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CONFERENCE EVALUATION REPORT

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I. REPORT SUMMARY

The following summarizes the main findings of the evaluation report. For more detailed discussion of results, as well as reporting of quantitative and qualitative data, please refer to the main report and appendices.

- A total of 411 people attended the conference.
- Reasons for attending SLRF included the reputation of the conference (56%), the location (55%), presenting a paper or poster (52%), and professional development (51%).
- Respondents heard about the conference most commonly via word of mouth (44%). Other methods included the SLRF website (31%), list-serves (29%), and previous SLRF participation (26%).
- Most respondents (90%) pre-registered. Of the 90 people who rated the pre-registration process, 68% indicated pre-registration was "very" convenient; 27% reported registration was "somewhat" convenient.
- Pre-conference organization was generally rated highly (78-90% indicated positive ratings). The conference website and response to email enquiries were rated especially highly; conference publicity and the registration fee received the lowest ratings. In written comments, five respondents criticized the website for lack of information about paper presentations.
- Most aspects of conference organization (8 out of 12) were viewed positively by 80% or more of those giving a rating. The other aspects of conference organization were also viewed positively by 50% or more of respondents. Written comments, by contrast, also indicated dissatisfaction with meals at social events (n=16), conference transportation (n=15), various aspects of hotel accommodation (n=11) and lacking internet access (n=6).
- Conference events received positive ratings ("good" or "excellent") from 72-96% of those providing a rating. The opening reception and plenaries were the most highly rated. Comments also indicated strong satisfaction with plenaries (n=24), as well as papers (n=31). Attendees also expressed satisfaction with opportunities to socialize/network with colleagues (n=14). Some thought that the venue and food for the Saturday social event could have been better (n=9).
- Overall impressions of the conference were positive. Positive remarks (n=216) outnumbered negative remarks (n=167). Generally complimentary remarks were common ("Excellent…"; "a great experience!" etc., n=45). Some noted the quality efforts of the organizing committee and volunteer staff (n=10).[1]

[1]Note: Total counts for comments in the executive summary indicate summed responses from all questionnaire sections where a given topic was addressed.

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III. INTRODUCTION

The SLRF 2008 Conference was held at the Hawai'i Imin International Conference Center of the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, over three days from 17-19 October 2008. A total of 411 people attended the event. The conference included presentations covering a broad variety of domains related to second language learning and use. In total, there were four plenary presentations, four colloquia, 137 scheduled papers, 32 scheduled posters, a workshop on the use of conversation analysis, and a publisher's exhibition.

Beyond academics, a free reception was provided the first evening of the conference, and a social event (banquet) featuring local food, music, and hula dance was held on Saturday evening. A total of 143 people attended the social event. Lunches featuring local-style food were also made available for purchase, with 118-135 people purchasing the lunch each day.

In keeping with the tradition of SLRF being a student-run conference, seven (out of eight) members of the executive organizing committee were students in the Department of Second Language Studies, while several dozen other students assisted with all aspects of conference organization and function.

In order to evaluate perceptions of the conference, a written questionnaire for attendees was provided in the conference packet to elicit reflections and opinions about the conference experience. Completed questionnaires were collected at the registration desk throughout the conference and by roving volunteers during the last day of the conference. Of the 411 attendees, 124 individuals returned the questionnaire for a response rate of 30.2%.

Ratings and comments given on the questionnaire suggest that a majority of respondents were satisfied with the preparation, organization, and content of the conference. Written comments indicated areas for improvement, specifically (and most commonly) noting dissatisfaction with conference transportation, accommodation, and meals. However, negative remarks were outweighed by numerous positive comments. Attendees expressed strong satisfaction with plenaries and papers, opportunities to network, as well as the competency, enthusiasm and friendliness of the organizing committee and volunteer staff.

IV. RESULTS AND FINDINGS:

Results are based on data taken from completed conference evaluation forms. For more detail, please see the following section (V. Conference Rating and Comments**).** A complete listing of quantitative and qualitative data may be found in the appendices.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Occupation

Students and faculty dominate

- Of 128 responses, 90% indicated they were either students (n=62, 50%) or faculty (n=60, 48%).
- Six respondents indicated "Other" (n=6, 5%. See table 1).

Primary work setting

Most participants come from higher education

- Most respondents (n=112, 90%) work in higher education.
- Other answers included K-12, private language institutes, Adult ESL programs, "NSF," and "Software industry."

Languages researched/taught

English is most common, but many other languages too

- The majority of respondents (n=87, 70%) reported that they worked with English.
- Other commonly mentioned languages were Spanish (n=24, 19%), French (n=16, 13%), Korean (n=14, 11%), Japanese (n=13, 10%), Chinese (n=12, 10%), and German (n=9, 7%).
- Respondents reported working in a wide variety of additional languages: A total of 23 specific languages were mentioned, although 14 of these were mentioned by only one or two respondents (see table 3).

Publicity

Word of mouth is key, but previous attendance and online sources are important

- Word of mouth was the most common method by which respondents reported hearing about the conference (n=54, 44%).
- Other common methods included the SLRF website (n=38, 31%), list-serves (n=36, 29%), and previous SLRF participation (n=32, 26%).
- Less common methods included poster/advertising (n=19, 15%) and mailing (n=17, 14%).
- Ten (n=10, 8%) people indicated "Other" sources, three (n=3) of which heard about SLRF at other conferences (see table 4).

Reasons for attending SLRF

Reputation, location, professional development

- The most common reasons for attending SLRF included the reputation of the conference (n=69, 56%), the location (n=6, 55%), having a paper or poster accepted into the conference (n=54, 52%), and professional development (n=53, 51%).
- Less commonly selected reasons included the conference theme/content (n=40, 32%), conference dates/timing (n=24, 19%), and the plenarists (n=23, 19%).

Future plans

It varies...

- When asked to state what conferences they planned to attend in the next 12 months, respondents reported a total of 59 different conferences. Most of these conferences (49) were mentioned only once or twice, however, and only AAAL (mentioned by 28%) was reported by more than 10% of respondents (see table 6).

Pre-registration

Most people preregister, and registration was convenient

- Most respondents (n=111, 90%) pre-registered for the conference (see table 7).
- A majority of respondents (n=85, 68%) indicates that pre-registration was "very" convenient; a smaller group (n=24, 19%) reported that registration was "somewhat" convenient (see figure 1).

Presentation

Most respondents were presenters, and others just come anyway

- Most of the respondents (n=89, 72%) were presenters at the conference (see table 8a).
- On the other hand, seven respondents (6%) indicated they had submitted a paper that had been rejected, and apparently attended the conference anyway (see table 8b).

PRE-CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Proposal submission procedures

Processing of proposals was good, the online system worked

- A majority of respondents who submitted proposals indicated they were generally satisfied (49% strongly agreed; 29% agreed) with the proposal submission process. Of six positive comments, four (n=4) indicated generally positive opinions of the proposal process (e.g., "Excellent," "Worked very well," etc.).
- Most respondents agreed the online proposal system was easy to use (41% strongly agreed; 30% agreed), the proposal deadline was reasonable (49% strongly agreed; 23% agreed), and that proposals were judged in a timely manner (52% strongly agreed; 22% agreed. See figure 2).
- There were few negative comments (n=4), though two (n=2) noted dissatisfaction with the online interface (e.g., "[t]he online proposal system was a bit "clunky"; "[a] bit confusing interface." See table 9).

Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration

Organization, publicity and registration were good, but a few dissenters

- Pre-conference organization was generally rated highly, with 78-90% of respondents expressing positive attitudes towards various aspects of conference organization.
- A majority of respondents indicated that "the conference website was helpful and informative" (63% strongly agreed; 27% agreed) and that "response to email was timely" (59% strongly agreed; 19% agreed. Note: only 3% disagreed; 19% of respondents either did not respond or selected "n/a").
- Most participants agreed "conference publicity was good" (46% strongly agreed; 39% agreed) and that "the registration fee was reasonable" (39% strongly agreed; 48% agreed. See figure 3).
- Jim Yoshioka was singled out in written comments (n=3) for his quick email responses, reminders, and for being "super."
- Some attendee comments (n=4) noted shortcomings with the website, particularly the lack of information regarding summaries of paper presentations. A few others (n=4) made criticisms about inadequate publicity.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND EVENTS

Positive ratings

Most aspects of organization were excellent; a few other aspects were good but not great.

- Overall, ratings indicated satisfaction with the conference organization. Attendees were asked to rate twelve conference elements, eight of which received "good" or "excellent" ratings from 80% or more of those giving a rating.
- Attendees were most positive about the helpfulness of staff (69% "excellent"; 19% "good"), further supported by one comment ("The staff were polite, helpful, and knowledgeable").
- Respondents also indicated positive ratings for check-in procedures (61% "excellent"; 28% "good), the conference packet (52% "excellent"; 38% "good"), technology and technical support (53% "excellent"; 23% "good"), conference facilities (56% "excellent"; 30% "good"), conference dates (42% "excellent"; 45% "good"), conference length (46% "excellent"; 45% "good"), and the program schedule (47% "excellent"; 39% "good").
- Areas that were viewed somewhat less positively included the availability of accommodation (21% "excellent"; 31% "good"; 13% "fair"), accommodation cost (23% "excellent"; 39% "good"; 10% "fair"), the boxed lunch (10% "excellent"; 33% "good"; 16% "fair"), and transportation (7% "excellent"; 24% "good"; 24% "fair." See figure 4).

Critical comments

The transportation and accommodation problem were on people's minds, and a few mentioned scheduling and facilities issues

- In the comments data, some (n=8) expressed dissatisfaction with conference transportation, singling out the unreliability of conference buses.
- A number of comments (n=8) indicated dissatisfaction with accommodation including problems with hotel locations (i.e., too far away), lacking internet connectivity in rooms, competency of staff, cleanliness, cost, and the "tourist" atmosphere.

- Other occasionally-mentioned areas of dissatisfaction included the boxed lunch (n=4) and various issues with scheduling (n=5) including events being scheduled too early in the day (n=2). Additional comments noted that the Imin Center lacked computers and internet access (n=3) and the presentation rooms were small (n=3. See table 11).

Conference events

The events were highly rated overall, but a few were unimpressed by the social event

- Conference events were all rated very highly by respondents, with positive ratings given by 72-96% of those providing a rating.
- Plenaries (52% "excellent"; 31% "good"), paper sessions (36% "excellent"; 49% "good"; 6% "fair") and poster sessions (27% "excellent"; 45% "good") were the most highly rated conference events.
- Most other events were on the whole rated positively though low approval percentages reflect the high number of respondents that did not respond or selected "n/a," perhaps because they did not attend the event in question.
- Attendee comments (n=5) expressed satisfaction with the quality of the plenaries, as well as the reception (n=5).
- Some attendee (n=9) comments suggested that the Saturday social event was less well-received than the Friday reception (i.e., venue was unsatisfactory (n=7), as was food quality/quantity (n=3)). Further, a few respondents (n=3) indicated they preferred the aquarium event from past conferences.

FUTURE PLANNING AND GENERAL IMPRESSIONS

Most useful/enjoyable aspects of the conference

People liked the papers and plenaries, as well as the chance to socialize.

- Comments data are in line with data trends noted above. For example, many attendees noted high satisfaction with the quality of papers (n=28) and plenaries (n=19).
- In addition, attendees were pleased with the many opportunities to socialize and network with colleagues (n=14).
- Staff were again described as competent, helpful, and friendly (n=7).
- Coffee breaks were popular (n=6); various aspects of program scheduling were well organized (n=6); Hawai‘i was noted as an attractive conference destination (n=4. See table 13).

Aspects to be changed/included in future conferences

But, the transportation, food, and scheduling of papers might be better.

- Suggestions for changes were also in line with data trends noted above. For example, respondents (n=7) noted various criticisms of the food (e.g., lacking quality and quantity) and issues with transportation, mainly having to do with the reliability of buses (n=4).
- Five (n=5) respondents wanted more workshops on topics such as "bilingualism" (n=1) "popular topics" (n=2), "SLA research methods" (n=2).
- Positive comments about scheduling notwithstanding, some (n=4) wanted more time between sessions, and less overlap during sessions with respect to speakers from the same institution and speakers in the same field.

Overall conference impressions

An enjoyable and well-run conference...

- Many attendees (n=45) indicated very positive general impressions and opinions about the conference experience (e.g., "Excellent! Thanks for everything!", "It's been a great experience! I would like to go to SLRF 2009!", "AMAZING experience").
- Some (n=12) made positive remarks about organization (e.g., "Extremely well organized. Time kept well. Good breaks allowed for interacting").
- Papers were again noted for their high quality (n=3), as was the friendliness and competence of the staff and volunteers (n=3).
- A few critical comments reprised themes noted above; that is, issues with accommodation (n=3), transportation (n=3) and computer/internet access (n=3. See table 15).

V. CONFERENCE RATINGS AND COMMENTS

Section I. Conference Participant Information

Table 1. Participant occupations: "Which of the following are you?"

Role	n	%
Student	62	50%
Faculty	60	48%
Other	6	5%
Total	128	

(Four people gave two answers)

Specified "other" work role
- Part-time assistant teacher
- Post doc
- Program director, funding agency
- Research assistant
- SL Teacher
- Staff

Table 2. Primary Work Setting: "What is your primary work setting?"

Setting	n	%
Univ/college	112	90%
K-12	5	4%
Private language institute	4	3%
Other	3	2%
No Response	2	2%
Total	124	

Specified "other" work settings
- Adult ESL programs
- NSF
- Software industry

Table 3. Languages: "What languages do you research/teach?

Language	n	%
English	87	70%
Spanish	24	19%
French	16	13%
Korean	14	11%
Japanese	13	10%
Chinese	12	10%
German	9	7%
Russian	4	3%
Portuguese	3	2%
Italian	2	2%
Arabic	2	2%
Dutch	2	2%
Turkish	2	2%
Other	30	24%
None/No Response	9	7%
Total	229	

61 people (49%) gave two or more languages

Specified "other" languages (1 response each)
- Bulgarian
- Cantonese
- Filipino
- Hebrew
- Hungarian
- Icelandic
- Multiple
- Pidgins & Creoles
- Polish
- Swahili
- Swedish
- Vietnamese

Table 4. Publicity: "How did you find out about the conference?"

Method	n	%
Word of mouth	54	44%
Website	38	31%
List-serve	36	29%
Previous SLRF participation	32	26%
Poster/advertising	19	15%
Mailing	17	14%
Other	10	8%
None/No Response	2	2%
Total	208	

41 people (33%) listed two or more sources

Specified "other" sources

- CALICO Conference
- E-mail from TBLT organizers
- Informed by my advisor
- Last year's TBLT conference
- Local participant
- Our [UH SLS] department
- Um, it's SLRF!
- 2 people gave "other" w/out further comment

Table 5. Reasons for attending: "Why did you decide to attend SLRF?"

Reason	n	%
Conference reputation	69	56%
Location	68	55%
Paper/poster accepted	64	52%
Professional development	63	51%
Theme/content	40	32%
Dates/timing	24	19%
Plenarists	23	19%
Other	7	6%
None/No Response	0	0%
Total	358	

98 people (79%) listed two or more sources

Specified "other" reasons

- Could attend for free as volunteer
- Invitation
- Invited to present
- Once in a (lifetime?) opportunity
- Recommended by my supervisor
- Recommended by many
- Required as condition of being on the SLRF committee

Table 6. Future plans: "What other conferences do you plan to attend in the next 12 months?"

Conference	n	%
AAAL	35	28%
TESOL	9	7%
TBLT	7	6%
JALT	6	5%
ISB	5	4%
CAAL	4	3%
GASLA	4	3%
BUCLD	3	2%
Euro SLA	3	2%
GURT	3	2%
HITESOL	3	2%
Don't know	16	13%
Unreadable	3	2%
Other	56	45%
No Response	22	18%
Total	179	

Specified "other" conferences

(mentioned twice)

- ACLA
- CUNY
- GALA
- Ipra
- L2 processing & parsing
- Symposium on L2 writing
- Linguistics Society of America

(mentioned once)

- AACL
- AATSP
- ACAL
- ACTFL
- AERA
- American Assoc. of Teachers of Italian
- American Speech Language Hearing Assoc. International Symposium on Bilingualism
- Anela
- Asian TEFL
- BAAL
- CALICO
- CLS
- CTTC (in Taipei)
- EARCI
- EHEA
- English Teacher Association
- ICB
- Interface Workshop (Iowa)
- INTESOL
- ISLS
- JSB
- Labphon
- Language Processing at TTU
- Local Chinese conferences
- LTRC
- Michigan writing center association conference
- NAAACL
- NAFSA
- National Reading Conference
- NeMCA
- PAC JALT 2008
- Penn Ethnography in Education Forum
- Psychonomics
- Second Lang. Writing
- Speech Prosody
- SRCLD
- State of the science
- Texas conference in May/09
- TTU
- VONVA Interfaces Workshop
- A child bilingualism conference in Hong Kong (I forgot the name...)
- Conference for less commonly taught languages to teach other people Turkish

Table 7. Pre-registration: "Did you pre-register?"

Response	n	%
Yes	111	90%
No	13	10%
No Response	0	0%
Total	124	

Figure 1. Pre-registration. "If yes, to what extent was pre-registration easy and convenient?" (N=90)

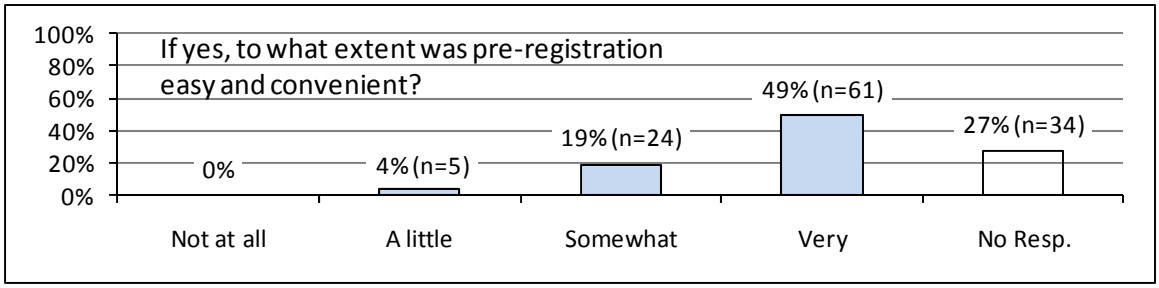

Table 8. Presentation:

a. Are you a paper/poster presenter?

Response	n	%
Yes	89	72%
No	35	28%
No Response	0	0%
Total	124	

b. "Did you submit a paper/poster that was not accepted?"

Response	n	%
Yes	7	6%
No	101	81%
No Response	16	13%
Total	124	

Section II. Proposal Submission Procedures

Figure 2. Proposal submission procedures: "Please rate each of the following" (N= 124)

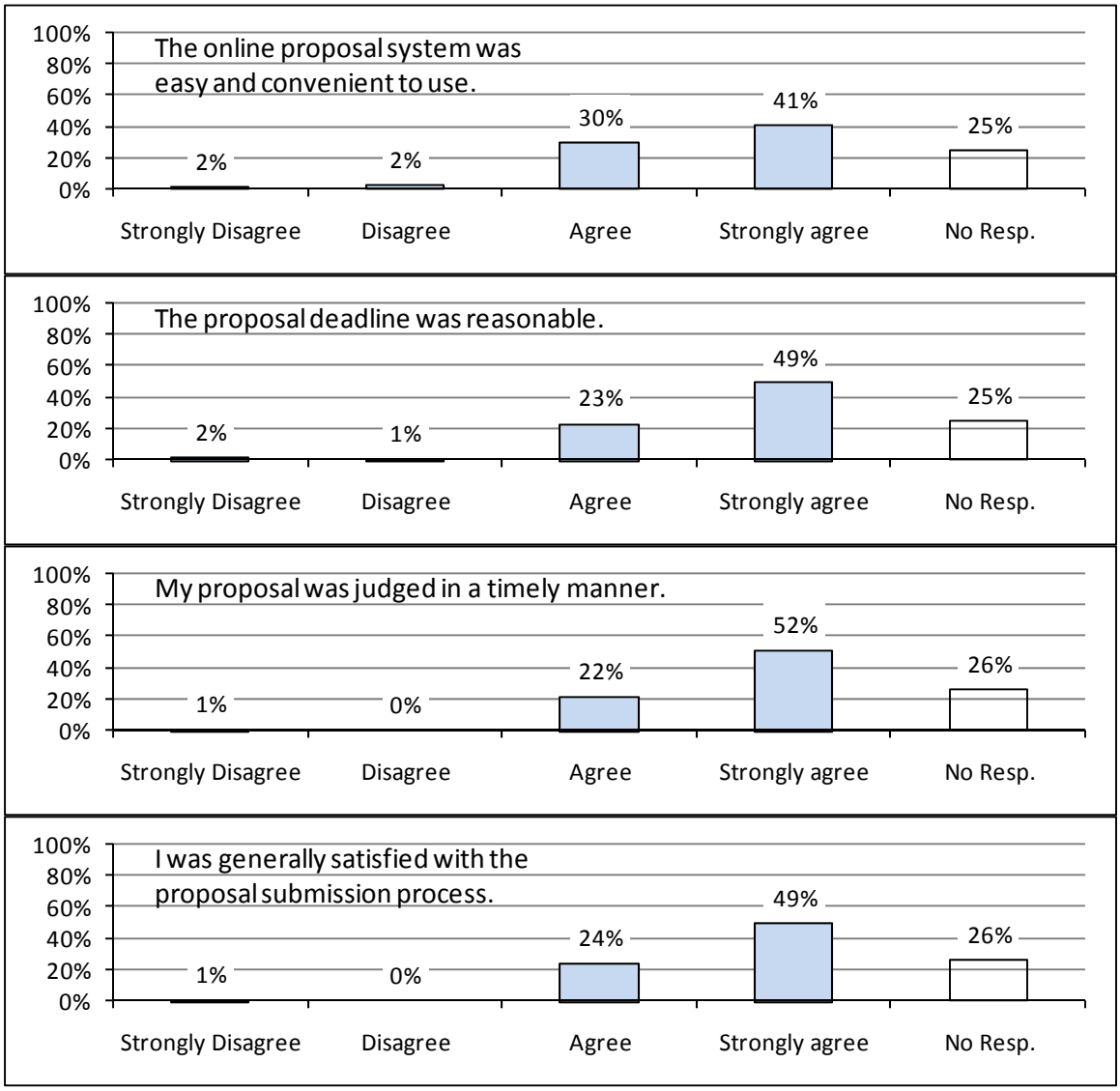

Table 9. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Proposal submission procedures (comments[2], N=10)

Positive comments (6)	Negative comments (4)
• The staff are approachable; email response was very fast I appreciate their hard work • All comments were very positive from guests • Excellent • The perfect processing in every manners • Worked very well • Very efficient and excellent communication on the status of my submission	• Not enough space for all co-authors (regarding online proposal system) • The online proposal system was a bit "clunky" • A bit confusing interface • Would appreciate the comments from the reviewers

[2] Note: Respondents addressed a number of issues within a single comment. All comments were thus separated into single, discrete topics and counted individually.

Section III. Pre-conference Publicity, Communication, Registration

Figure 3. Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration: "Please rate each of the following" (N= 124)

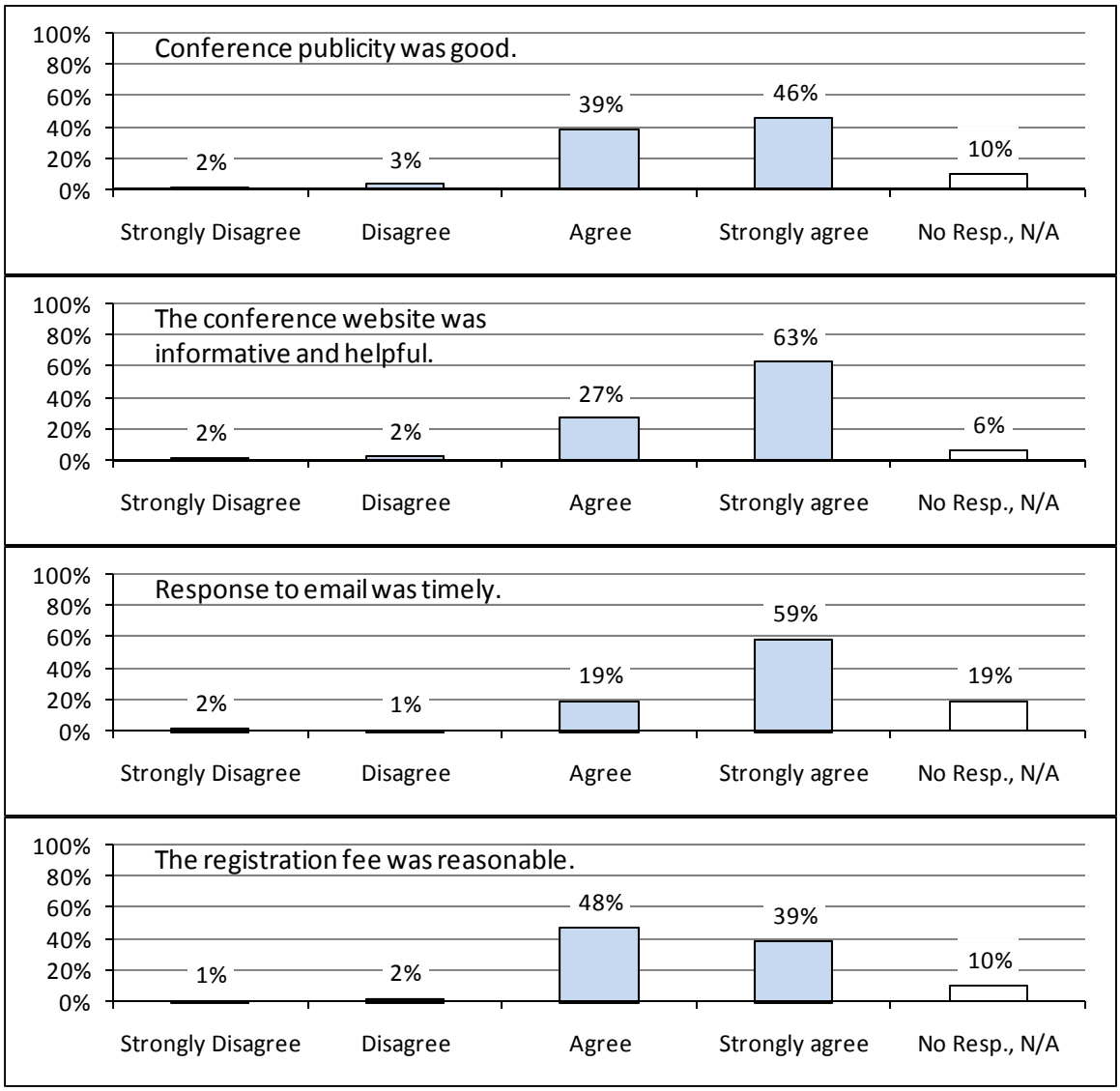

Table 10. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration (comments, N=19)

Positive comments (8)	Negative comments (11)
"Communication" (5) • Jim Yoshioka + others were awesome, especially Jim's email response time • Jim sent great reminders • Mahalo! To all help the website and the event response were the support for very [unintelligible] • Fantastic coordination & communication Thank you! • Conference website [2 smiley faces] **"General" (3)** • Generally all good • Great job on this part - very impressive • Excellent. Jim is super	**"Website information" (5)** • Website was somewhat disorganized - would have preferred to find more info related to presentations in tabs or drop-down menus instead of searching for links (e.g., paper descriptions) • It would have been great to have the scheduled presentations grid published online **(X2)** • It was difficult to locate some info (e.g., paper summary) • Shuttle information not accurate **"Publicity" (4)** • A reminder email to the registered participants about the opening time & date would have been good • I only saw it because of colleagues • Could've advertised more to insiders (i.e. to UH students) • Did you post the program on Linguist list? **"Registration" (2)** • Online payment should be available (made under question 7) • I hope it (the registration fee) could be less for students

Section IV. Conference Organization

Figure 4. Conference organization: "Please rate each of the following"

a. Conference organization: Part 1 (N= 124)

b. Conference organization: Part 2 (N= 124)

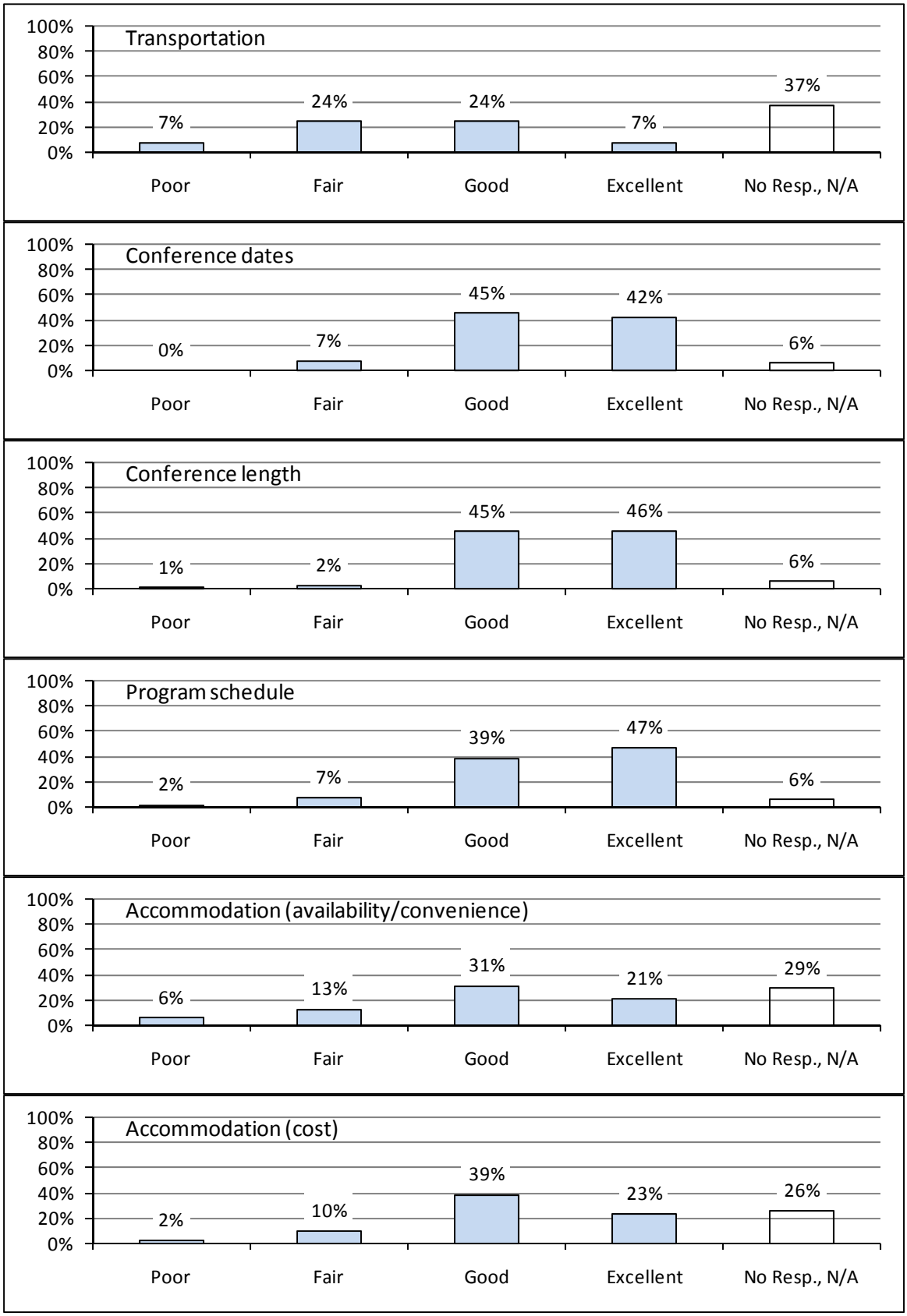

Table 11. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Conference organization (comments, N=55)

Positive comments (9)	Negative comments/items (46)
"Organization" (2) • I think the organization of the paper presentations are excellent • Overall I feel this has been an excellent conference and very well organized **"Staff" (1)** • The staff were polite, helpful, and knowledgeable *(6 additional comments on various topics)*	**"Accommodation" (8)** • I was not very happy with the hotel. It's too far away from the conference site. It is very dated and not terribly comfortable for the price ($95) (My hotel was Ocean Resort) • The accommodation was … a bit dirty… • The staff at the [hotel] reception desk wasn't too competent • For the price, newer hotels should have been investigated • Queen Kapiolani hotel was overbooked + we were bumped to another hotel (Waikiki Sunset - good) • Heard many complaints that hotels do not have internet access • Perhaps the hotel choice (ocean resort) could be a bit more suitable for conference attendees • The hotel was unacceptable **"Transportation" (8)** • Bus did not show up to the hotel on time. Many had to take cabs (**X7**) • I wish there was an easier way to get from here to the beach **"Food" (5)** • The boxed lunch was not satisfactory for the amount of money I have paid • More pineapple @ lunch pls! • Friday's boxed lunch was much bigger, more elaborate and tastier than Saturday's • The chicken on Friday was too salty • Lunch was horrible **"Scheduling" (5)** • Plenary was held too early in the morning 8:30am • The bus hours were a little too early. Because our hotel was a bit far, we couldn't use the shuttle bus • Conference dates: Let's leave Sunday off so people can enjoy Hawaii • It is a VERY BAD idea to have an invited speaker, a major figure, as the LAST TALK! • Some similar-themed presentations are scheduled at the same time. Better if we could go to them both **"Internet access" (3)** • Lack of Internet availability on campus with access to one's flash drive was a major inconvenience. (Library doesn't allow use of flash, nor does it provide Microsoft Office) **(X3)** **"Room size" (3)** • Some rooms were not large enough to accommodate all spectators **(X3)** **"Signage" (2)** • Once on campus, there weren't many directional signs etc. helping those find Imin who were unfamiliar w/campus • I hope that there were signs outside the building so I could find the location easily *(12 additional comments on various topics)*

Section V. Conference Events

Figure 5. Conference events: "Please rate each of the following"

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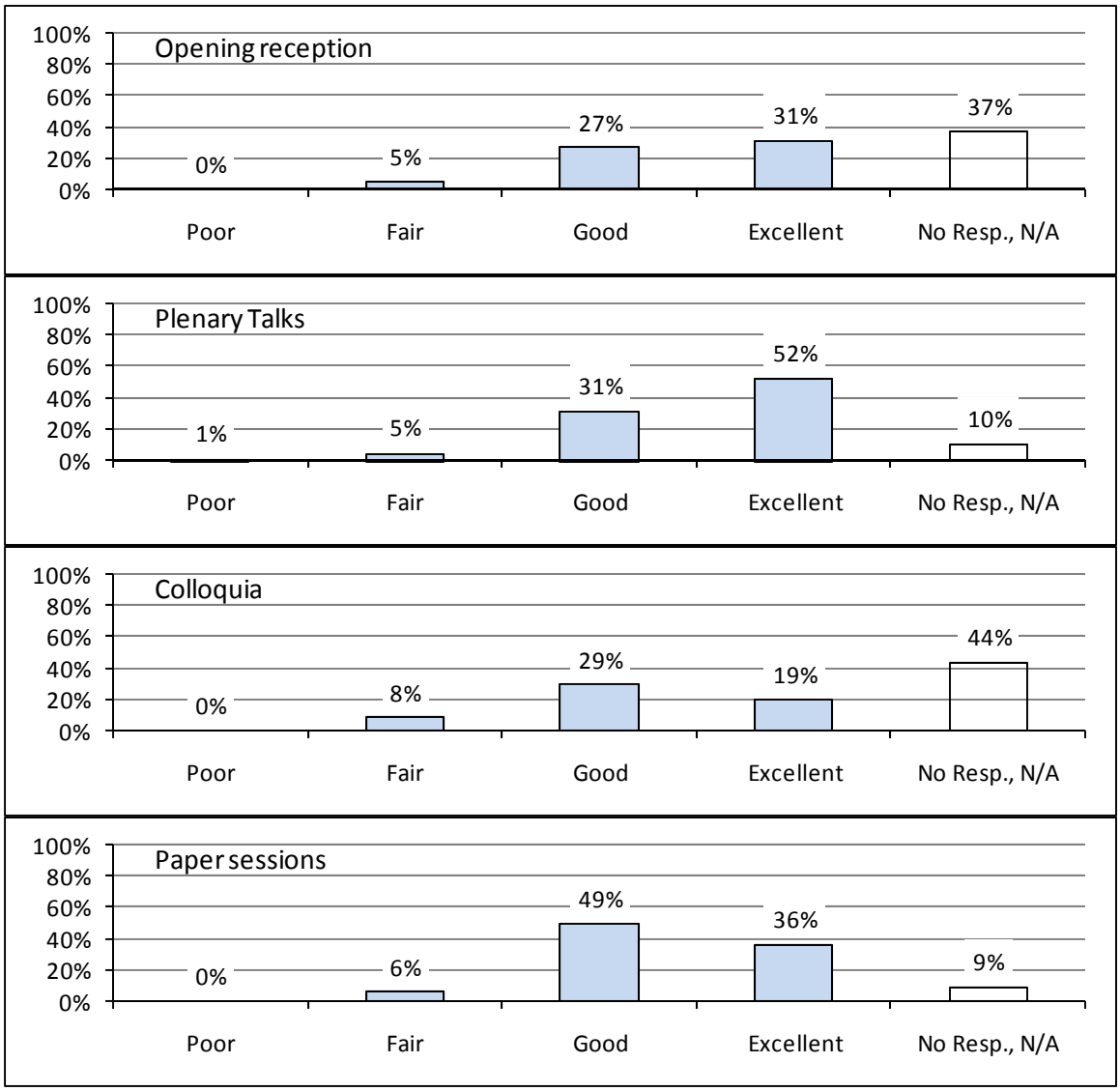

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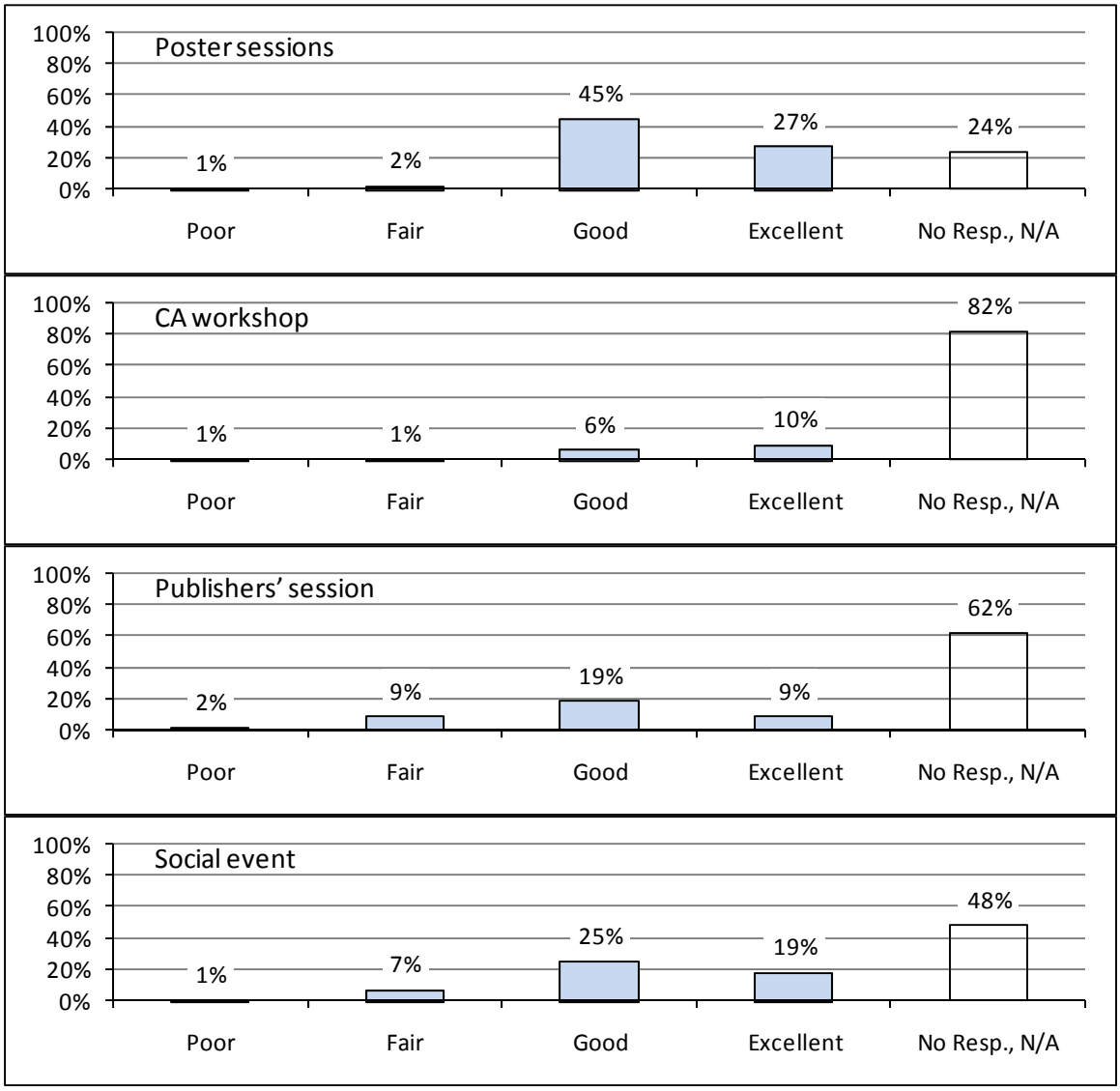

Table 12. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Conference events (comments, N=40)

Positive comments (15)	Negative comments (25)
"Plenary" (5) • The plenary talks were interesting, touched on relevant & contemporary issues • Professor Munoz's plenary was particularly informative - she broke down so much research data into something so comprehensible Fantastic presentation • [Plenaries]Very high caliber, though • Schmidt/Munoz - Excellent; Intros excellent • Plenary & colloquia were also great!	**"Social event" (9)** • The aquarium would have been nicer (for the social event) **(X3)** • Social event - great hula, so-so venue **(X2)** • Social event not impressive at all • The food was disappointing (at the social event) **(X2)** • Shortage of food (social event)
"Social events" (5) • The first day party on the lanai was a great way to get to know people from the start of the conference • Reception on lanai nice	**"Presentations" (7)** • I did think, however, that they [plenaries] were a bit too long **(X2)** • Papers were quite variable in quality

• Opening reception - only a free bar would have made it better [smiley face] • Social event - great hula, so-so venue • Social event was excellent Very & affordable *(5 additional comments on various topics)*	• I was sorry that the room seemed so empty for the colloquia. I attended Van Patten's paper; was the only one w/ overflow crowd. Perhaps he should do a plenary • It would be nice to see more sociolinguistic presentations • Firth didn't get to finish his paper (ran out of time) *(9 additional comments on various topics)*

Section VI. Future Events

Table 13. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Future Planning**:** "Which aspects of the conference did you find most useful and/or enjoyable? Why?" (N=73)

Positive comments (83)
"Papers" (28) • Paper presentations. They were of very high quality • Several good presentations • Some good paper sessions! • High quality presentations *(many other comments along these lines)* **"Plenaries" (19)** • I enjoyed very much the plenary talks I attended (1st & 3rd) • Very good plenaries • Richard Schmidt plenary, Alan Firth plenary • Great keynote speakers, but pls more time allowed for questions *(many other comments along these lines)* **"Socializing" (14)** • Sufficient amount of time to interact with one another • The opportunity to meet new colleagues in my field • Networking with colleagues *(many other comments along these lines)* **"Staff" (7)** • Very competent organizational staff, despite facilities & related challenges • Helpfulness and friendliness of staff, • The very, very competent and helpful SLRF 2008 crew *(other comments along these lines)* **"Coffee break" (6)** • Longer coffee breaks = good idea (more time to talk/discuss); • I liked the coffee breaks **(X5)** **"Program scheduling" (5)** • I thought the timing of the conference plenary/presentation/breaks was well-throughout • 5-minute gap between papers is helpful • Presentations, plenaries, professionally conducted, length of time for each very good • The scheduling was excellent - good amount of talks and excellent placement of coffee hours • Very good sequencing/combining of talks into sessions

"Location/Hawai'i" (4)
- ..the location was perfect!
- Location
- (The location was also much appreciated - a great opportunity to visit Hawaii!)
- Hawaii!!! Great conference venue - second to none

(32 additional comments on various topics)

Table 14. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Future Planning**:** "What would you like to see included or changed at future SLRF conferences? (N=55)

Comments (55)
"Food" (7) • Food (cookies & muffins) disappeared too quickly **(X2)** • More food at the Friday evening reception **(X2)** • Cannot think of anything in particular - maybe, better caterers - just to boost the social aspect of any such event **(X2)** • Lunch wasn't that great **"Workshops" (5)** • Workshop session on bilingualism • Workshop/roundtables on most popular topics? **(X2)** • More workshops on various SLA research methods **(X2)** **"Transportation" (4)** • More reliable transportation. **(X4)** **"Scheduling of papers" (4)** • Add 5 minutes to paper sessions or 5 minutes break between sessions • (Please?) try not to schedule two grad students from the same university at the same time so that professors can attend their students' talks • Organize the paper presentations with different fields in the same time slot • Too many parallel sessions. Would prefer 2 or 3. Make conference longer or accept fewer papers. Too many papers = too few people in some sessions and conflicts, so missing papers would have liked to attend **"Lacking handouts"(3)** • Presenters should be strongly encouraged to give handouts; very few presenters did so **(X3)** *(32 additional comments on various topics)*

Table 15. Summary of Qualitative Feedback on Future Planning**:** "What is your overall impression of the conference? (Suggestions for future improvements?)" (N=89)

Positive comments (63)	**Negative comments (26)**
"General positive remarks" (45) • Excellent! Thanks for everything! • It's been a great experience! I would like to go to SLRF 2009! • AMAZING experience	**"Accommodation" (3)** • Need to choose better hotels (even if more expensive) • Try to negotiate better lodging • Better housing/hotel & food

(*Many other remarks along these lines*) **"Organization" (12)** • Extremely well organized. Time kept well. Good breaks allowed for interacting **(X12)** **"Papers" (3)** • … high quality papers on the whole **(X3)** **"Staff/volunteers" (3)** • Great, friendly organizers was main strength • The organizers did a great job on all aspects of the conference. With the exception of a few noted items, everything went smoothly Thanks! • …wonderful conference staff	**(continued on next page)** **"Transportation" (3)** • A bus on Sat for those not attending the social event would have been good • Have shuttles to Waikiki during lunch breaks • Bus (taxi) service **"Computer/internet access" (3)** • Internet • Wireless internet access at the venue would have been extremely helpful • Computer access *(17 additional comments on various topics)*

APPENDIX A: CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

SLRF 2008 Evaluation Form

Second Language Research Forum
October 17th-19th 2008
University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

Instructions: *Please complete and return this form to be entered in the PRIZE GIVEAWAY. Return to either the registration desk or any of the form collection boxes. Your input is important in planning for future SLRF events. Mahalo!*

I. Participant Information *(Please √ the box).*

1. Which of the following are you? ☐ Faculty ☐ Student ☐ Other _____

2. What is your primary work setting? ☐ University/college ☐ K-12 ☐ Private language institute
   ☐ Other_____

3. What languages do you research/teach? _____

4. How did you find out about the conference? *(Check all that apply.)* ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Website
   ☐ List serve ☐ Mailing ☐ Poster/advertising ☐ Previous SLRF participation
   ☐ Other_____

5. Why did you decide to attend SLRF? *(Check all that apply.)*
   ☐ Conference reputation ☐ Theme/content ☐ Plenarists ☐ Paper/poster accepted
   ☐ Professional development ☐ Location ☐ Dates/timing ☐ Other_____

6. What other conferences do you plan to attend in the next 12 months? _____

7. Did you pre-register? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, to what extent was pre-registration easy and convenient? ☐ not at all ☐ a little ☐ somewhat ☐ very

8. Are you a paper/poster presenter? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Did you submit a paper/poster that was not accepted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

II. Proposal submission procedures *(Please √ the box).*

If you answered 'yes' to either question 8 or 9, please rate the following (please √ the box).

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree	Comments
The online proposal system was easy and convenient to use.					
The proposal deadline was reasonable.					
My proposal was judged in a timely manner.					
I was generally satisfied with the proposal submission process.					

III. Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration

Please rate each of the following (please √ the box).

	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree	n/a	Comments
Conference publicity was good.						
The conference website was informative and helpful.						
Response to email was timely.						
The registration fee was reasonable.						

IV. Conference organization

Please rate each of the following (please √ the box).

	poor	fair	good	excellent	n/a		poor	fair	good	excellent	n/a
Check-in process						Transportation					
Conference packet						Conference dates					
Helpfulness of staff						Conference length					
Technology & tech. support						Program schedule					
Conference facilities						Accommodation (availability/convenience)					
Boxed lunch						Accommodation (cost)					
Comments:											

V. Conference events

Please rate each of the following (please √ the box).

	poor	fair	good	excellent	n/a	Comments
Opening reception						
Plenary Talks						
Colloquia						
Paper sessions						
Poster sessions						
CA workshop						
Publishers' session						
Social event						

VI. Future planning

1. Which aspects of the conference did you find most useful and/or enjoyable? Why?

2. What would you like to see included or changed at future SLRF conferences?

3. What is your overall impression of the conference? (Suggestions for future improvements?)

Thank you for your input!

APPENDIX B: RAW NUMBERS FOR THE FIGURES

Section 1: Conference Ratings

Table B1. Proposal Submission procedures (N = 124)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable	No Response
The online proposal system was easy and convenient to use.	2	3	37	51	31	2
The proposal deadline was reasonable.	2	1	29	61	31	2
My proposal was judged in a timely manner.	1	0	27	64	32	1
I was generally satisfied with the proposal submission process.	1	0	30	61	32	1
The online proposal system was easy and convenient to use.	2	3	37	51	31	2

Table B2. Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration (N = 124)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable	No Response
Conference publicity was good.	2	4	48	57	9	4
The conference website was informative and helpful.	2	3	33	78	3	5
Response to email was timely.	2	1	24	73	20	4
The registration fee was reasonable.	1	3	59	48	8	5
Conference publicity was good.	2	4	48	57	9	4

Table 3. Conference organization (N = 124)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable	No Response
Check-in process	0	4	35	76	5	4
Conference packet	0	8	47	64	1	4
Helpfulness of staff	0	3	24	85	6	6
Technology & tech. support	4	4	28	66	17	5
Conference facilities	1	12	37	69	1	4
Boxed lunch	4	20	41	12	40	7
Transportation	9	30	30	9	40	6
Conference dates	0	9	56	52	1	6
Conference length	1	3	56	57	0	7
Program schedule	2	9	48	58	1	6
Accommodation (availability/convenience)	7	16	39	26	30	6
Accommodation (cost)	3	12	48	29	27	5

Table B2. Conference events (N = 124)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable	No Response
Opening reception	0	6	33	39	39	7
Plenary Talks	1	6	39	65	4	9
Colloquia	0	10	36	24	44	10
Paper sessions	0	7	61	45	2	9
Poster sessions	1	3	56	34	21	9
CA workshop	1	1	8	12	91	11
Publishers' session	2	11	23	11	64	13
Social event	1	9	31	23	49	11

APPENDIX C: RAW QUALITATIVE/COMMENTS DATA

Comments taken from the conference evaluation form: Sections *II. Proposal submission procedure; III. Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration; IV. Conference organization; V. Conference events;* and *VI. Future planning*

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses indicates total number of comments for a given category. Further, as noted above, since respondents addressed a number of issues within a single comment, all comments were thus separated into single, discrete topics and counted individually.

Section II. Proposal submission procedure		
Positive comments (6)	**Negative comments (4)**	**Neither positive nor negative; unrelated (4)**
• The staff are approachable; email response was very fast I appreciate their hard work • All comments were very positive from guests • Excellent • The perfect processing in every manners • Worked very well • Very efficient and excellent communication on the status of my submission	• Not enough space for all co-authors (regarding online proposal system) • The online proposal system was a bit "clunky" • A bit confusing interface • Would appreciate the comments from the reviewers	• I joined in my colleague's presentation and didn't do the submission myself • unknown - not first author • I didn't go through the regular process • I didn't submit the proposal it was one of the co-authors
Section III. Pre-conference publicity, communication, registration		
Positive comments (8)	**Negative comments (11)**	**Neither positive nor negative; unrelated (0)**
• Generally all good • Great job on this part - very impressive • Jim Yoshioka + others were awesome, especially Jim's email response time • Jim sent great reminders • Mahalo! To all help the website and the event response were the support for very [unintelligible] • Fantastic coordination & communication. Thank you! • Conference website [2 smiley faces]	• A reminder email to the registered participants about the opening time & date would have been good • I only saw it because of colleagues • Could've advertised more to insiders (i.e., to UH students) • Online payment should be available (made under question 7) • Website was somewhat disorganized - would have preferred to find more info related to presentations in tabs or drop-down menus instead of searching for links (e.g., paper descriptions) • I hope it (the registration fee) could be less for students • It would have been great to have the scheduled presentations grid published online • It was difficult to locate some info (e.g., paper summary)	

• Excellent Jim is super	• Shuttle information not accurate • Would be nice to have full program on line (or maybe I missed it on your website) I hope the website is kept for a number of years after the conference • Did you post the program on Linguist list?	
Section IV. Conference organization		
Positive comments (9)	**Negative comments (47)**	**Neither positive nor negative; unrelated (1)**
• Overall they're all great • Three full days gave me enough time to see many presentations • The staff were polite, helpful, and knowledgeable • Amazing food • I appreciated the wisely long lunch breaks • On-campus housing is super convenient and economical • Great! Overally • I think the organization of the paper presentations are excellent • Overall I feel this has been an excellent conference and very well organised	• The chicken on Friday was too salty • Imin Center is getting old and is very noisy (outside noise) • Heard about problems with bus company and hotel quality (consider offering more options / clear descriptions of what hotels are like) • Imin Center needs "Quiet" signs outside Keoni auditorium • A lack of notebook was unexpected - note everyone brought their own • Lack of Internet availability on campus with access to one's flash drive was a major inconvenience (Library doesn't allow use of flash, nor does it provide Microsoft Office) • I was not very happy with the hotel. It's too far away from the conference site. It is very dated and not terribly comfortable for the price ($95) (My hotel was Ocean Resort) • The boxed lunch was not satisfactory for the amount of money I have paid • Plenary was held too early in the morning 8:30am • It would have been great to have a bag to carry the conference packet • The accommodation was good, a bit dirty, and the staff at the reception desk wasn't too competent • For the price, newer hotels should have been investigated • The bus hours were a little too early. Because our hotel was a bit far, we couldn't use the shuttle bus • A/C was inconsistent, no place to go sit btw sessions • Queen Kapiolani hotel was overbooked + we were bumped to another hotel (Waikiki Sunset - good) • In some cases it was too cold in some of the conference rooms • Many presentations I had planned to attend were cancelled • Some rooms were not large enough to accommodate all spectators • Run a pre-conf registration into paper session attendance to assess necessary room size • More pineapple @ lunch pls! • September dates better! • The registration/publishers' exhibit/coffee area was stuffy and uncomfortable when a large number of people were there (In reference to a "fair" for Conference facilities) • I wish there was an option of just running the visa card immediately • Once on campus, there weren't many directional signs etc. helping those find Imin who were unfamiliar w/campus	• Did not use the conference hotel. Price seemed good though

	• Snafu with shuttle buses Saturday am. • Nametags - please use larger font - at least a half-inch in height • Please provide information about bus schedules/routes + walking from bus stop to conference venue. Provide more shuttles if possible • Friday's boxed lunch was much bigger, more elaborate and tastier than Saturday's • I wish there was an easier way to get from here to the beach • Some rooms are too small. • Bus driver did not come at 7:30 as scheduled. Presenters who were scheduled in the morning (+many others) had to take a cab from their hotel • I hope that there were signs outside the building so I could find the location easily • Paper should also be part of the conference packet. UH Manoa doesn't have that many benches to sit on • Transportation: The shuttle service could be available after the morning [unintelligible] • Internet connection • Bus from Waikiki late or no show • Conference dates: Let's leave Sunday off so people can enjoy Hawaii Program schedule: Please put the abstract in the order of time presentation • It is a VERY BAD idea to have an invited speaker, a measure figure, as the LAST TALK! There were a few • Heard many complaints that hotels do not have internet access • Would have been good to provide passwords for the wireless campus internet • Saturday's social event should have allowed people who didn't buy tickets in advance [to] buy tickets on the spot • Bus did not show up to the hotel on time. Many had to take cabs • The hotel was unacceptable; • Lunch was horrible • Some similar-themed presentations are scheduled at the same time. Better if we could go them both • Perhaps the hotel choice (ocean resort) could be a bit more suitable for conference attendees	
Section V. Conference events		
Positive comments (15)	**Negative comments (25)**	**Neither positive nor negative; irrelevant (2)**
• Very good! • [Plenaries]Very high caliber, though • Social event - great hula, so-so venue • Social event was excellent Very & affordable • Plenary & colloquia were also great! • The first day party on the lanai was a great	• The aquarium would have been nicer (for the social event) • The food was disappointing (at the social event) • Plenaries were too long for my taste - 1+ hours is a long time to sit and listen. 45 minutes maximum • Papers were quite variable in quality • Moderators seemed often unprepared for their jobs, but got better by end • Social event - great hula, so-so venue	• I missed the first day I did not attend any of the social events, colloquia or the CA workshop • Colloquia - went to just one! SLI vs SLA

way to get to know people from the start of the conference • Excellent food there too • The plenary talks were interesting, touched on relevant & contemporary issues • Quality of presentations was excellent • Professor Munoz's plenary was particularly informative - she broke down so much research data into something so comprehensible Fantastic presentation • Great conference center • Schmidt/Munoz - Excellent; Intros excellent; • Papers - whole range; did not attend anything horrible; • Reception on lanai nice • Opening reception - only a free bar would have made it better [smiley face]	• More cookies at coffee break decaf coffee • Shortage of food (social event) • I was sorry that the room seemed so empty for the colloquia I attended Van Patten's paper was the only one w/ overflow crowd Perhaps he should do a plenary • I did think, however, that they [plenaries] were a bit too long • I was hoping to purchase the books at the publishers' session, but I couldn't (because the books are so expensive overseas!!) So, it would be have been nice if there was a bookstore • Food could be better • Too bad I can't attend the social programme; I registered (10?) days after the 15th August deadline • Conference session moderators should ask questioners to identify themselves (name, affiliation) • It would be helpful if the speaker paraphrased the question before answering it • Better (outdoor?) venue might have been nice • It would be nice to see more sociolinguistic presentations • Please, NO presentation (poster) during lunch break • Publisher's session - unexpectedly timid participation • Firth didn't get to finish his paper (ran out of time) • Bottled water would have been good • The aquarium is a much nicer place! • Missed the aquarium bash! Disappointing! • Social event not impressive at all • Had to wait very long outside	
Section VI. Future planning **Question #1: Which aspects of the conference did you find most useful and/or enjoyable? Why?**		
Positive comments (115)		**Unrelated (5)**
• The opportunity to meet new colleagues in my field • Having feedback about my research during my presentation • Discussing issues of research design with other presenters • Making professional contacts • I enjoyed very much the plenary talks I attended (1st & 3rd) • The fees were very reasonable for registration & hotel • The location was perfect! • Content (not too broad, not too narrow) • Conference size (not too big, not too small) • Many people presented research related to Asia/Pacific and English, which is very interesting for me • Plenaries and papers that reported innovative findings • Very clear & helpful structure, organization, program • Good diversity of papers/topics/people • Nice receptions		• Pity there was no session on Hawaiian as L2 (immersion) • Great keynote speakers, but pls more time allowed for questions • I wish Kathleen Bardovi-Harlig did a colloquium instead of a paper presentation • No plenary late on Sunday afternoon please • Colloquia - I prefer to hear about research projects that are not published yet

• Very competent organizational staff, despite facilities & related challenges • I liked a colloquia on the first day because it had a discussant who made an overall comment that was very insightful • A good variety of interesting talks & respected plenary speakers I learned a lot! • Helpfulness and friendliness of staff, • Conversations among participants (comments, suggestions) • Intellectually stimulating as always! • Coffee breaks and lunch boxes were excellent • Nice social event but drinks should have been included for the price • Very good plenaries • Good presentations • Level of paper… • Level of … posters • Paper presentations They were of very high quality • Plenary, colloquia -- high quality, very sophisticated • Excellent social events! • The sessions, their topics and quality of presenters • I thought the timing of the conference plenary/presentation/breaks was well-throughout • There was ample time to interact w/colleagues • Several good presentations • Richard Schmidt plenary, Alan Firth plenary, • The special event on Saturday, • The very very competent and helpful SLRF 2008 crew • Publishers session, • Plenaries • I found all the paper sessions enjoyable! It was really fun exploring different fields • I liked the box lunches too! • Opening chant added local flavor • 5-minute gap between papers is helpful • Useful for teaching and important to be aware of research • Quality of plenaries and presentations/poster • Social events were very enjoyable -- possibility of talking to scholars from other parts of the world • The diversity of presenter backgrounds meant that a lot of interesting perspectives were represented • Helpfulness of staff & attendees • Eagerness to share ideas + comments • The people working here • Everything • Opportunities to hear talks on varied topics + meet scholars in my field • The publisher session was also quite helpful • (The location was also much appreciated - a great opportunity to visit Hawaii!) • Hawaii!!! Great conference venue - second to none	

• Meeting people + discussing their research • Plenaries - big names! • Workshops - lots of variety • Size - small = more intimate • Presentations, plenaries, professionally conducted, length of time for each very good • Plenary talks • Sufficient amount of time to interact with one another • Great keynote speakers, but pls more time allowed for questions • The scheduling was excellent - good amount of talks and excellent placement of coffee hours • Papers • Paper sessions • Paper presentations & plenaries • Technology use in conference rooms • The fact that you create networks with other people who share the same research interests and to see/hear their projects, studies is the most fruitful part of such an organization • Great choice of papers to be presented; • Paper presentations were thematically grouped; • Great facility and technical equipment; • Great variety of topics; • Wide range of methodology designs included • I enjoyed the paper presentations, as well as Carmen Munoz's colloquium • Networking with colleagues • Presentations for personal and professional development Varied topics / presentations, both those I'm familiar with and unfamiliar with • Making contacts with colleagues • Great plenarys! • Some good paper sessions! • Tasty coffee! • Lunch Well organized Not so expensive Great volunteers • Plenary talks • Variety of topics - organized thematically by room • Coffee breaks • Social events - on lanai @ Imin • High quality presentations • Workshop • Interaction with other participants • I liked the coffee breaks • Posters - more personal • Data based papers on studies that were well designed such that presenters could then draw some sort of definitive conclusions Is there a way to improve submissions & reviewing process to get more of these? • Plenaries were very interesting	

• Co-chair Dennis has been very helpful • Staff, let me buy lunch plate, • Packet of info • The topics • Publishers session was a great idea; • Longer coffee breaks = good idea (more time to talk/discuss); • Very good sequencing/combining of talks into sessions • Paper sessions, plenary, etc • The plenary sessions, most of the talks I attended, and the publishers session, because of the plenarists themselves, the interesting topics and well-presented talks, and the helpful comments by the journal editors • Paper sessions for my future research • Location; • Staff; • The logo [smiley face] • I liked having the chance to chat with the group and meet people by having lunches provided (paid for) at the site I haven't seen that much at other places, and it allowed for socializing I really enjoyed meeting all the people, especially those from other countries • Poster and paper sessions allow time to speak with the presenter without the presence of a large group • Content of the presentations/posters; following discussion/question sessions; • Coffee availability • The plenary and paper sessions; it's a good venue to learn about other people's research and to get feedback on my own research • Meeting prominent researchers; seeing MA students presenting - motivating • Plenaries/paper sessions • Some excellent paper sessions; • Great conference facilities • Thematic sessions / colloquia	
Question #2: What would you like to see included or changed at future SLRF conferences?	
Comments (55)	**Unrelated (2)**
• The conference packet should a pad or sheets for taking notes • Presenters should be strongly encouraged to give handouts; very few presenters did so • Workshop session of bilingualism • Nothing special • Perhaps some serious attention (plenaries, colloquia) to the development of rigorous epistemologies in diverse interest areas • Additional workshops on a variety of research methods might be useful (e.g., the CA workshop idea, though longer) • It is too cold in the auditorium!!! • Food (cookies & muffins) disappeared too quickly • Nothing • Opportunities for more interaction between people working on similar topics • Workshop/roundtables on most popular topics? • Just an idea -- some kind of activity during the social event might promote more interaction between attendees Especially something that	• I've been to other SLRFs which were not as well-prepared as this one • It is my first SLRF - great experience

encourages interaction b/t grad students & faculty • Better social event (location & food not great) • Serve food (snacks) and coffee during the coffee breaks • More food at the Friday evening reception • Add 5 minutes to paper sessions or 5 minutes break between sessions • Have a bookstore! • Topics of papers and (especially) posters seemed to show a 'drift' away from understanding of SLA towards Applied Linguistics Since there are many other conferences for AL and pedagogical topics, I would favor tighter control of the themes to keep SLRF unique (and perhaps fewer parallel sessions as a result) • It would be nice to be able to see presentations organized by topic, keyword, or tag - was hard to pick which papers to attend • 2/3 workshops (maybe pre-conference w) dealing with up-to-date topics • Catering for different needs & interests so that people can choose freely • Include a map of HNL with bus routes pls! • Add at least 1 more day! • More papers selected which have stronger implications on practice (e.g., teaching) • Lunch wasn't that great - perhaps more options? • Just a cooler area for registration, etc, as noted above • More workshops on various SLA research methods • More cookies and drinks please • I liked how things were scheduled • (Please?) try not to schedule two grad students from the same university at the same time so that professors can attend their students' talks • This is my first SLRF conference to attend So I cannot really say what I would like to be included or changed in future conferences • If it's possible to add little bit sightseeing organizations that would be awesome (but while requesting something like that I also know it's not really possible) • Cannot think of anything in particular - maybe, better caterers - just to boost the social aspect of any such event • Is it possible to have the handouts available online for downloading? • More [unintelligible] • NA • Plz, check the quality of paper sessions. Some are not good… • Keep prices low • Organize the paper presentations with different fields in the same time slot • More papers from socio-linguistic perspectives • Too many parallel sessions Would prefer 2 or 3 Make conference longer or accept fewer papers Too many papers = too few people in some sessions and conflicts, so missing papers would have liked to attend • Lunch for volunteers • Social event • More reliable transportation Possibility to walk from hotel to conference • Better logistics management: housing on campus, transportation, etc • A more efficient transportation system; more options & punctuality • Have online program (full program) available 2 weeks before the conference (unless I missed it on your website - I couldn't find it)	

- Transportation & accommodation
- Nothing at this time Regarding the social event, perhaps have more food available and two separate buffet lines There appeared to be a long wait for food
- (4 page) proceedings submitted before the conference by presenters (or at least longer abstracts in the conference booklet); currently there is little opportunity to prepare/choose presentations based on information provided
- Comments of abstracts reviewers sent to the authors as feedback;
- Presenters should be encouraged to have handouts even if the PPT OR PPTs could be collected and uploaded after the conference; I would appreciate more elaborated abstracts in the conference booklet
- I am disappointed with a poor display of publishers exhibits
- Nothing really
- More [thematic sessions / colloquia]
- Schmidt should always do a plenary

Question #3: What is your overall impression of the conference? (Suggestions for future improvements?)

Positive comments (63)	Negative comments (26)
• I'm impressed by how well the conference was organized Overall, I think that the conference was excellent Thank you! • Very good • Overall very good, well-organized. Thank you all the staff members for their hard work! • Well-done • Great, friendly organizers was main strength • Always an interesting event, • Very good • It was great! • Very good Thank you! • Good Beautiful place and campus` • Top level, comprehensive, highly motivating • Excellent! • Great • Excellent! Both academic & social events were excellent! • Learned much from each session about the area of linguistics, theoretical base or history and current directions • Great opportunity to network with people from all over the world • Especially appreciated this opportunity to practice [languageing], thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible • The conference was very well run and the selection of plenary speakers and paper presentations led to a conference that was both interesting and stimulating intellectually • All the topics were very professional and the discussions are deep	• A wider diversity in colloquia and invited speakers giving plenary talks (it seems to be the same people at different conferences) • A bus on Sat for those not attending the social event would have been good • Too much focus on adult second language learning, but this is probably the main interest of SLRF • …though perhaps losing focus of research over the years • Announcements on doors of cancelled presentations • Internet • Notebook in the package • I couldn't get hold of some publishers - only saw their books on display • Need to choose better hotels (even if more expensive) • have shuttles to Waikiki during lunch breaks • have more space between the individual posters (physical space) • More food (snacks) during the coffee breaks • Many presentations seemed very preliminary + had only suggestive results • Wireless internet access at the venue would have been extremely helpful • Computer access • Bus (taxi) service • How about extending paper presentations to 45 mins each to prevent rushing + allow more discussion? • Food for coffee breaks should be sweets or sweet pastry only Something neutral (crackers) would be good too • Try to negotiate better lodging • Better campus visibility, directions, etc • As a moderator, I'd have appreciated a late reminder (it came on the second day) or the exact

• The professors in the talk also provide very insightful critiques Good! Thank you! • Excellent • It was really a dream come true! Really fantastic! I just had a great time here! Thank you for everything! • Very well organized and friendly event: Mahalo! • Excellent! Thanks for everything! • It's been a great experience! I would like to go to SLRF 2009! • AMAZING experience • The organizers did a great job on all aspects of the conference With the exception of a few noted items, everything went smoothly Thanks! • Well organized, high quality papers on the whole, and wonderful conference staff Thanks for a great conference!! • Great Thank you for your hard work • Well organized • Overall, quite good • Great! Really! • Professional & friendly • Great conference! • It was a great conference • Great speakers, great presentations since I am deeply interested in SLA and L2 pragmatics it's the perfect fit into my schedule and research activities • This was one of the best SLRF conferences I've attended so far (I've gone to 5) and want to thank the conference organizers for their efforts! • The conference is well-organized and there was a good mix of speakers from various areas of SLA • Good! • Generally enjoyable and well-organized • This evaluation form for e.g. is an improvement by miles! Good job • I am satisfied with all aspects of the conference Thank you for the hospitality and possibilities to attend • You did a wonderful job!!! • It's very well organized! It was a pleasure to attend this • Great • Well organized Very research based • Very well organized Thank you • Very good! Thank you [smiley face] • Extremely well organized Time kept well Good breaks allowed for interacting • Fantastic - excellent research and presentations • Didn't really bring people together to the conference Well, I know Waikiki is to blame • GREAT	amount of time for the presentation proper and the Q&A which follows • More pedagogy type presentations than fitting for SLRF Would like to see focus back to SLA More rigor needed • A different location • Better housing/hotel & food • Maybe post the abstracts on the web beforehand? • Larger rooms for very popular presentations; more space between posters (so people can fit comfortably)

• Very well organized • I enjoyed it! • Excellent! Congratulations to the organizers and volunteers! No suggestions for improvement • Wonderful organization! Nothing to say…Excellent! • Excellent! • Well done • Great Locations were good I suggest keep the same ones for the future • Very good, enjoyed and learned a lot, thank you! • Very nice except for #2 above • Positive • Excellent	