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EGU General Assembly 2011

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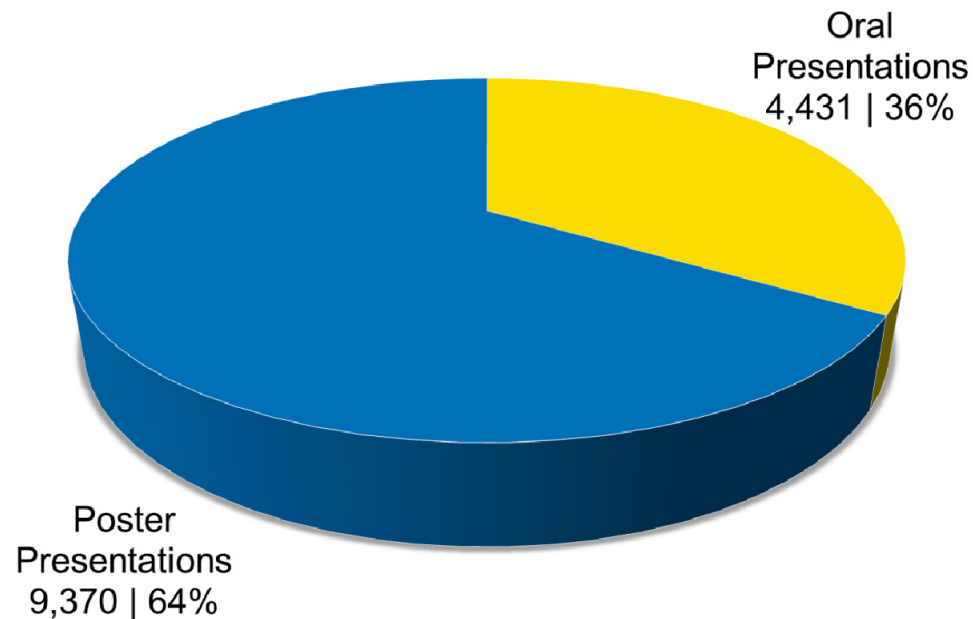




EGU GA 2011: Number of abstracts and sessions

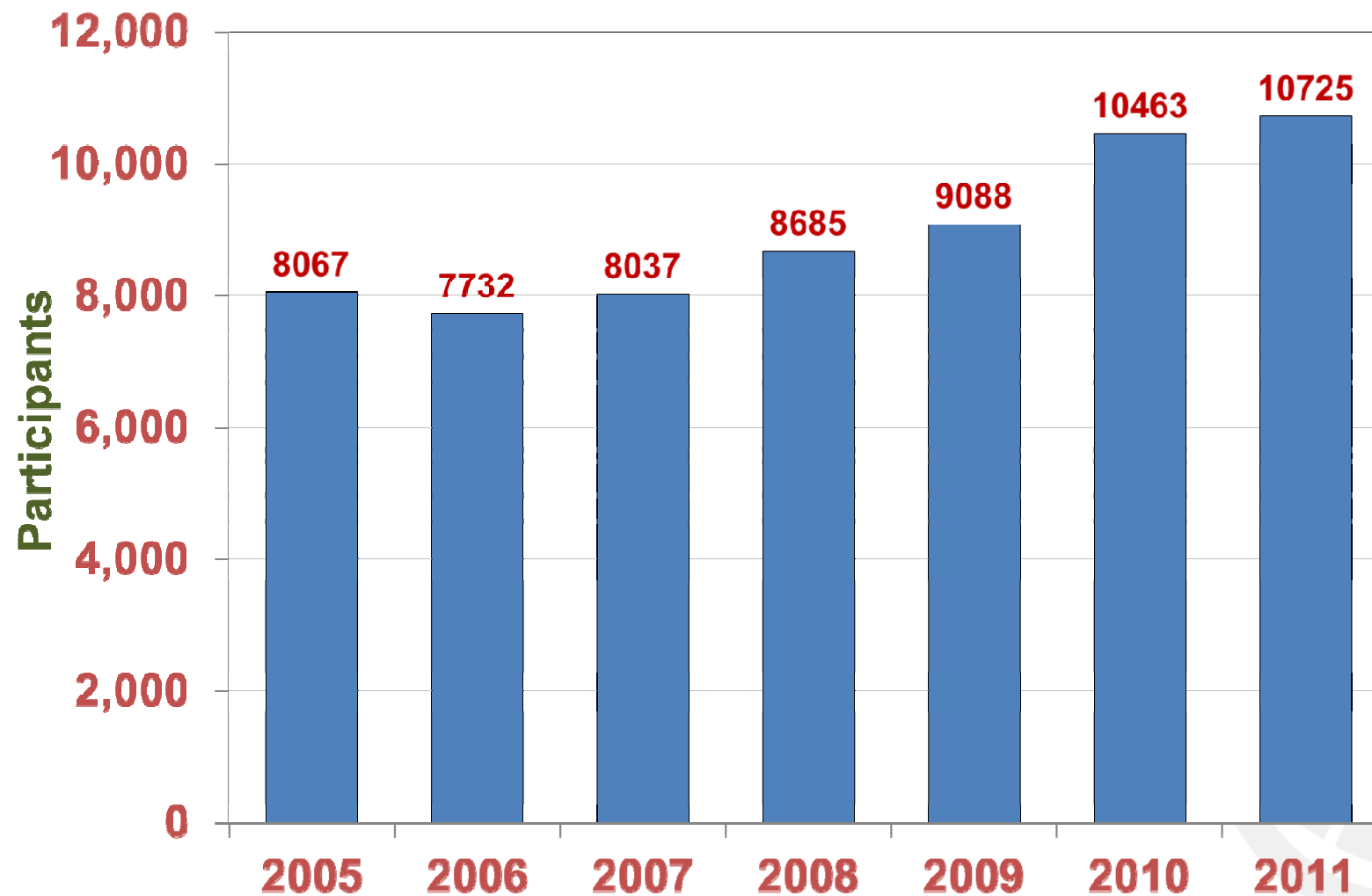
As of 08 April

- 12,772 Papers in Programmes
- 4,333 Orals | 8,439 Posters | Ratio 34 / 66 [32 / 68 in 2010]
- 690 Sessions (not including administrative and non-scientific)





EGU General Assembly Participants: 2005 – 2011





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EGU General Assembly Questionnaire

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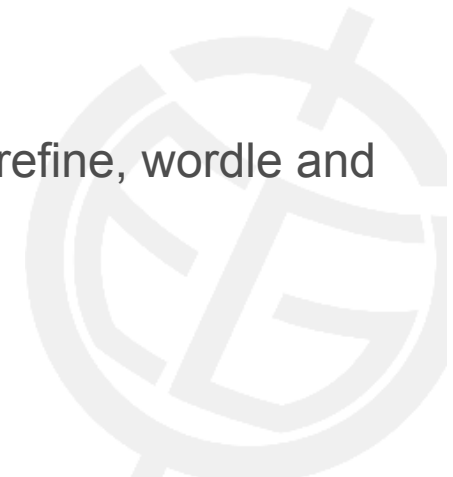
3 – 8 April 2011 | Vienna | Austria





General Information about the EGU GA 2011 Survey

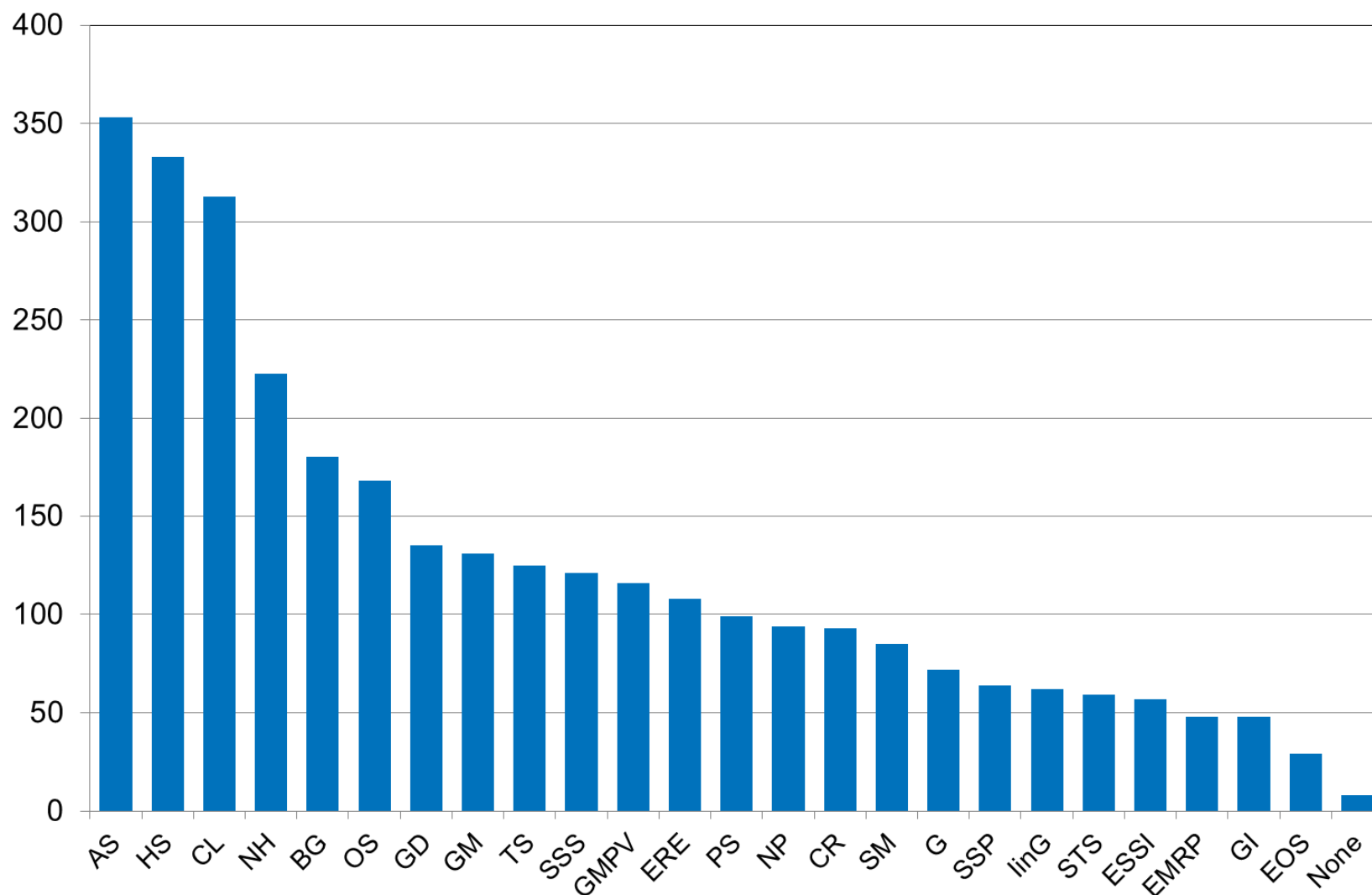
- Survey Monkey used to design and conduct the survey
- Links distributed by email to participants, links on twitter, blog, facebook, egu.eu homepage, email to EGU members
- 1507 responses (most from emails to participants and members)
- Survey live between 19 May to 3 July 2011
- Data analysed using Survey Monkey's tools, excel, google refine, wordle and some textual analysis of longer response questions





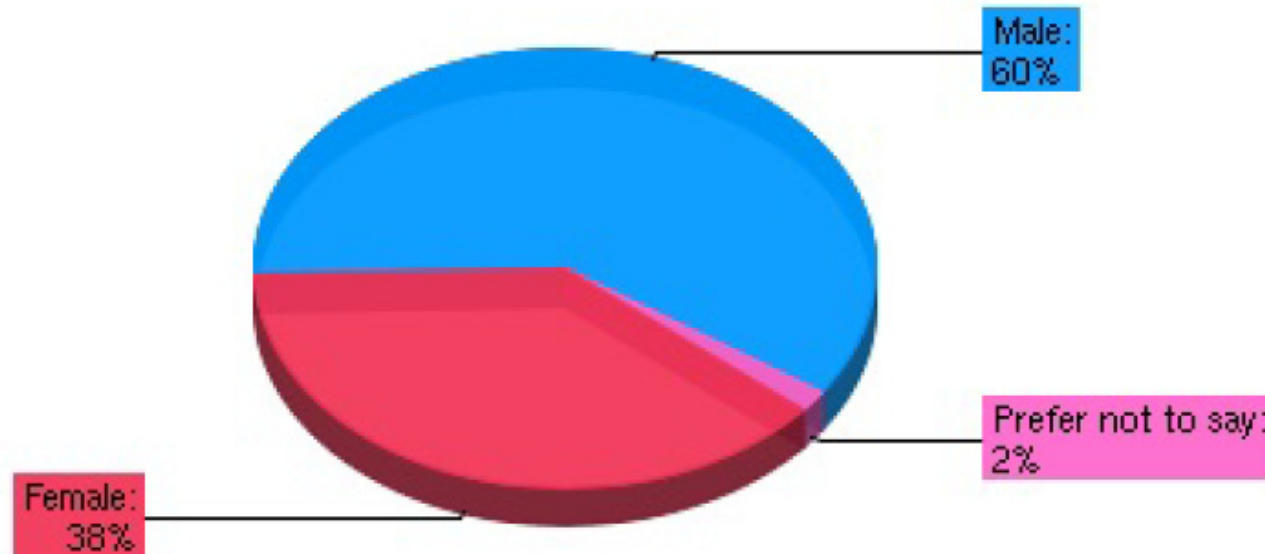
What programme group/s or division to you associate most with?

Participants could select up to 3





Survey Participant Gender



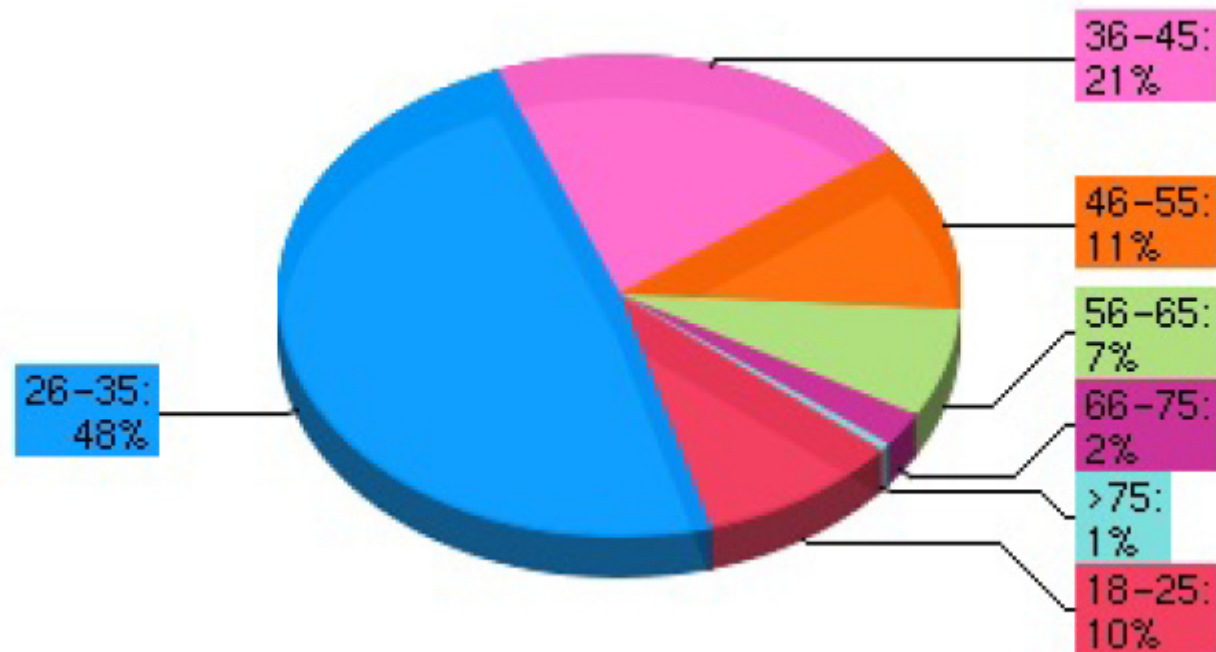
Previous surveys:

- 2010: 64% Male | 34% Female | 2% Prefer not to say
- 2009: 65% Male | 34% Female | 1% No answer

N.B. The percentage of females in the early weeks of the survey was around 60%



Survey Participant Age



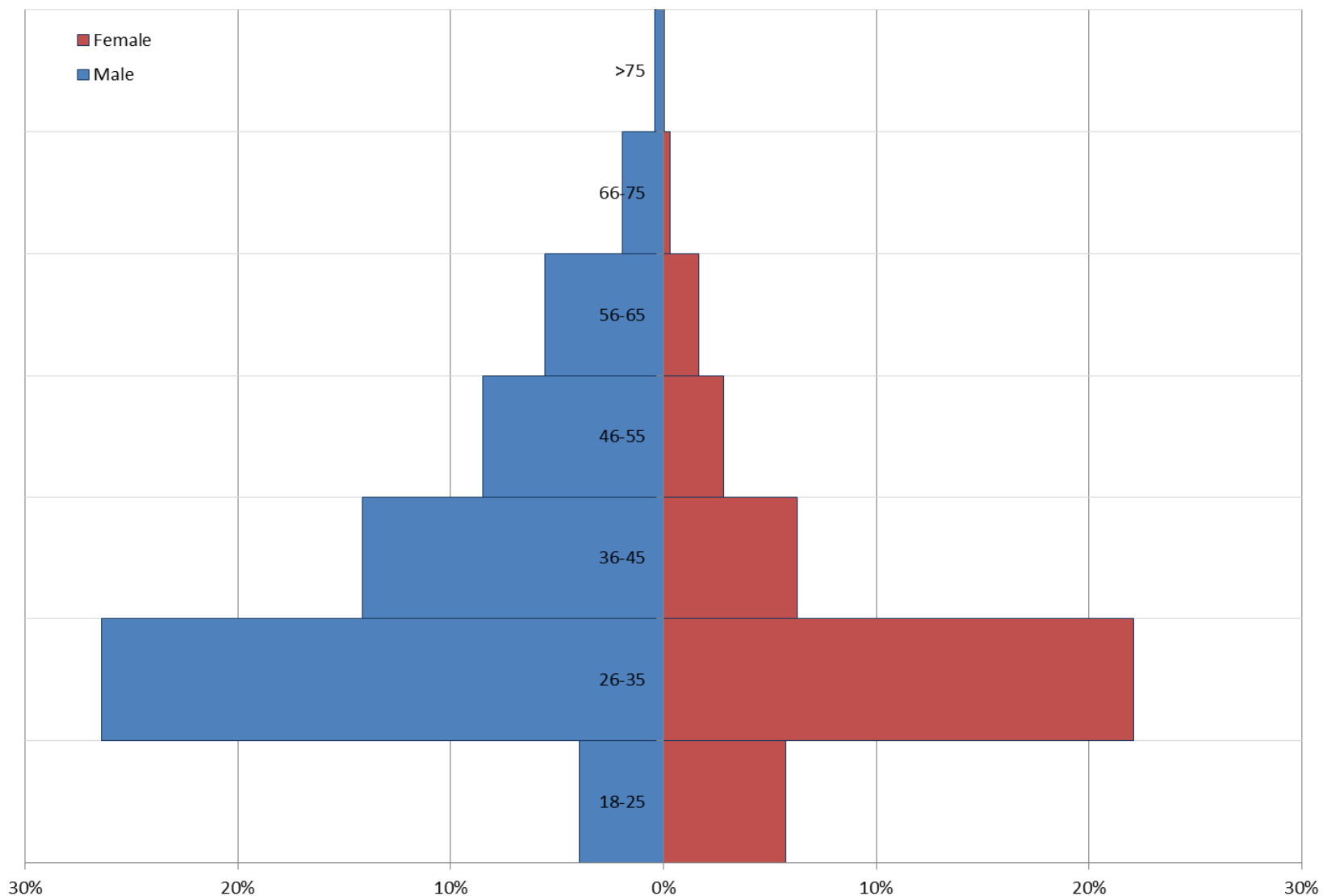
Compared to Registration Status:

- 28% Student | 72% Standard and Retired



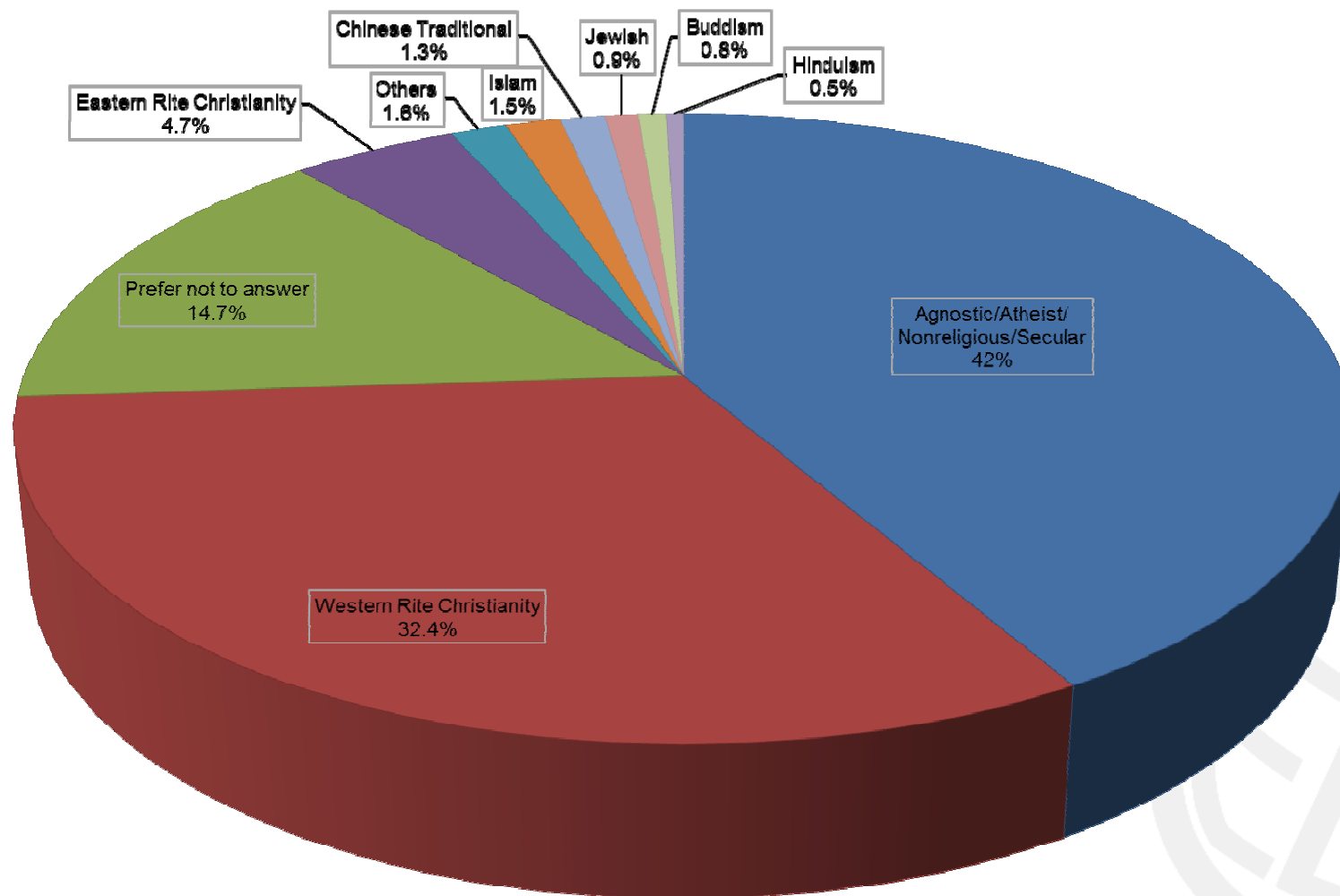


Survey Participant Population Pyramid



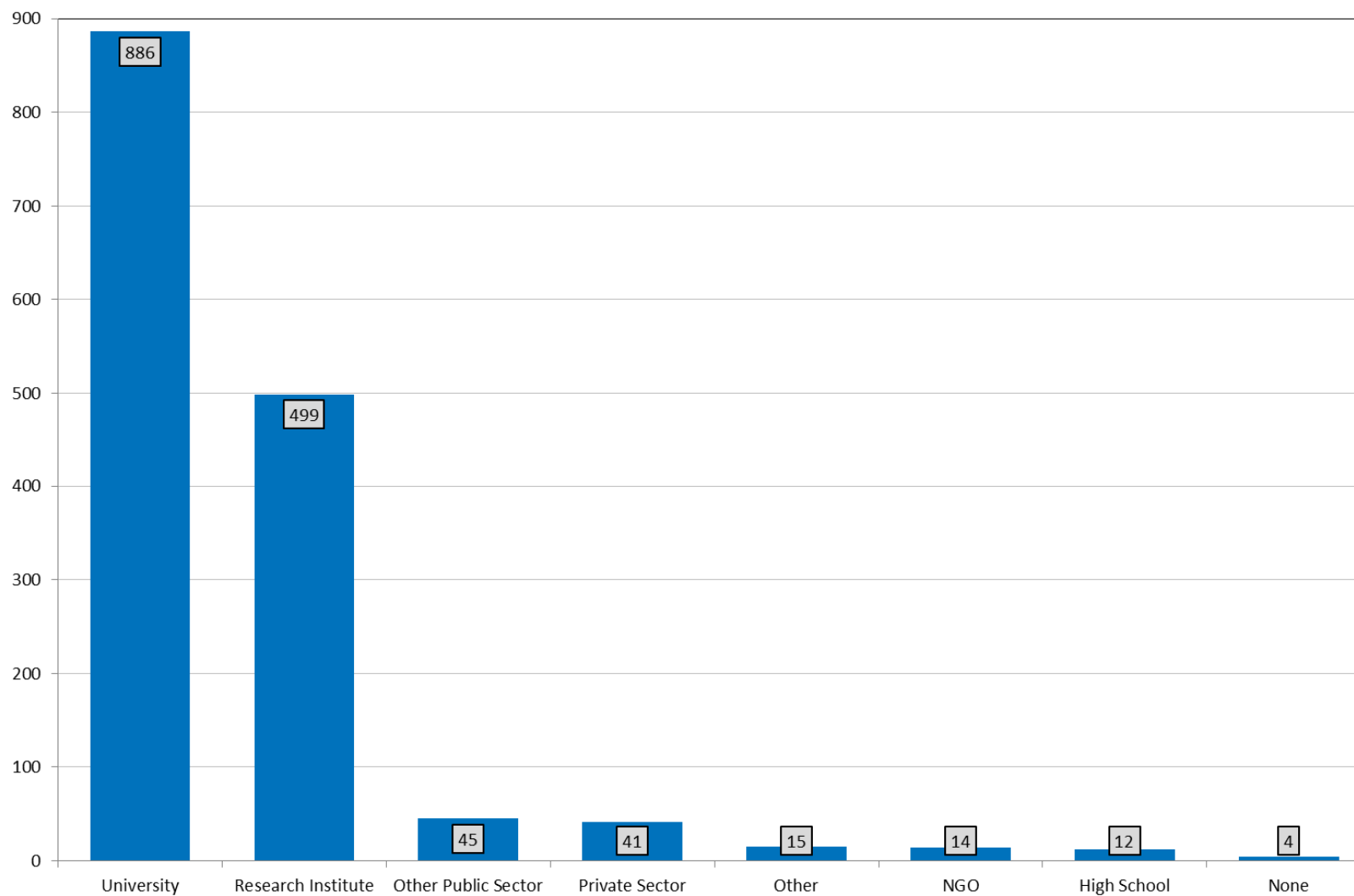


Survey Participant Religion



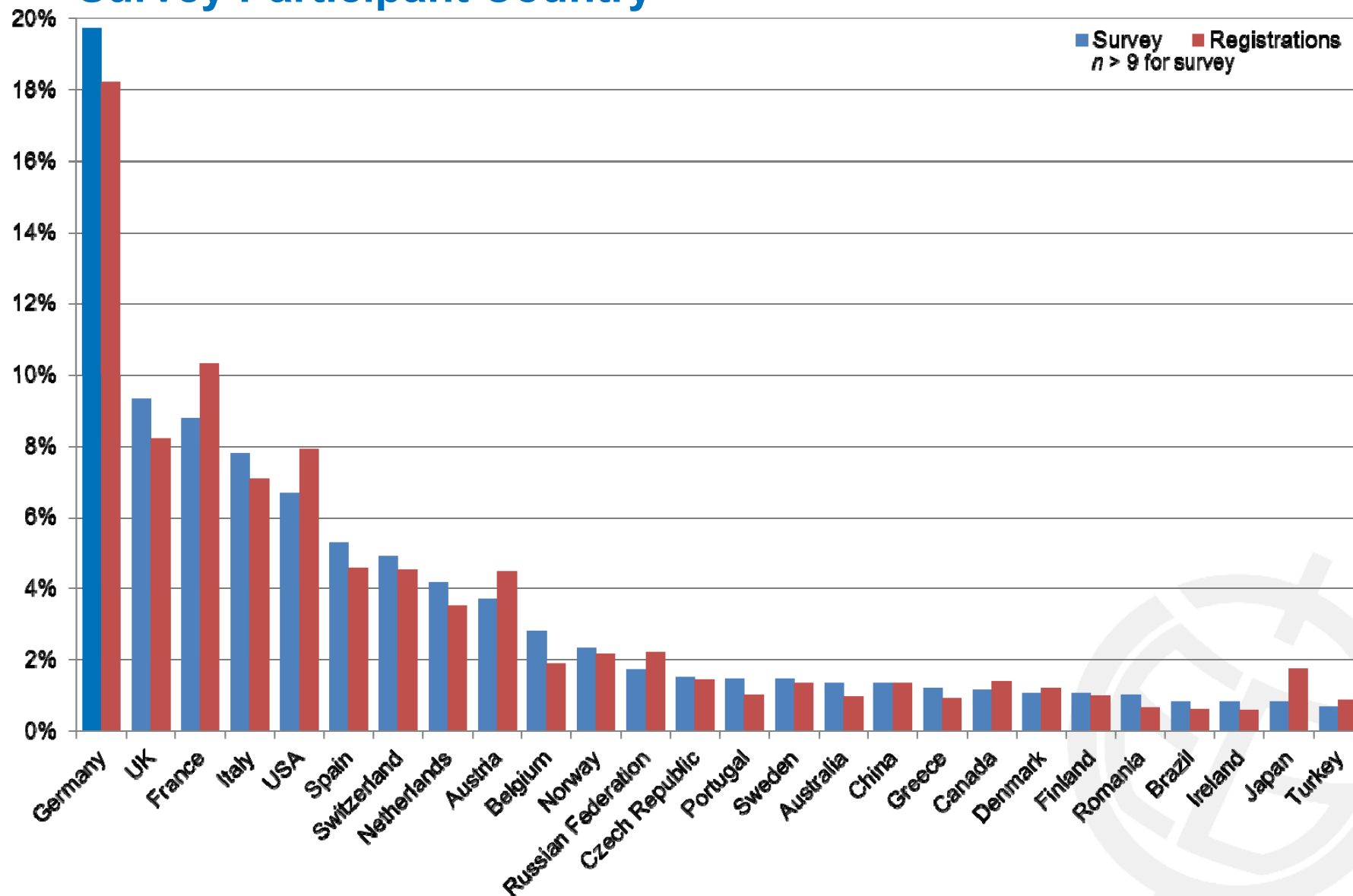


Institution Sector



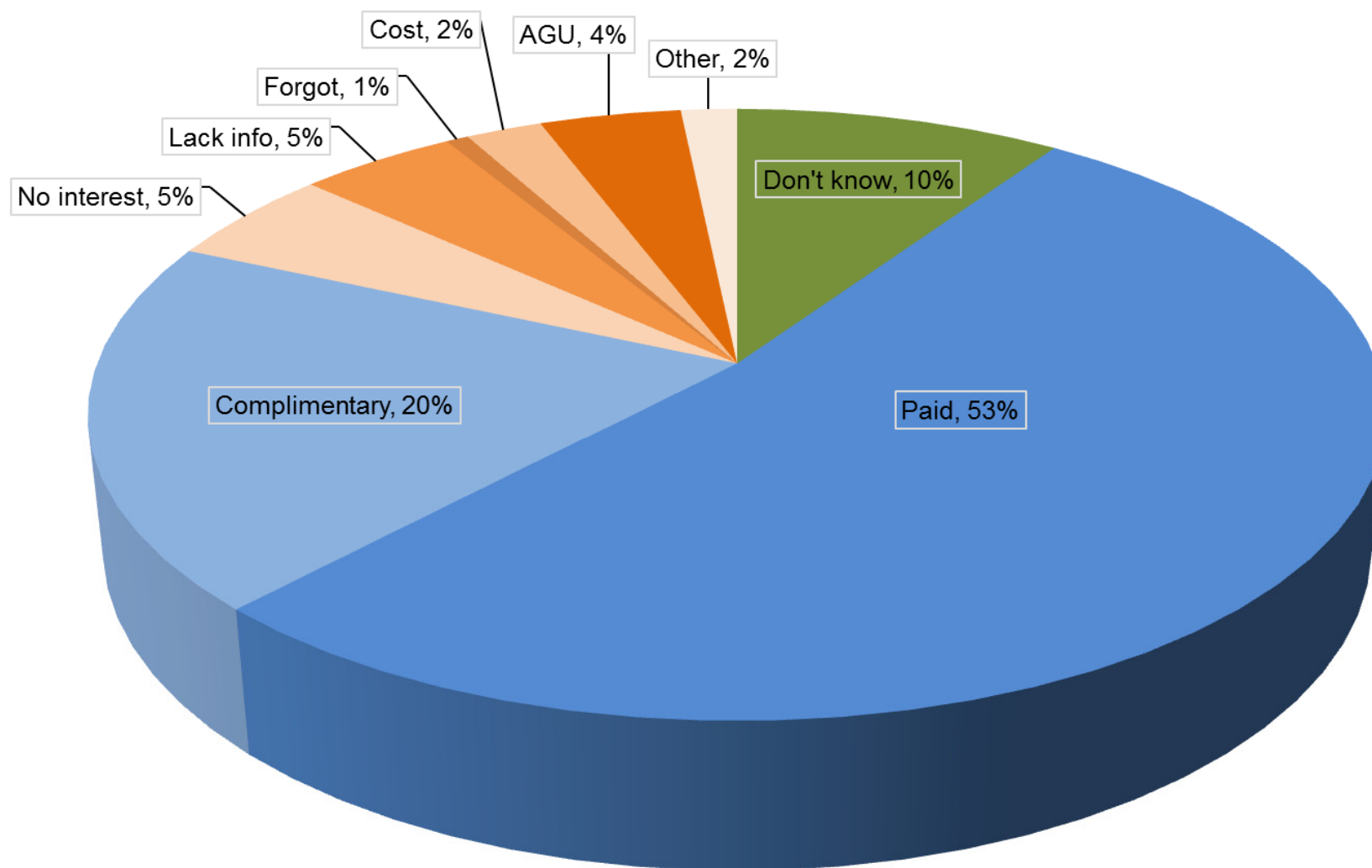


Survey Participant Country



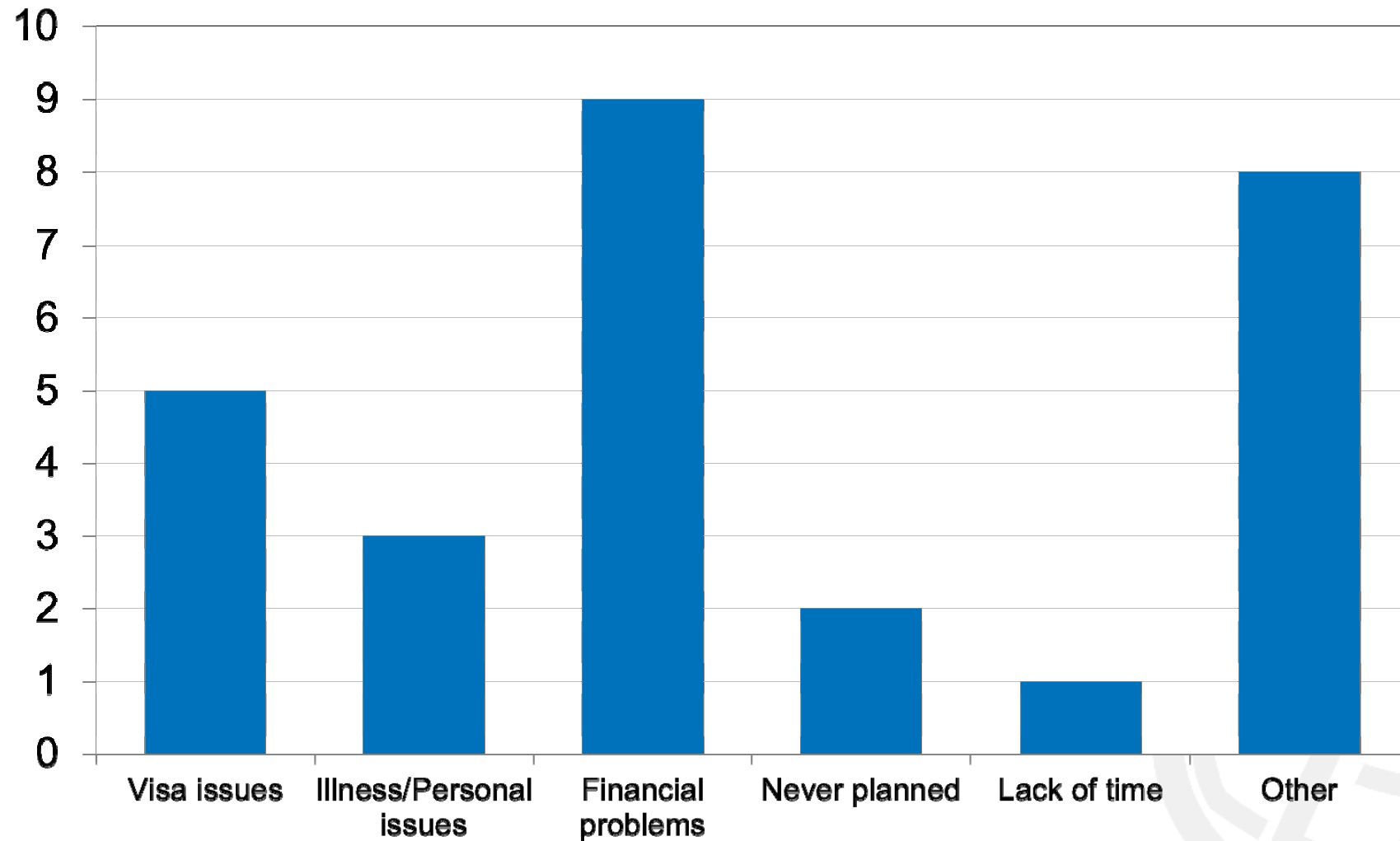


EGU Membership



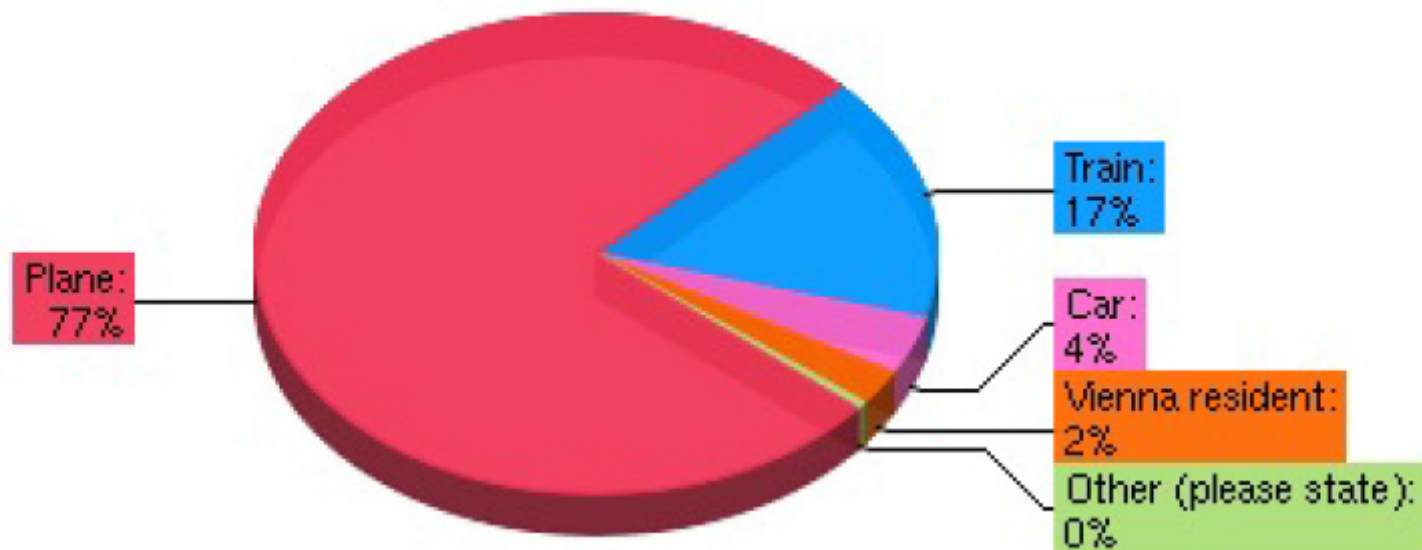


Reasons for non-attendance at EGU GA 2011





Transport



Distances travelled:

<25 km 4.4% | 25-300 km 5.2% | >300 km 90.4%

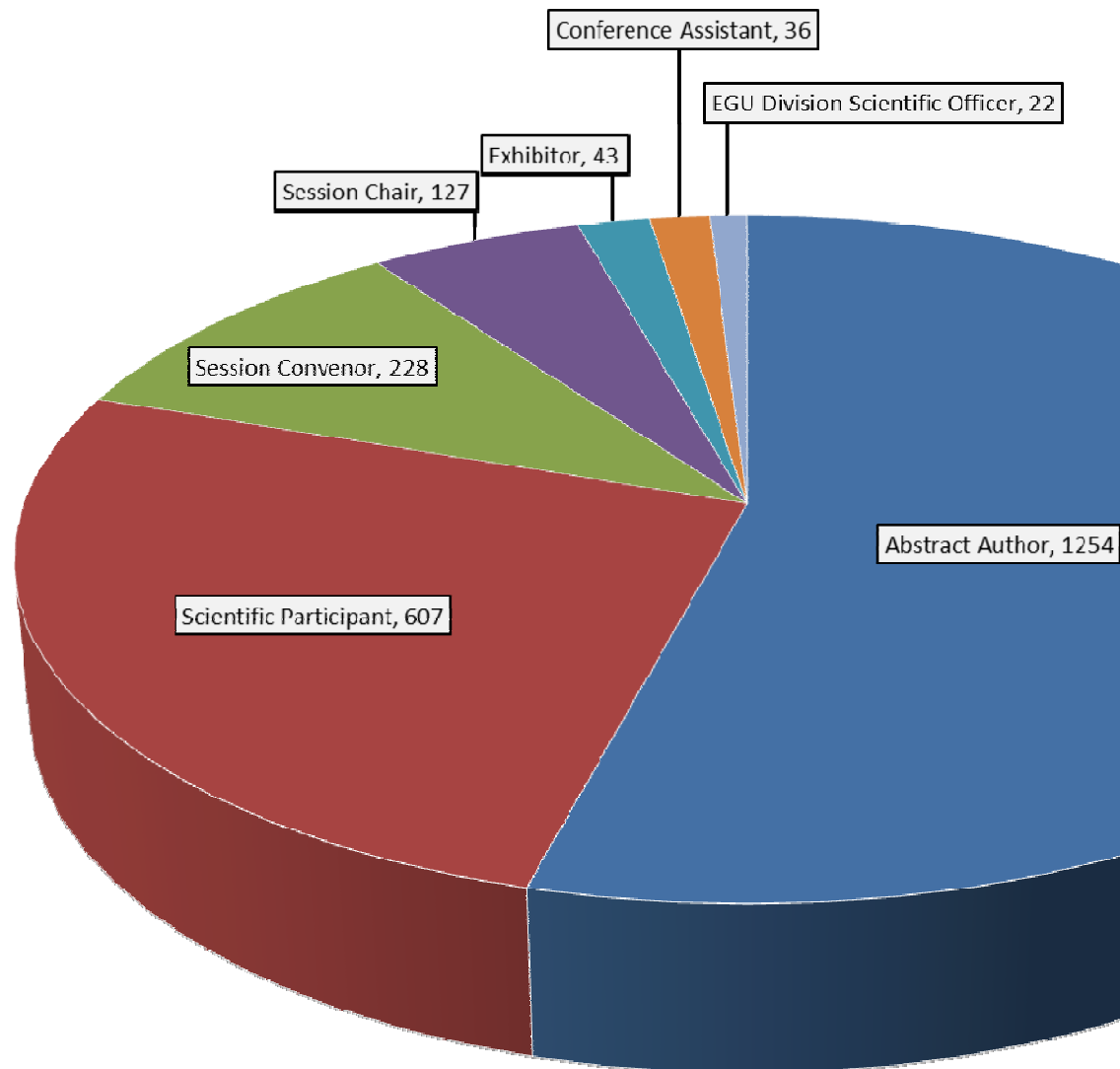
Influencing factors:

Time 75% | Price 51% | Environment 15%



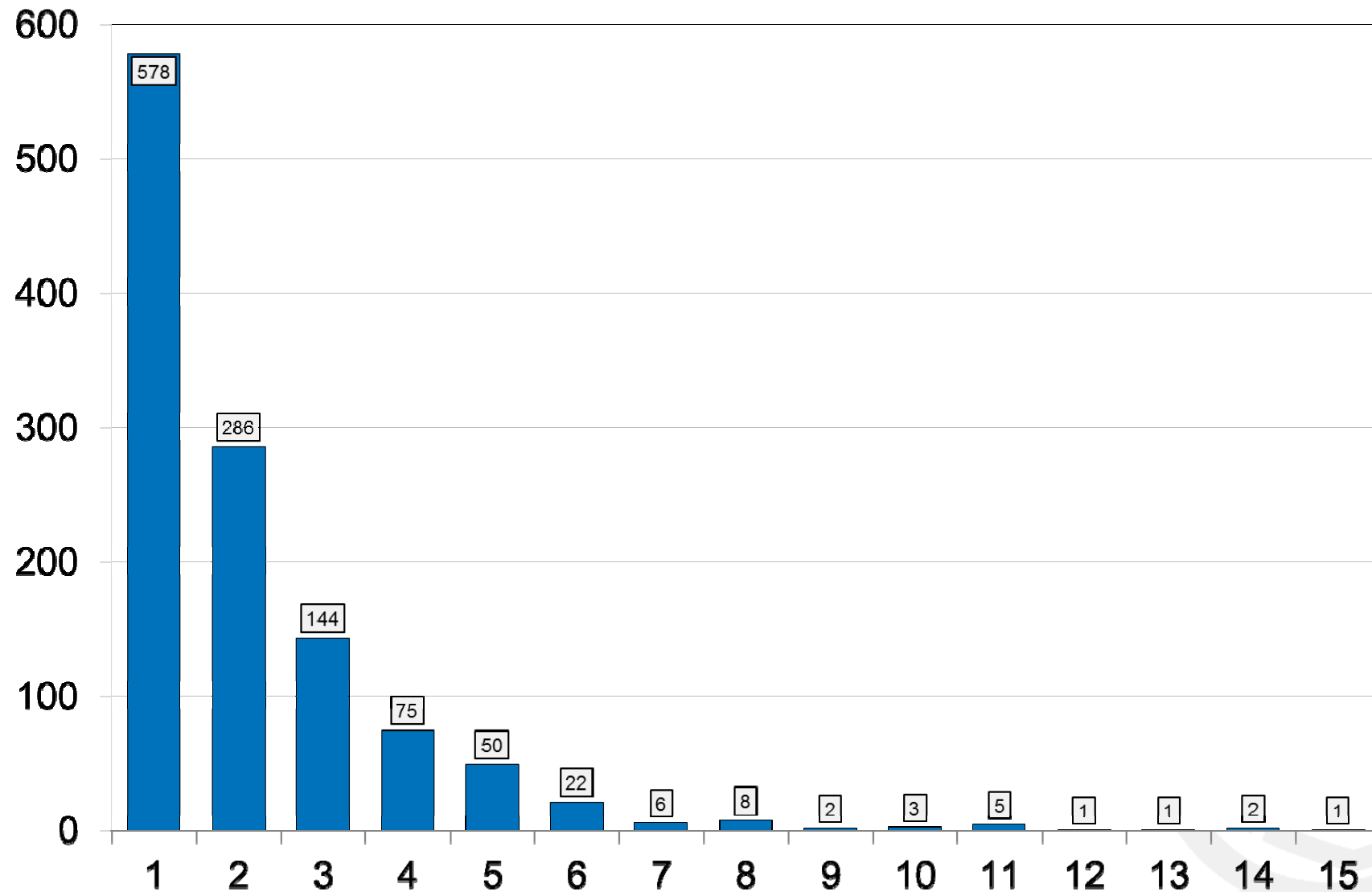


Role at EGU GA 2011 (where $n > 10$)



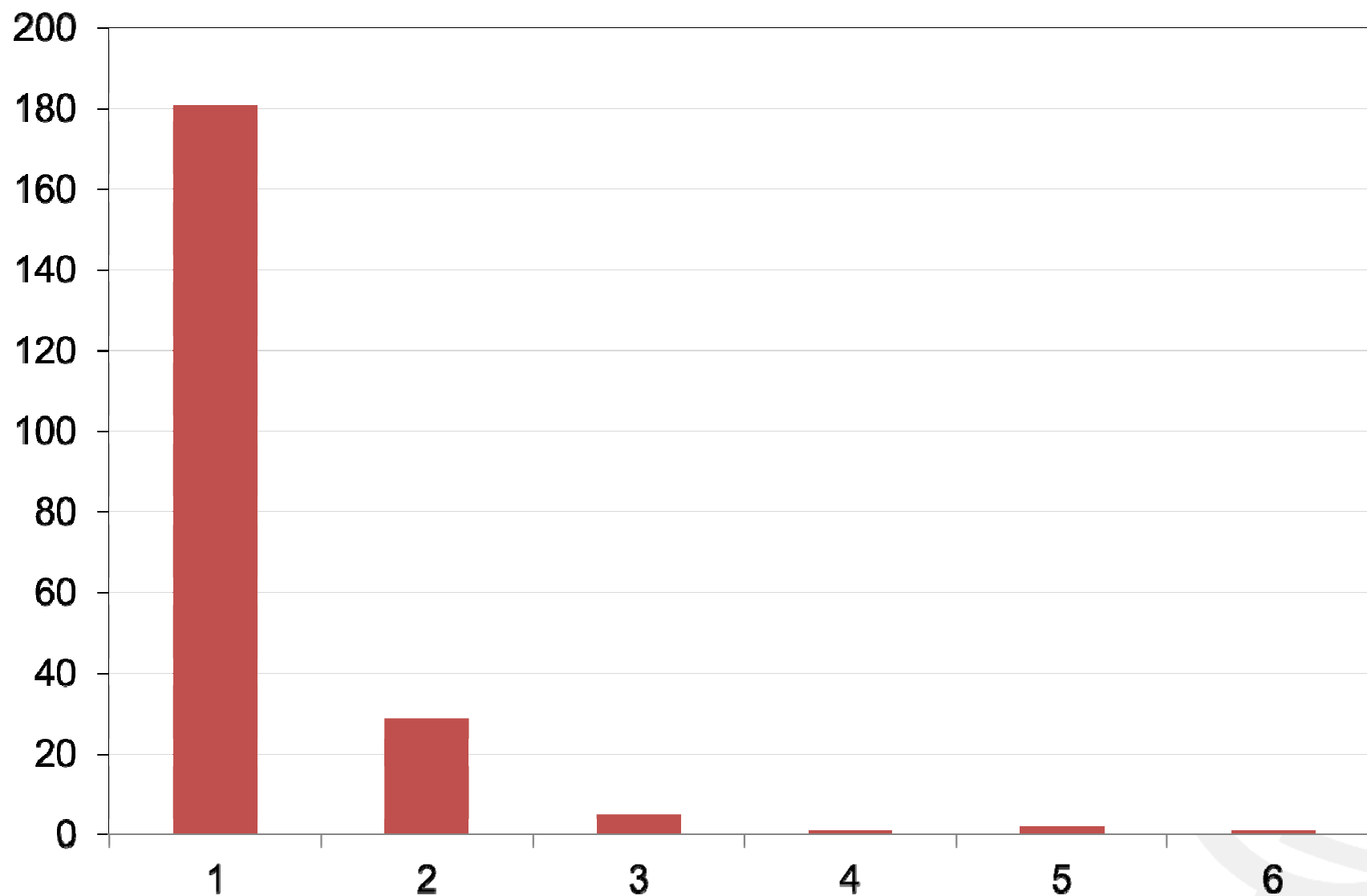


How many abstracts (lead or co-author)?



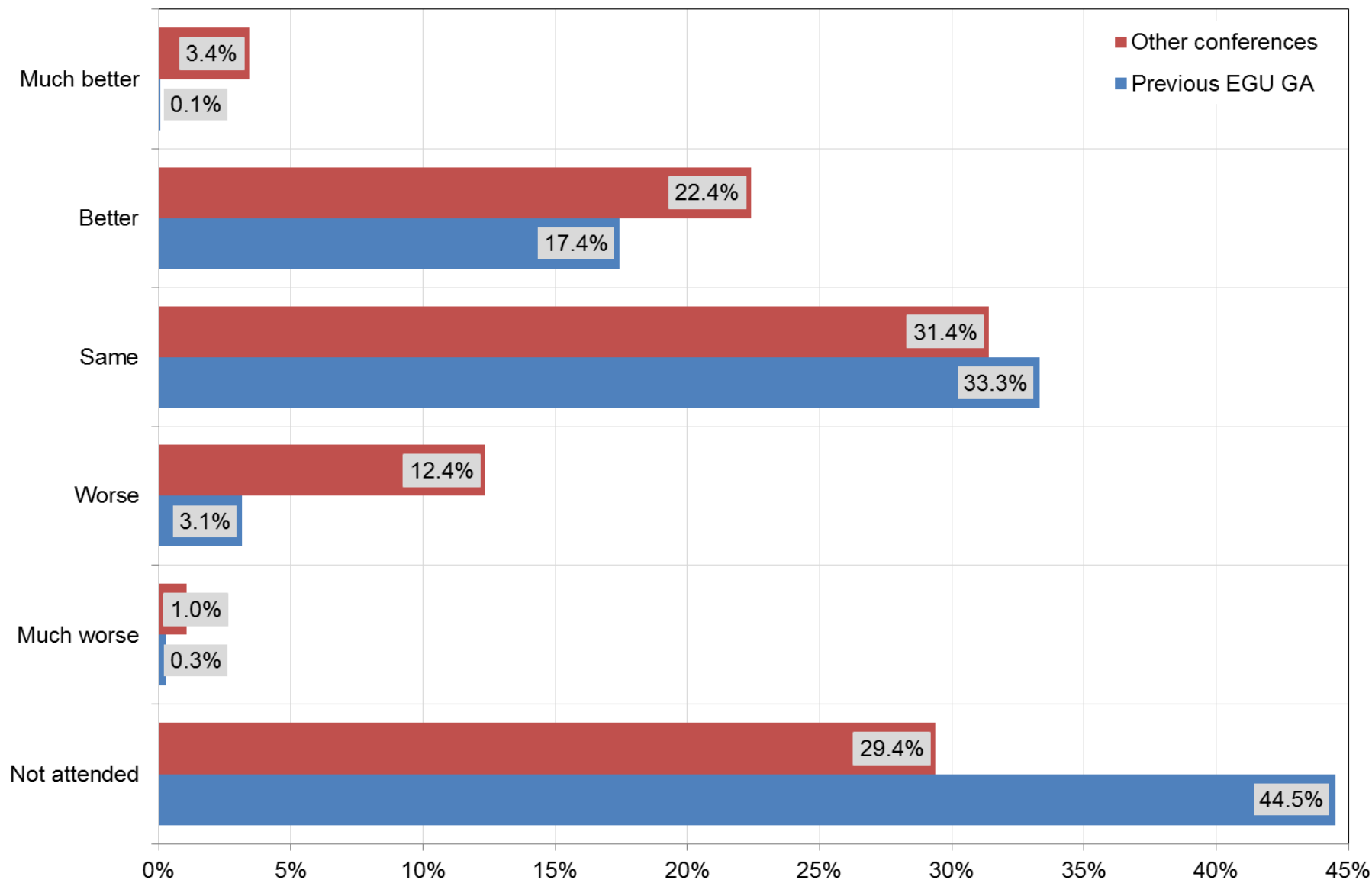


Convenor on how many sessions?



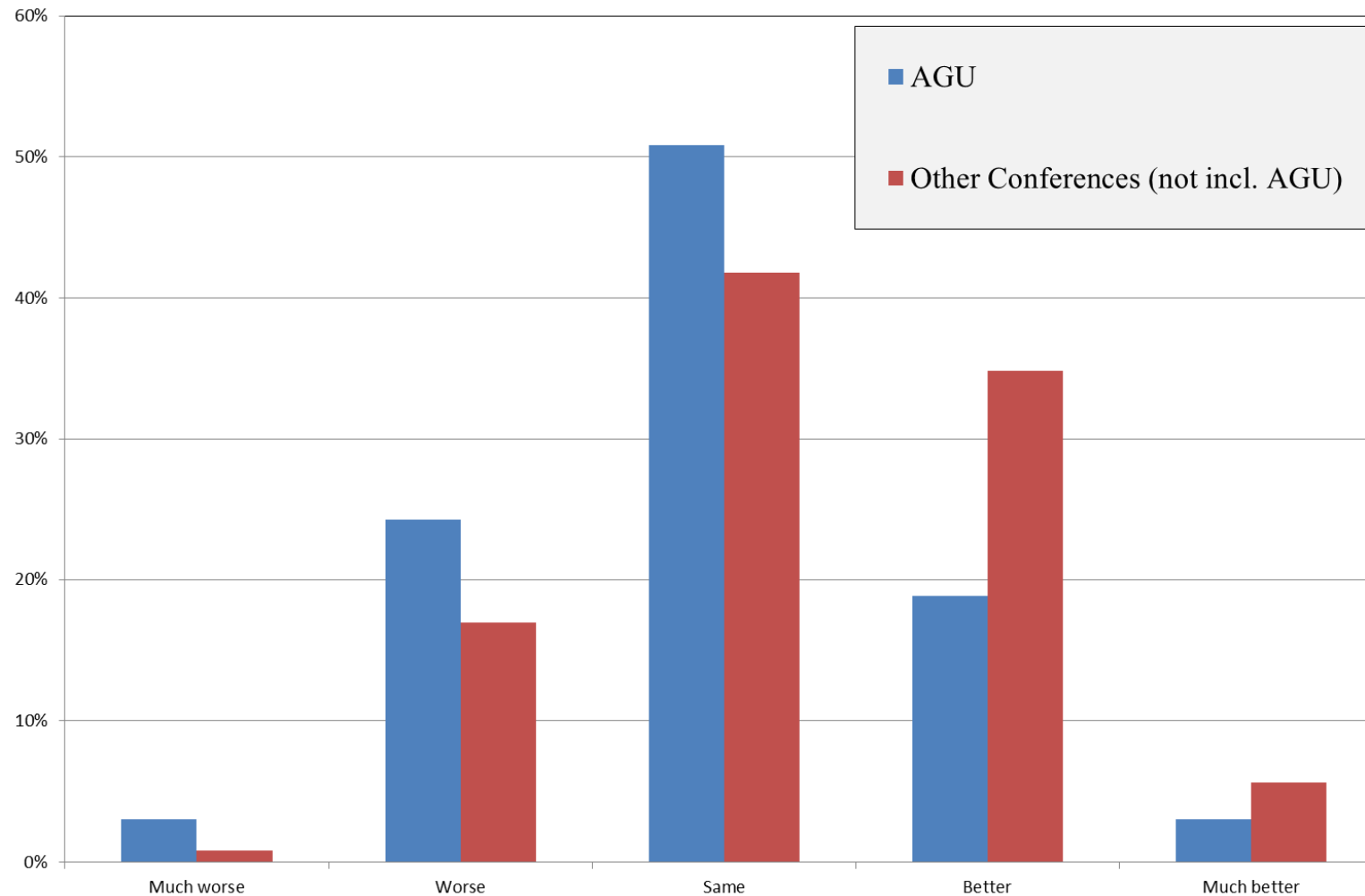


Experience Comparisons to other conferences





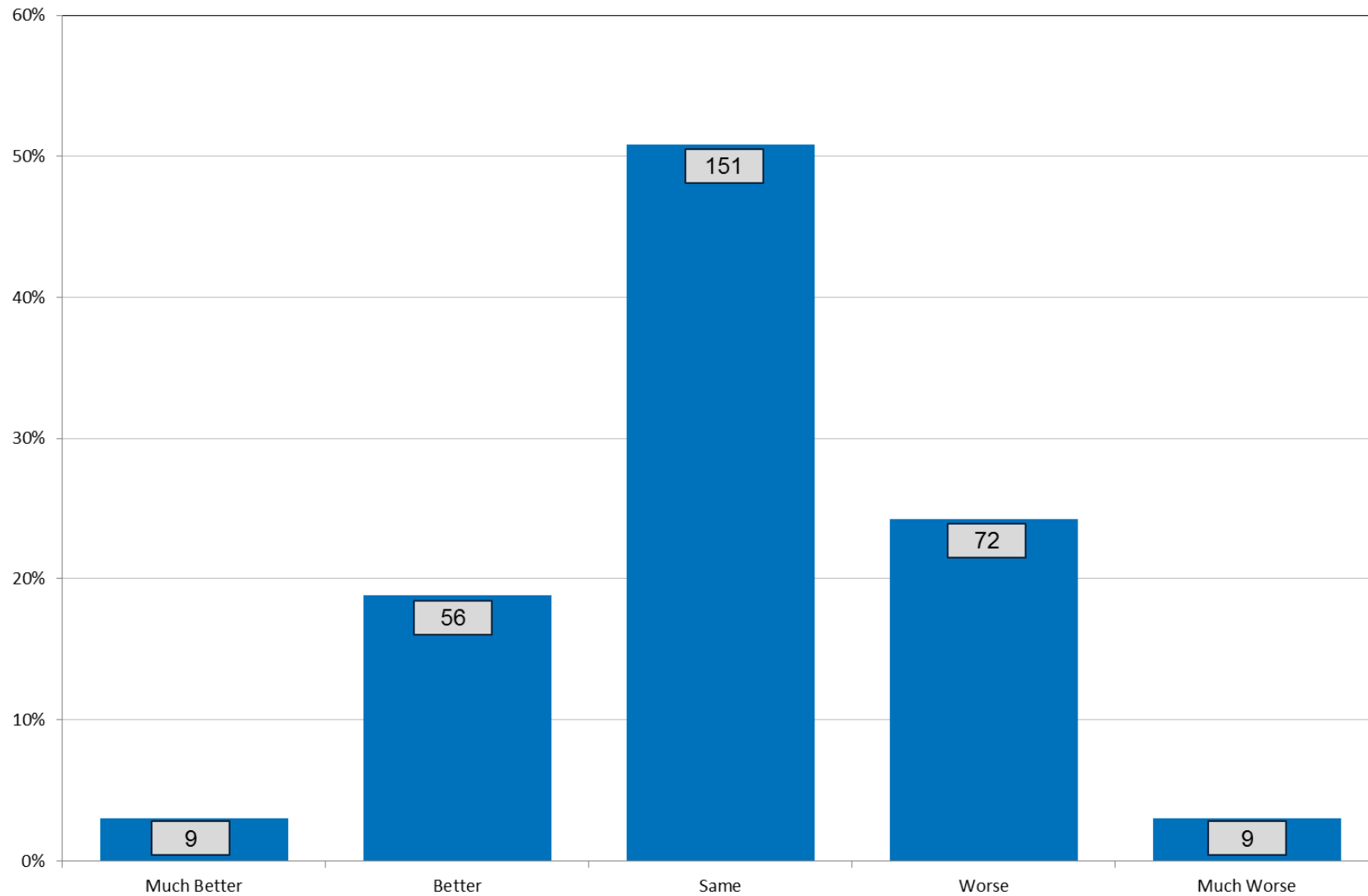
Comparison of EGU GA 2011 with other conferences



N.B. Europeans are more critical of EGU v's AGU than North Americans.



Comparison of EGU GA 2011 with AGU Fall Meeting





Comparison Conferences (participant numbers)

- Large (>10,000 participants)
 - AGU Fall meeting (18,789)

- Medium (1,501-10,000)
 - IUGG (4,375)
 - LPSC (1,600)
 - World Soil Science Congress (2,000)
 - IAC (1,340)
 - GSA (3,700 presentations)
 - AGU Joint assembly (2,147)
 - AGU Ocean Sciences (4,248)
 - Western Pacific Geophysics (1,463)
 - Goldschmidt (2,000)
 - COSPAR (2,500)
 - EAGE (5,500)

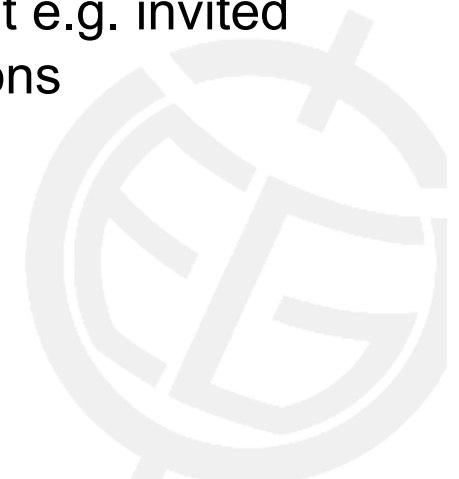
- Small (<1,500 participants)
 - IAG (363)
 - EMS (631)
 - IGARSS (1,500)
 - Eurosoil (1,500)





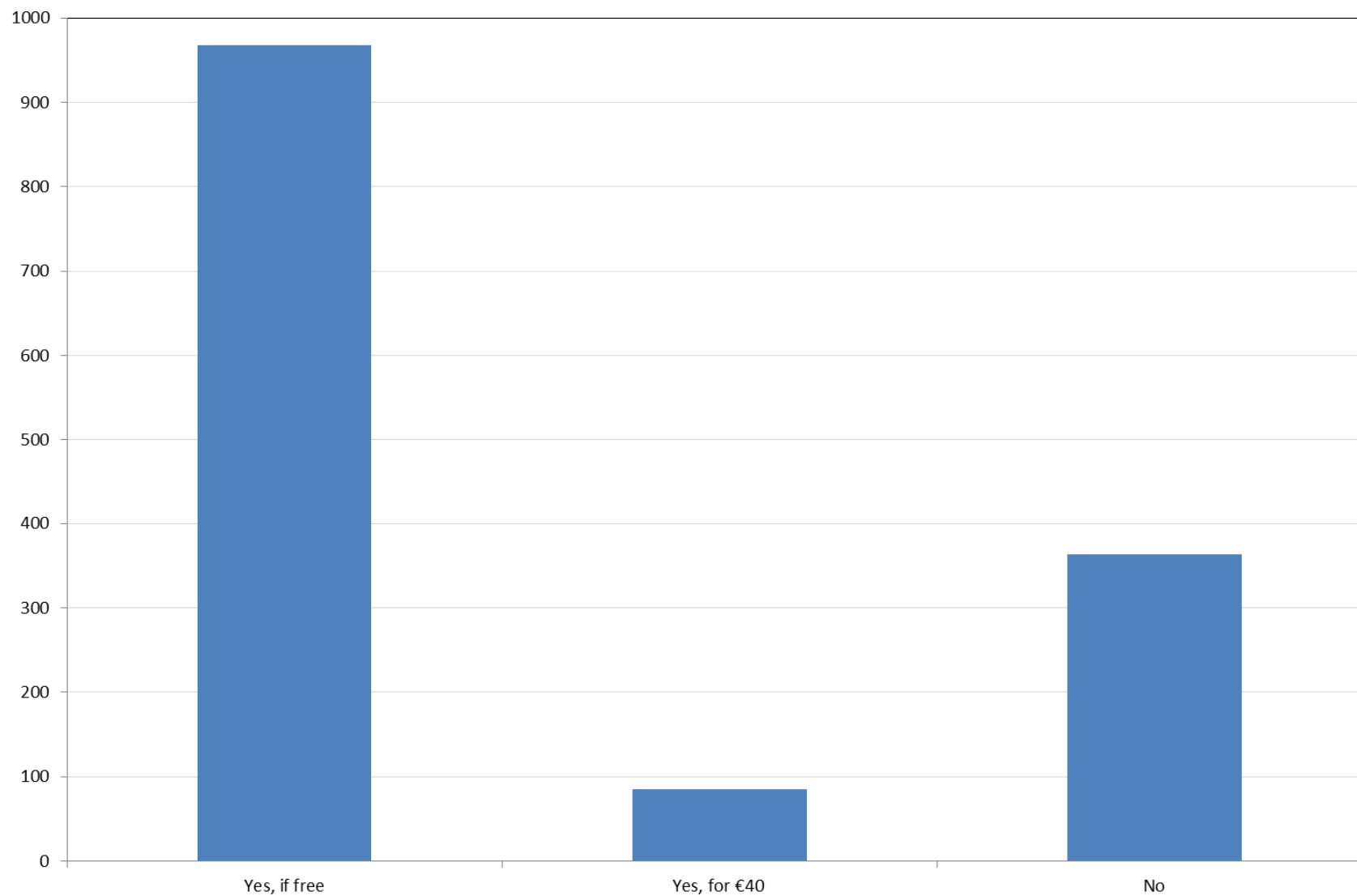
Poster Viewing Comments

- My favourite idea: Why not use colour codes for divisions
- Other things: longer for posters e.g. have posters TB4 +TB5, posters earlier in the day
- In general poster comments, lots of positive mentions for 2' poster summary orals and PSDs
- Several mentions of making posters more prominent e.g. invited posters, eminent scientists giving poster presentations





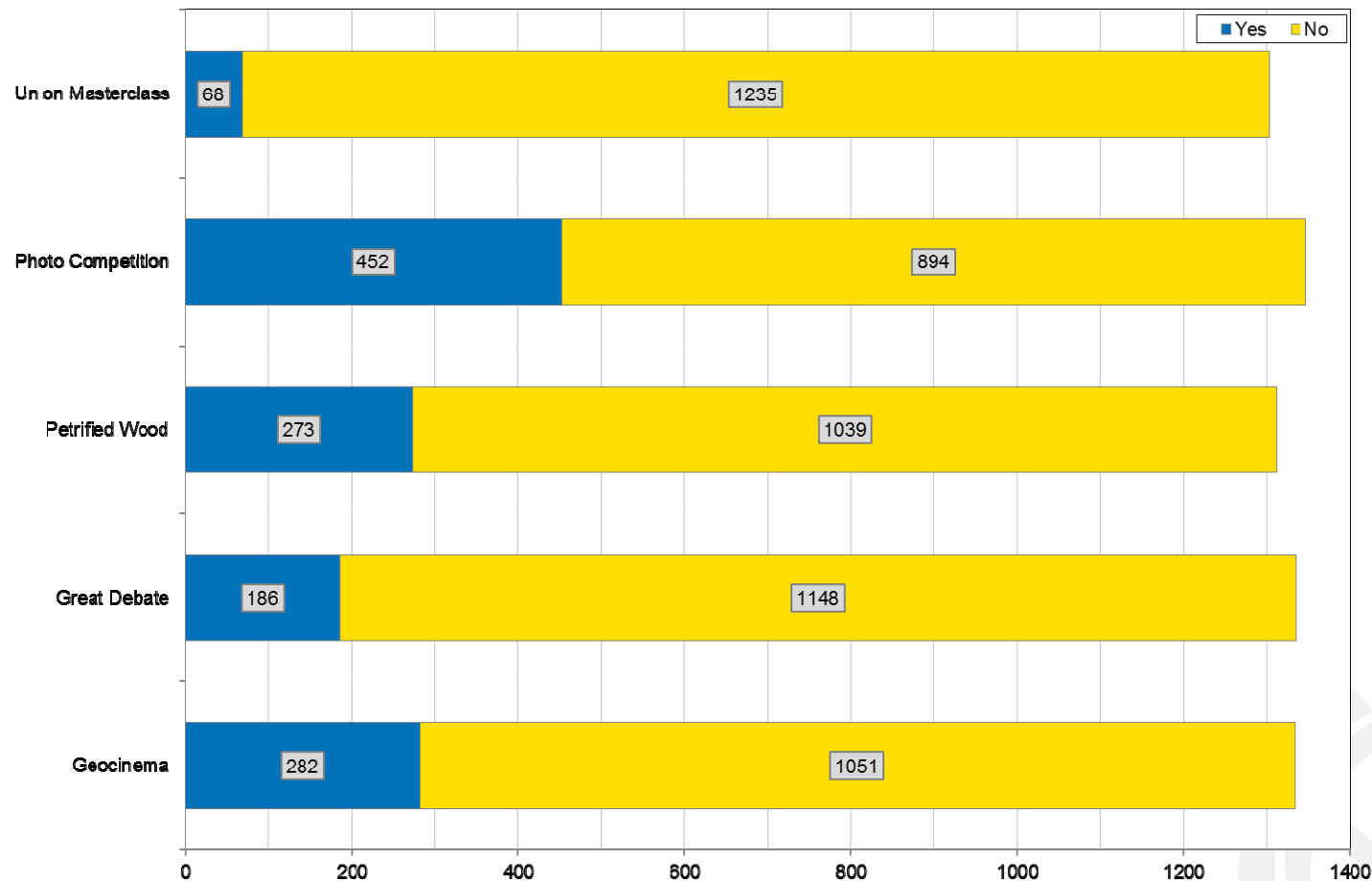
If available would you use an electronic poster board?







Did you attend the following?

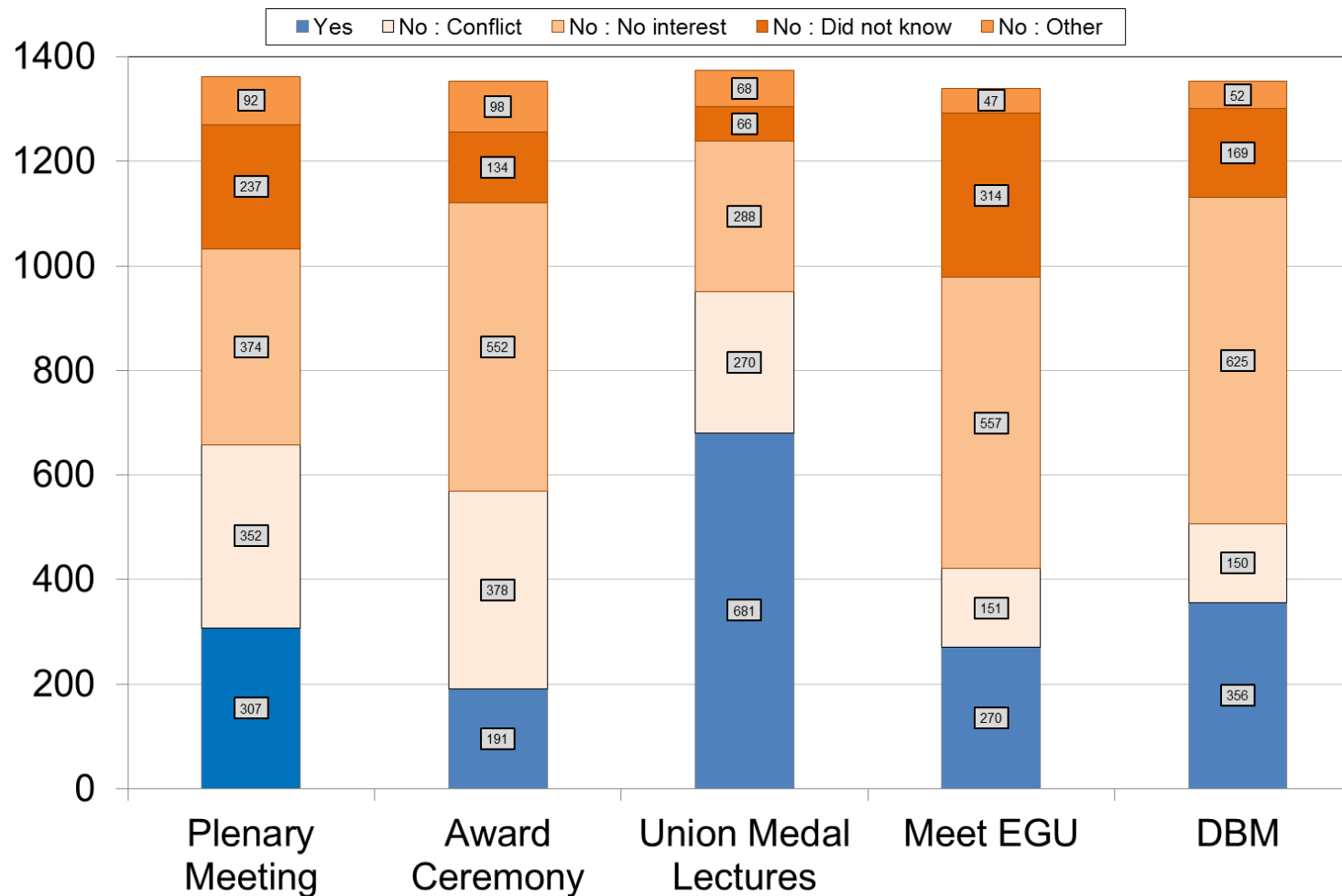


How interested are you in these extras at the EGU GA?

Not interested 10% | Neutral 44% | Interested 38% | Very Interested 8%



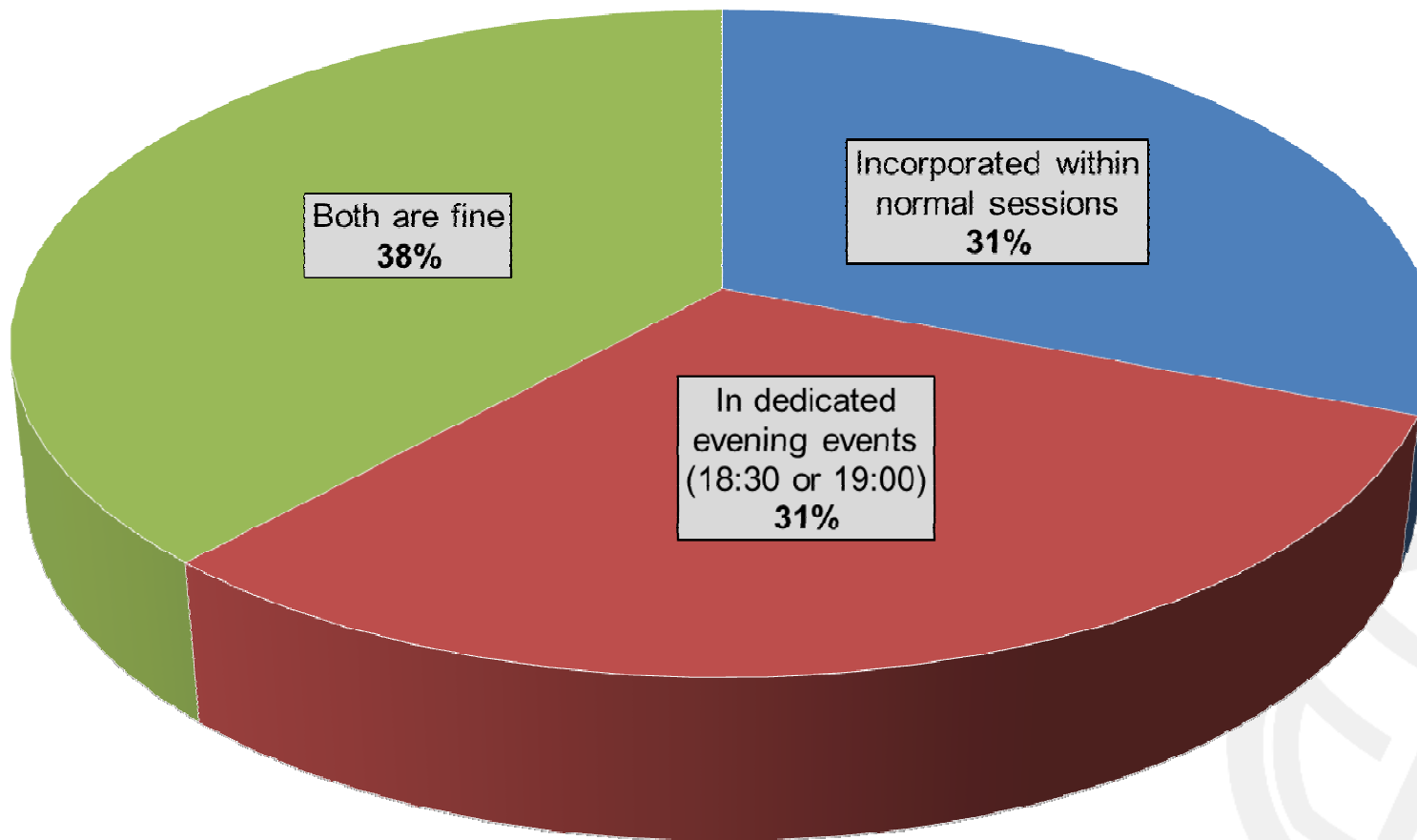
Attendance at other EGU events at the GA



‘Other’ reasons included: “What is it?” (Plenary), “wasn’t invited” “I’m not a senior scientist” (DBM), “know the EGU officers” “no time but a great idea” (meet EGU)



What is your preference for the schedule of the Division Medal Lectures?





Short Courses

- Would you like to see more short courses at EGU GA? **Yes 61% | No 39%**
- Would you attend given an interesting short course?
No 116 | Not likely 190 | Maybe 648 | Very likely 394 | Yes 135
- How long do you feel a short course should last? **1.5 hrs 413 | 3.0 hrs 1019 | 6.0 hrs 348**
- When should short courses be held (select all that apply)?
Sat before 17% | Sun before 45% | During 64% | Sat after 27% | Sun after 7%
- 488 suggestions of short course topics, 83 people interested in running one, interdisciplinarity mentioned
- Given a topic of interest for a half-day short course, what would be a reasonable fee?

	Manual	No manual	Total
No extra fee	526 (50%)	522 (50%)	1048
€25	558 (75%)	183 (25%)	741
€50	325 (79%)	87 (21%)	412
€100	97 (80%)	24 (20%)	121
€200	14 (52%)	13 (48%)	27



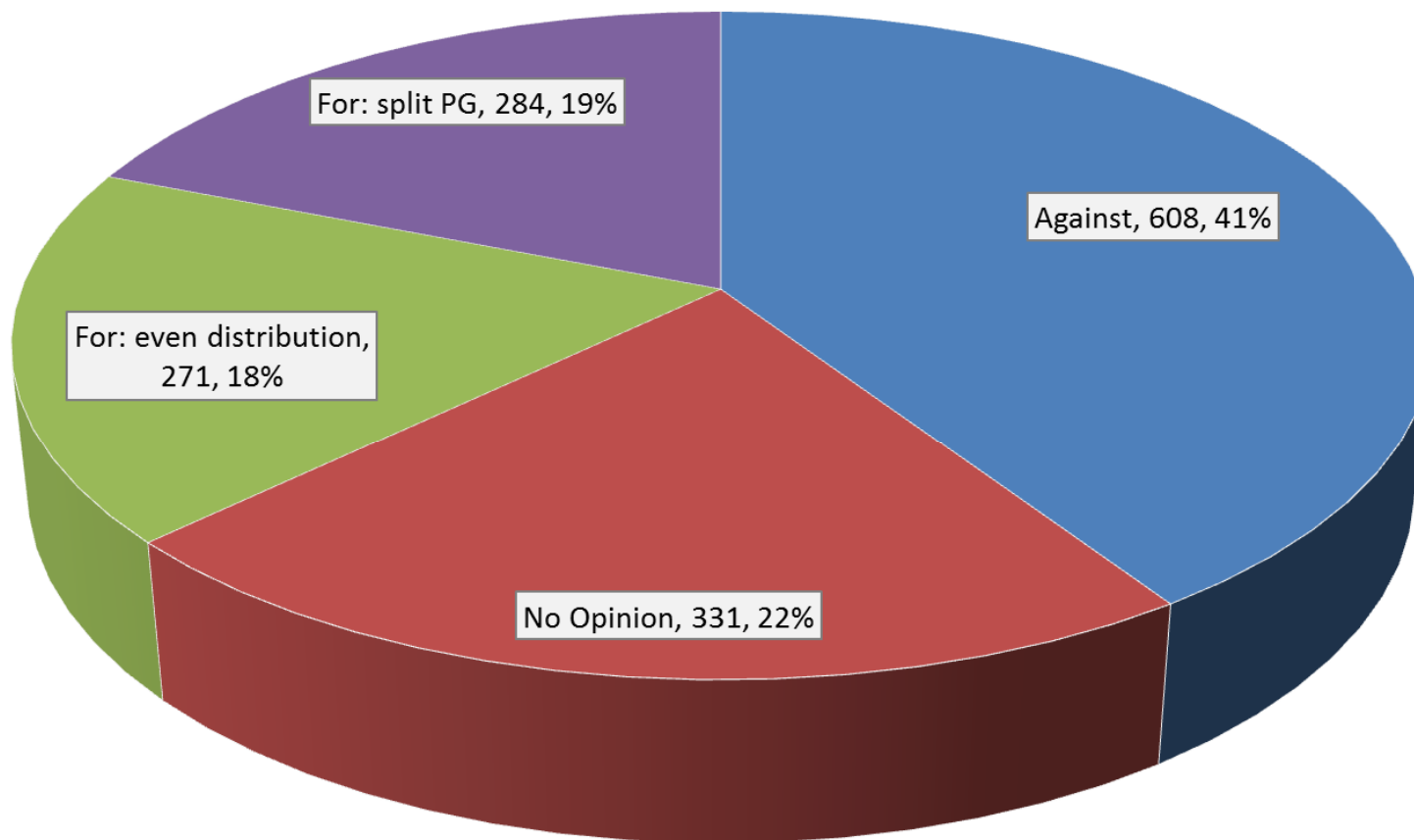
Comments on 'other' things at the EGU GA 2011

- **Geocinema:** differing comments on film lengths (too short and too long), seen as a good break, people enjoying speaking to film makers if there, comments on quality and beamer issues
- **Photo competition:** comments on it needing to be more prominent and criteria clearer (several comments on inclusion of non-photograph)
- **Petrified Wood:** comments generally that they would have liked it to be larger





Due to expansion, would you support a six day conference?



$n = 1,494$



APC and EGU GA

- Are you in favour of an APC? **Yes 80% | No 20%**
- Should people pay an APC for each abstract? **Yes 30% | No 56% | No opinion 14%**
- Can you pay an APC by credit card? **Yes 88% | No 12%**
- If no credit card, how can you pay APC? **Paypal 16% | Invoice 76% | Other 19%**
- Other includes: Debit card, comments on including all credit cards, cash at venue, bank transfer,
- Comments on the issue include: seems expensive, should be refunded if you show up, 'good idea', 'great idea, every conference should do it', increase it, change it to a fine e.g. your credit card will get charged if you don't show up



Children and EGU GA

- Did you bring children with you to EGU GA 2011?
Yes 2.2% | No 95.5% | Did not attend 2.3%
- Age of children (years)
< 2y 15 | 2-5y 14 | 6-10y 5 | 11-15y 7
- Did you use the EGU GA childcare facility **Yes 15% | No 85%**
- Reasons for non-use: did not know about it, children <2, expense, brought family member to Vienna with them
- Should EGU provide room for children <2 years (asked to all) **Yes 69% | No 31%**
- Would you use it? **Yes 45% | No 55%** ($n = 810$)





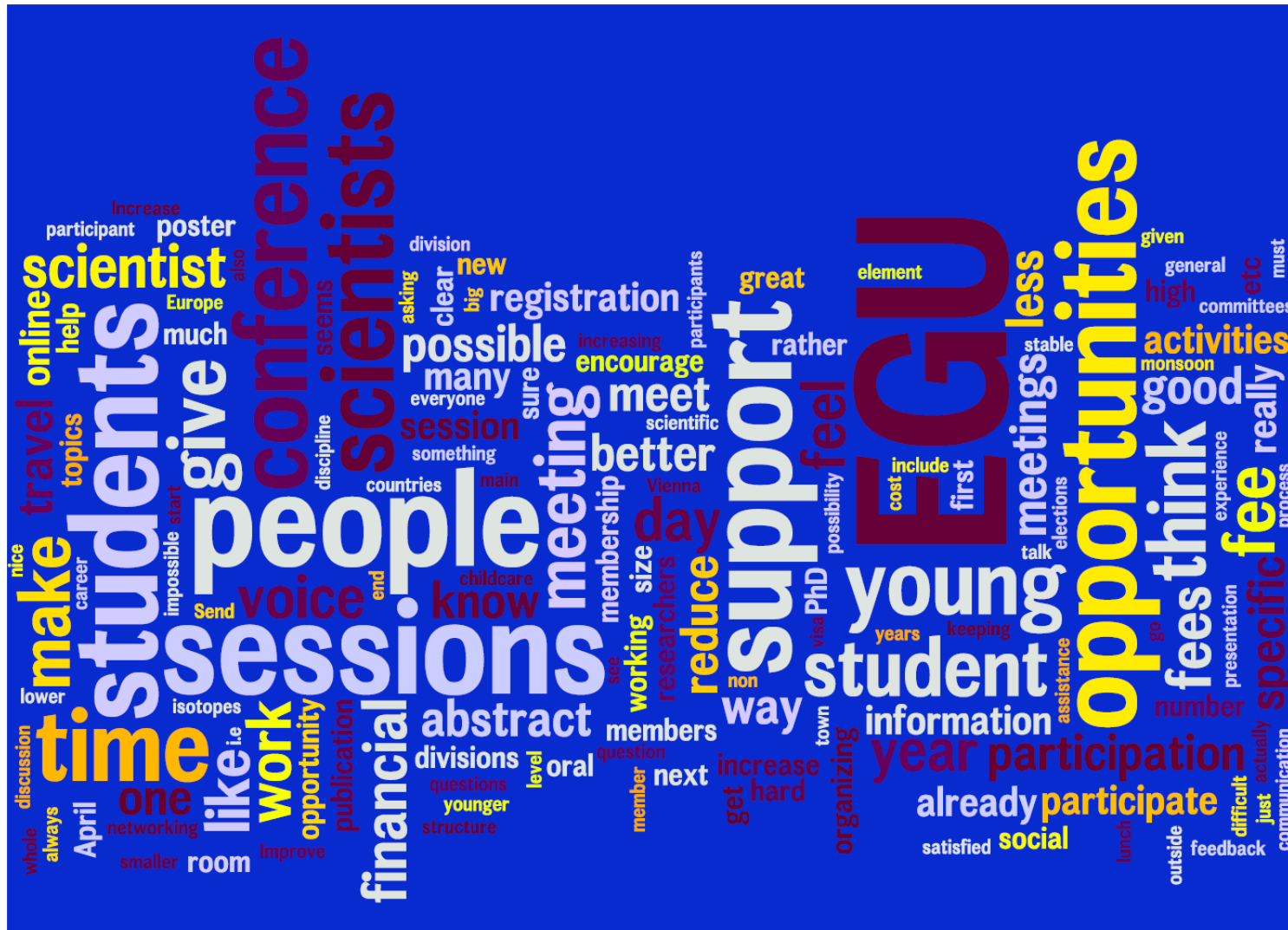
Carbon Offsetting

- Are you aware of the opportunity? **Yes 48.5% | No 51.5%**
- Are you in favour of carbon offsetting? **Yes 53.5% | No 46.5%**
- How do you feel it should be paid for?
**EGU shouldn't offset carbon 2% | Personal funds 10% |
Employer 14% | in registration 45% | Sponsorship 27% | Other 2%**
- *Other* comments: combination of the above, negotiate train ticket prices, reduce fee for those who travel by train instead of plane, make sure its not cosmetic





Do you feel like you have a voice in EGU? Yes 61% No 39%





Any other comments?





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Thanks to all, who organizes EGU for your excellent work!

Thank you for all your efforts. It is great to see Europeans are getting a real voice in geosciences over the years, thanks to EGU!

EGU should not be a copy of AGU. Most people, even Europeans, compare now the EGU to the AGU every time they have some criticism. This is not OK.

Important place to meet colleagues and discuss future projects. Thanks to EGU and the organizers at Copernicus





Social Media at EGU GA 2011

- Did you visit or follow the EGU GA 2011 blog or @egu2011 twitter account?

	Yes	No	No Knowledge
Blog	178	918	382
Twitter	89	996	373

- Actual data for blog and twitter use during the General Assembly
 - > 4,000 blog visits
 - 79 tweets, some retweeted
 - >50 mentions of #egu2011 or @egu2011
- Majority of readers and followers of EGU Social Media are not at the GA!

