didn't relate to reprocessing particularly well
- Rep for power tools seemed to be selling himself
- Power tools not very informative for CS side
- Want bigger variety of power tools, not just Stryker
- Speakers talked too long
- Speakers rambled about unnecessary stuff
- Want motivational speaker in the morning to wake us up.
- Olympus scope speaker took too much time devoted to the inner mechanism and not enough on cleaning and decontamination procedures
- Didn't find endoscopes useful as our department doesn't do them.

Not as many vendors as previous years. (We actually had more vendors but with a bigger lay out and more time to see them it may have seemed like less)

Too little time with vendors.

Some vendors weren't useful to small hospitals.

Too many breaks not enough speakers. (I tend to agree, though some breaks were unforeseen. This will be seriously considered for next year)

Splitting up hospitals for lunch and sessions (Possibly next year the committee could come up with a different way to distribute the tickets to

allow for equal numbers while juggling the sites to make it equal for both breaks)

Friday evening, hypnotist took up too much time, not enough time to socialize

Hold elections after coffee

Would rather have ballot elections

5. Conference Topics You Would Suggest

4. Education Opportunities with Canadian Standards
5. Medical Devices that are complicated, minimal invasive surgery equipment
6. Biological and chemical indicators
7. Types of Sterilizers – Gravity Displacement, Prevac, Sterrad, ETO
8. Extended steam sterilization cycles
9. Report on what the Association has done over the past year
10. Dealing with mean staff or supervisors
11. Information on Health and Wellness like reflexology etc.
12. Take apart instruments verses one piece instruments
13. Robotics
14. Canadian Certification Standards
15. Timely Topics i.e. H1N1
16. Contacts for problems we have, where to call and how to find.
17. Stress in Workplace – deal with difficult staff dynamics
18. Steris/Getinge - sterilizer operation, reading print outs, parameters of cycles
19. CSA Standards – changes
20. Tosi testing
21. New technology and biological concepts.