

FEEDBACK
16th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RBM VECTOR CONTROL WORKING GROUP
5 VIRTUAL EVENTS
18th March, 15th April, 20th April, 22nd April, 29th April 2021

THANK YOU

We are looking back on a successful virtual event series representing the 16th annual meeting of the Vector Control Working Group. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the online surveys for the evaluation of the 5 individual sessions and the overall event.

OVERALL EVENT

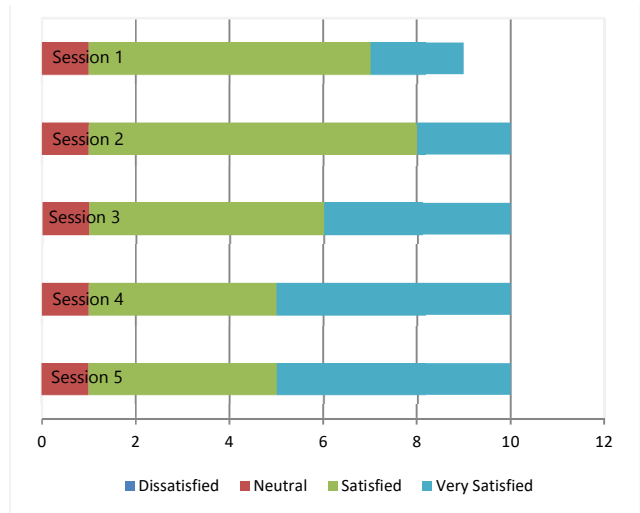
Overall, we received positive feedback. Most of the participants were very satisfied with the diversity and relevance of the topics and appreciated the updates from different programs and the quality of the presentations.

were appreciated, although there were some difficulties in the usage of the Attendee Hub (Table 2).

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

53% of the respondents were “satisfied” and 36% were “very satisfied” with the individual sessions (Table 1). Almost all respondents were “satisfied” with the quality of the presentations during the sessions. The ‘virtual’ discussions after the presentations were rated positively and the possibility to contribute with questions and comments via the chat box was highly appreciated.

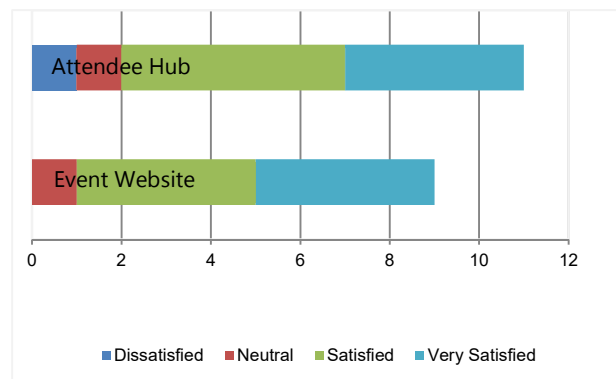
Table 1: How satisfied were you with the individual sessions?



EVENT WEBSITE AND ATTENDEE HUB

Many commented positively on the virtual format of the event which allowed interaction and exchange despite the current restrictions for an in-person meeting. However, many pointed out that it could have been more efficient to include a Q&A function (in addition to the Chat function), to allow an easier exchange between presenters and attendees. Both the event website and the Attendee Hub

Table 2: How did you like the virtual platform?



SESSION 1 RESTRUCTURING OF VCWG WORK STREAMS, CALL OF INTEREST AND REFRESHED FOCUS

The rating for session one was 4.47/ 5.0. Overall, the participants found the content informative.

Comments:

"The presentations were precise, timely with good discussions"

"Active discussions by Co Chairs and other major Resource Persons"

SESSION 2 UPDATES FROM THE VECTOR CONTROL COMMUNITY

The rating of the session was 4.0/ 5.0 which represents a satisfied audience. Some participants wished for more details on the presentations.

Comments:

"Good to hear from the regional networks, WHO and the big implementers/funders. Good presentations."

"I enjoyed the range of talks (the subject choices, the coverage of a good range of thematic areas), as it gave a good overview of a broad field."

SESSION 3 WORK STREAM 1: ENHANCING THE IMPACT OF CORE INTERVENTIONS

Session 3 was well appreciated, with a rating of 4.29/ 5.0. Participants liked the detailed information, but hoped to have some more time for Q&A.

Comments:

"It covered a lot of the issues that are need to be addressed and highlighted it with practical examples."

"Short talks to the point."

SESSION 4 WORK STREAM 3: IMPLEMENTING THE GLOBAL VECTOR CONTROL RESPONSE

Participants of this session rated the presentations and Q&A with 4.25/ 5.0. Although some people liked the relevant vector control topics, others found it partly overwhelming with too many details.

Comments:

"For me it really addressed the core elements of vector control and was highly pertinent."

"Detailed presentations followed by discussion as initiated by the Lead."

SESSION 5 WORK STREAM 2: EXPANDING THE VECTOR CONTROL TOOLBOX

With 4.50/ 5.0 rating participants liked the variety of topics, but criticised the lack of opportunity for more in depth discussions.

Comments:

"Wide variety of topics covered, covering the field of new tools."

"Session intergrated community with the research - that was encouraging."

KEY TAKE HOME MESSAGES

The virtual format of the meeting (5 sessions) was appreciated. It helped to keep the momentum and to communicate widely the restructuring of the Working Group.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

A number of participants mentioned how much they missed the active networking and wished to attend the 2022 annual meeting in-person!

Some commented on the over representation of presenters from non-malaria affected countries.