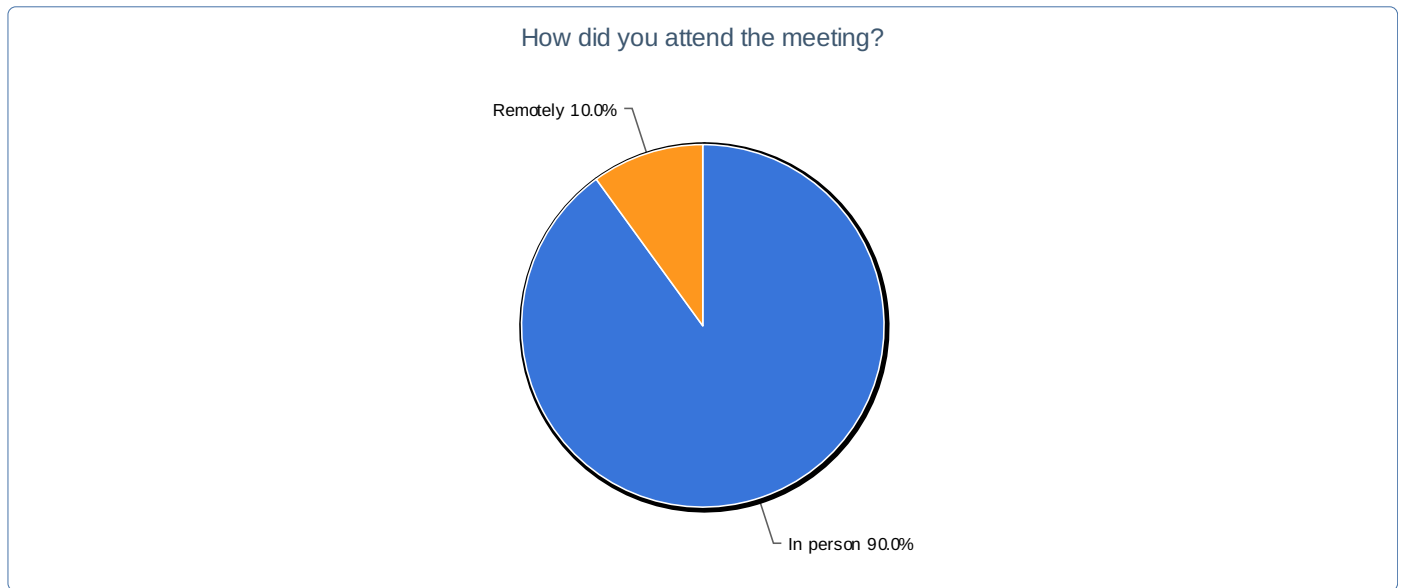


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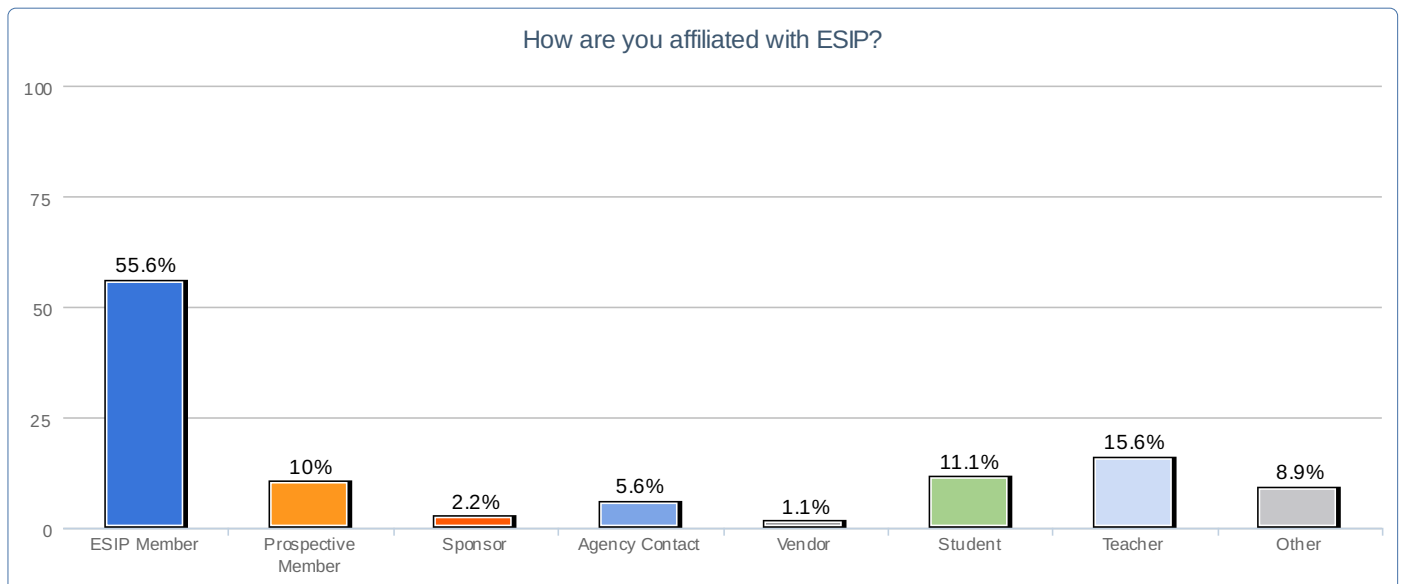
Survey: ESIP Summer 2012 Meeting Evaluation



2. How did you attend the meeting?

Value	Count	Percent %
In person	81	90%
Remotely	9	10%

Statistics	
Total Responses	90



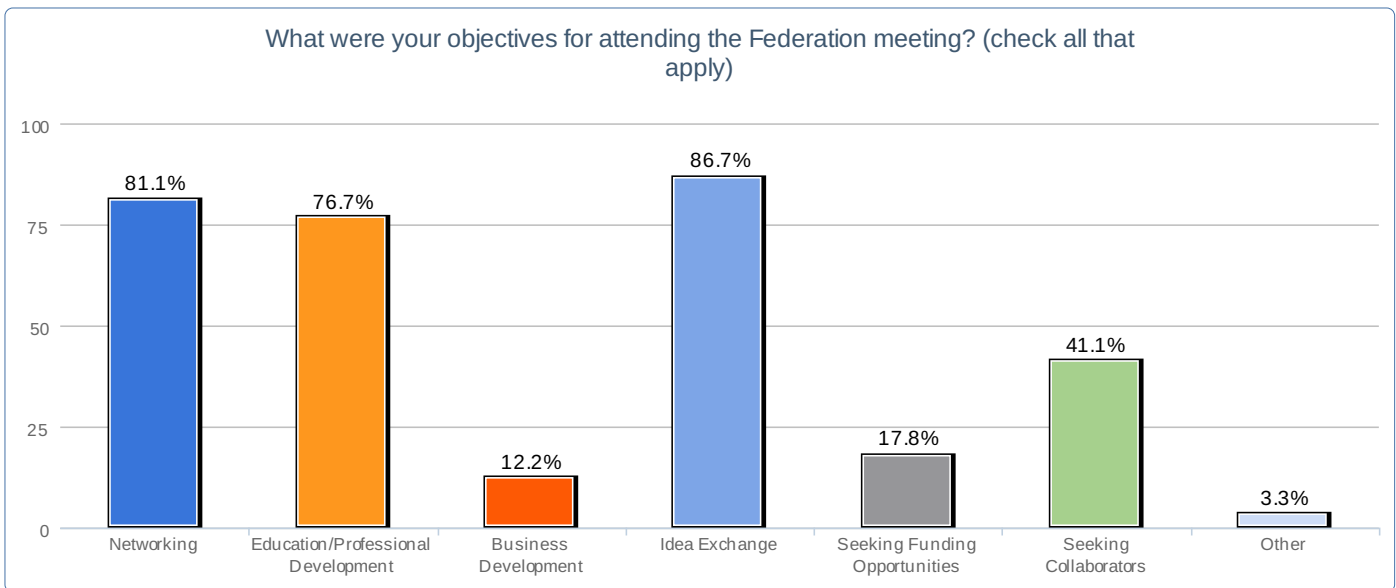
3. How are you affiliated with ESIP?

Value	Count	Percent %
ESIP Member	50	55.6%
Prospective Member	9	10%
Sponsor	2	2.2%
Agency Contact	5	5.6%
Vendor	1	1.1%
Student	10	11.1%
Teacher	14	15.6%

Statistics	
Total Responses	90

Other 8 8.9%

Open-Text Response Breakdown for "Other"	Count
Left Blank	1
Buffalo state participant	1
Engineer at ASF	1
I might be a member.	1
Interested party	1
Interested person	1
Teacher Workshop (non-Teacher)	1
individual	1



4. What were your objectives for attending the Federation meeting? (check all that apply)

Value	Count	Percent %
Networking	73	81.1%
Education/Professional Development	69	76.7%
Business Development	11	12.2%
Idea Exchange	78	86.7%
Seeking Funding Opportunities	16	17.8%
Seeking Collaborators	37	41.1%
Other	3	3.3%

Statistics	
Total Responses	90

Open-Text Response Breakdown for "Other"	Count
EarthCube sessions	1
advertising/showcasing our capabilities	1
staying abreast of recent developments in the field	1

5. General meeting observations

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	Responses
The 2012 ESIP Summer Meeting was very valuable	58.0% 47	39.5% 32	2.5% 2	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	81
I had sufficient opportunity to network with others.	53.1% 43	38.3% 31	2.5% 2	4.9% 4	0.0% 0	1.2% 1	81

The meeting theme was relevant to me.	46.3%	38.8%	15.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80
	37	31	12	0	0	0	

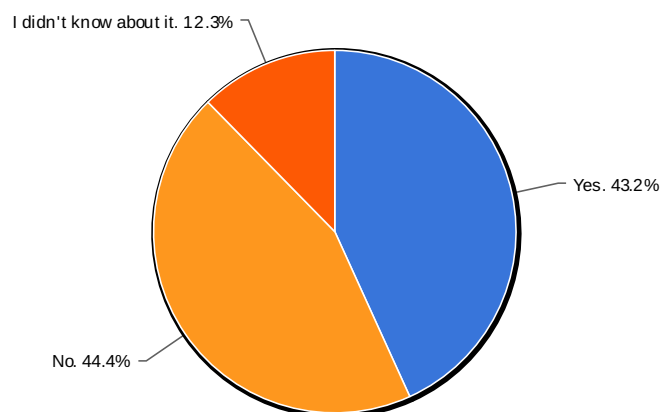
6. How would you rate the quality of the ESIP Meeting Sessions?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Responses
Plenary Speakers	28.4%	45.7%	13.6%	0.0%	0.0%	12.3%	81
	23	37	11	0	0	10	
Innovator Lightning talks (Wed AM)	46.9%	34.6%	4.9%	2.5%	0.0%	11.1%	81
	38	28	4	2	0	9	
Poster Session (Wed PM)	25.9%	50.6%	6.2%	1.2%	0.0%	16.0%	81
	21	41	5	1	0	13	
Workshops	33.3%	56.8%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	81
	27	46	2	0	0	6	
Breakout Sessions	28.8%	48.8%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	16.3%	80
	23	39	5	0	0	13	
Committee Business/Planning Meetings	11.5%	15.4%	7.7%	1.3%	0.0%	64.1%	78
	9	12	6	1	0	50	

7. In order to improve the meeting quality please rate the following items

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Responses
Breakout session and workshop scheduling	38.3%	48.1%	7.4%	1.2%	0.0%	4.9%	81
	31	39	6	1	0	4	
Breadth of topic coverage within breakout sessions and workshops	40.7%	42.0%	8.6%	0.0%	0.0%	8.6%	81
	33	34	7	0	0	7	
Depth of topic coverage within breakout sessions and workshops	33.3%	46.9%	6.2%	4.9%	0.0%	8.6%	81
	27	38	5	4	0	7	
Audio Visual Services	34.6%	47.4%	9.0%	3.8%	0.0%	5.1%	78
	27	37	7	3	0	4	
Location of Meeting	64.2%	33.3%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	81
	52	27	2	0	0	0	
Conference Facilities	63.3%	34.2%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	79
	50	27	1	1	0	0	
Food Quality	55.0%	32.5%	8.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	80
	44	26	7	1	1	1	
Computer Network Connectivity	65.4%	32.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	81
	53	26	0	0	0	2	
Support staff for the meeting	75.9%	22.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	79
	60	18	0	0	0	1	

The #ESIPFed Twitter stream was useful for me.



8. The #ESIPFed Twitter stream was useful for me.

Value	Count	Percent %	Statistics	
Yes.	35	43.2%	Total Responses	81
No.	36	44.4%		
I didn't know about it.	10	12.3%		

9. General meeting observations

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	Responses
The 2012 ESIP Summer Meeting was very valuable	25.0% 2	50.0% 4	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	25.0% 2	8
I had sufficient opportunity to network with others.	0.0% 0	25.0% 2	12.5% 1	25.0% 2	0.0% 0	37.5% 3	8
The meeting theme was relevant to me.	33.3% 3	44.4% 4	11.1% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	11.1% 1	9

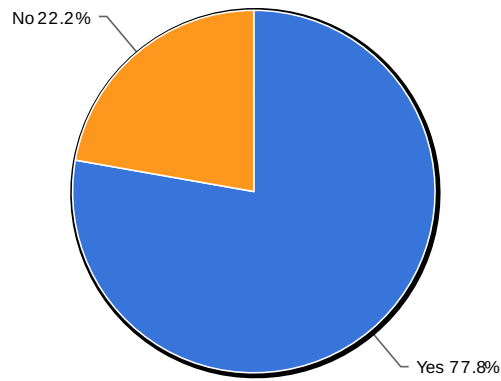
10. How would you rate the quality of the ESIP Meeting Sessions?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Responses
Plenary Speakers	25.0% 2	25.0% 2	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	37.5% 3	8
Innovator Lightning talks (Wed AM)	25.0% 2	25.0% 2	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	37.5% 3	8
Poster Session (Wed PM)	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	87.5% 7	8
Workshops	0.0% 0	44.4% 4	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	55.6% 5	9
Breakout Sessions	0.0% 0	50.0% 4	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	37.5% 3	8
Committee Business/Planning Meetings	12.5% 1	25.0% 2	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	50.0% 4	8

11. In order to improve the meeting quality please rate the following items

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable	Responses
Breakout session and workshop scheduling	12.5% 1	62.5% 5	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	12.5% 1	8
Breadth of topic coverage within breakout sessions and workshops	28.6% 2	42.9% 3	14.3% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	14.3% 1	7
Depth of topic coverage within breakout sessions and workshops	28.6% 2	42.9% 3	14.3% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	14.3% 1	7
Audio Visual Services	28.6% 2	28.6% 2	28.6% 2	0.0% 0	14.3% 1	0.0% 0	7
Computer Network Connectivity	42.9% 3	42.9% 3	14.3% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	7
Support staff for the meeting	75.0% 6	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	12.5% 1	8

Would you attend an ESIP Meeting remotely again?



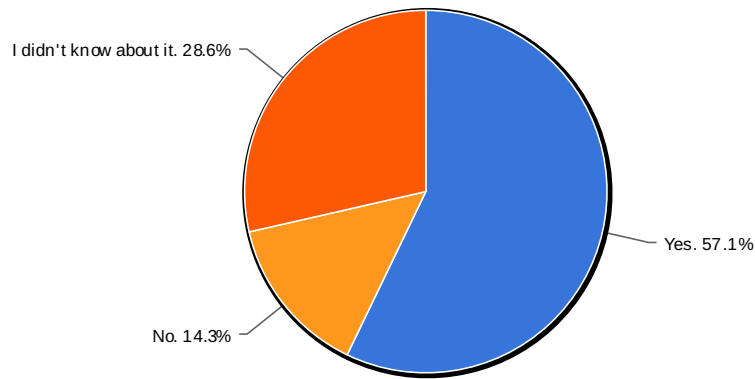
12. Would you attend an ESIP Meeting remotely again?

Value	Count	Percent %	Statistics	
Yes	7	77.8%	Total Responses	9
No	2	22.2%		

13. Are there other remote meeting platforms or enhancements we could have done to make the remote experience better for you?

Count	Response
1	Not really
1	Perhaps you could schedule one or two free-form chat sessions where in-person attendees are encouraged to sign on and network with the remote attendees, and remote attendees could talk to each other in a way other than private chats during sessions. Also, there were many times where presenters forgot to repeat questions, and I was unable to hear the questions. Either making sure the per-person mics are working or briefing the presenters on that aspect would be helpful.
1	I think this was very well done. The only issues I ever had were in one or two breakout sessions where they would sometimes forget about the virtual participants - that was rare, and when reminded we were always included again.
1	I would like to see the lecturer when speaking, and also the audience. Maybe for the next meeting, you could install real cameras (not webcam) within the auditorium in order to enhance this experience.
1	There were a number of times when presenters completely forgot about the remote attendees, making it impossible to participate in question and answer sessions. I also gave up on some sessions because the sound quality was so bad I couldn't actually follow what was going on.
1	The video was not up right away and the audio was extremely hard to hear. There were two presenters and one spoke so softly that you couldn't hear her. Any audience questions were not repeated and were not heard.
1	remote attendance is not a good substitute for in person attendance. There were some rough edges which did get resolved about one hour into the session (in the breakout session I attended). I appreciate the diligence of people who worked on solving the problems. My primary reason for attending remotely this year was the conflict with IGARSS the following week. Next year's IGARSS is July 21-26 in Australia. I would probably have the same issue if the ESIP meeting were held the week before or the week after.

The #ESIPFed Twitter stream was useful for me.

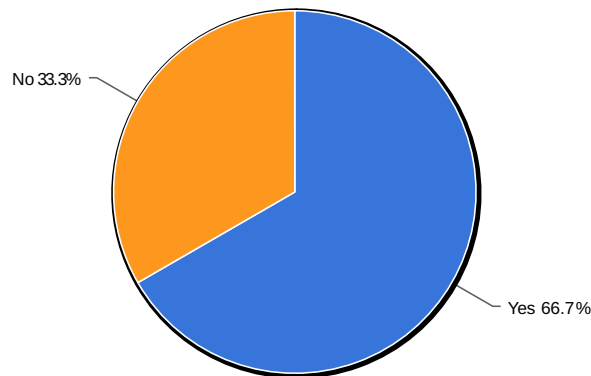


14. The #ESIPFed Twitter stream was useful for me.

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes.	4	57.1%
No.	1	14.3%
I didn't know about it.	2	28.6%

Statistics	
Total Responses	7

Did you visit or try to use the ESIP Commons?



15. Did you visit or try to use the ESIP Commons?

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	58	66.7%
No	29	33.3%

Statistics	
Total Responses	87

16. In what ways did the ESIP Commons add (or not) value to you as a meeting poster presenter/attendee/session chair?

Count	Response
1	Adds nice online focal point for each session.
1	Background information
1	Didn't use it much, just visited, so can't really say

1	Easy to use and share information
1	Great place to centralise all material
1	I didn't use it to post information.
1	I found many opportunities for improving the offerings on the ESIP Commons for my working group.
1	I had not had the opportunity yet to visit the ESIP Commons.
1	I have visited ESIP Commons but did not during the meeting.
1	I liked that the posters were available in digital format
1	I was able to add a poster.
1	I was able to look up the schedule online, but not much else at the time.
1	I'll use this next time.
1	Information
1	It allowed me to plan which sessions to attend, followup ESIP meeting by reviewing talks posted.
1	It had all the information I was looking for.
1	It made it easy to find out session information. I really like the poster section.
1	It provides a persistent location for the digital poster and the abstract.
1	It was a tangible way to access a wide variety of content in a clear way.
1	It was good.
1	It was simple to post my abstract and poster on the commons.
1	Liked having a place to put the poster for posterity.
1	N/A
1	NA
1	Networking and new ways to use data was most valuable
1	Put information into a better container for discovery and reuse.
1	Session organizers for Geospatial did not update the commons site, so it was of limited use.
1	Still too early to tell
1	Very valuable. Was able to keep track of all sessions and plan which I will attend.
1	easy to keep track of posters
1	exchange of documents
1	only used to get to the meeting wiki and registrations
1	to review posters I didn't get a chance to look at in detail
1	was able to see what other posters were being presented
1	sometimes it provided a schedule for what was happening in the session. I looked at almost every session I went to
1	I wanted to print the agenda ahead of time, but it was too difficult using the wiki-like format. It would have taken up too many pages to print.
1	It seemed particularly helpful in supporting the registration and uploading of posters. It would be nice if we could find a way to go paperless with posters.
1	I will go to review the posters more thoroughly. It is hard to see many of them at the session especially if you have one yourself.
1	What other people were thinking/wondering/taking away. Some were able to answer questions or provide useful links
1	As a session chair I wasn't quite ready to fully utilize the commons but I intend to do so for publishing presentations from the meeting.
1	Useful to advertise sessions and discover details of other sessions. Drawback is that there didn't seem to be a way to directly link to a particular session - in the wiki, that is possible but with the commons, no (or, it wasn't clear how if it was possible).
1	Great place to see what was happening during ESIP. Meeting and sessions being grouped and searchable was great.
1	It was very good, since we could find easily sessions and "restrict" list based on subject. I appreciated that.
1	notetakers were very valuable; posting these to the commons is a great idea. it's a great way for us to follow up on outstanding items.
1	This is an excellent way for participants to re-visit a workshop or meeting, and excellent notes were provided from note-takers.
1	More information, that could be digested at leisure! Wonderful idea - I wish more of the presenters had used it more.
1	The commons provided information such as session chairs and other names of presenters which I found useful.

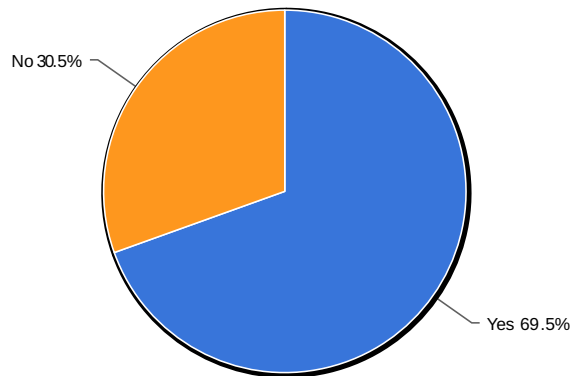
1	I used ESIP commons to get additional detail about the sessions when trying to determine which to attend. Some sessions had detailed information but most had minimal information, making it difficult to judge what was going to be discussed or presented in a session until in the room.
1	It would definitely have added value if I'd had the time to peruse the posters more thoroughly; it was great knowing it was there.
1	Kind of tedious adding all the authors, when necessary. Other than that, it's fine. Were some errors displayed on the pages when I went a few times.

17. Were there problems in using the ESIP Commons, and, if so, can you recommend any changes?

Count	Response
1	ESIP Commons? What were the ESIP Commons??? Was this the wiki? That I did use.
1	I haven't used it enough to make any recommendations.
1	I tried to find notes from a few of the sessions but I don't think they were posted yet.
1	It was unclear to me how to access slides for the individual sessions.
1	Just the error messages i saw. No real functional issues, though.
1	May want to make the interactivity more a feature.
3	N/A
1	NA
3	No
1	No Problems
1	No problem.
2	No problems.
2	No.
1	None
1	None that I can recall.
1	Not at this time.
1	See #10 above.
1	The ESIP Commons setup was somewhat clunky to use.
1	Wasn't easy to navigate and some material was slow to be published
4	no
1	no... the problem was me...
1	not for my purposes
1	seemed to work fine to me
1	Only issue is a little confusion in that both the ESIP Commons and esipfed.org wiki pages exist, so may not be always clear which is the appropriate location for content.
1	Need to make sure all sessions publish detailed agendas with topics and presenters prior to the meeting to facilitate assessment of the meeting's value.
1	I tried to upload a 2.5 MB .mov file, but that format was not supported. Instead I posted the movies to youtube and put the link in my abstract.
1	It would be very useful for the uninitiated (students, first timers, those new to a specific project) if a longer description, perhaps in abstract form, could be presented along with the session title. Often the conference schedule didn't provide enough information about projects, presenters, and the organizations involved.
1	I don't recall where it occurred, but the window within a window interface was really annoying. I found it really difficult to find information about remote access. Tried to do this when one of the session leaders recommended we log in to Webex.
1	It was a bit wonky that you had to click on the name of the PHYSICAL Room to get the VIRTUAL WebEx information to participate. I guess 'Room Location' doesn't really scream 'WebEx' to me. I would have expected to have the VIRTUAL attendance info listed on the initial landing page above the Abstract with other details.
1	Strongly encourage presenters to upload even a preliminary presentation/poster ahead of the meeting, and modify with final presentation, if necessary, after. I found it much easier to follow the presentations that were available ahead of time, especially if there were technical snafus during the session.

1 Yes - it would not accept my picture.... appeared to work with no errors but it just didn't update it.

Are you interested in participating in testing the ESIP Commons as it evolves?



18. Are you interested in participating in testing the ESIP Commons as it evolves?

Value	Count	Percent %	Statistics	
Yes	57	69.5%	Total Responses	82
No	25	30.5%		

19. What topic areas or themes would you like to see covered during future meetings?

Count	Response
1	-
1	?
1	Climate change Alternative energy Geothermal energy
1	Cloud, Web Service standards or convention, Visualization, Swath data tool
1	Continue the documenting data, identifiers, use of technology
1	Continued opportunities for teachers - I loved the Teacher Workshops!!
1	Continued sessions on data visualization.
1	Data interoperability. Ideas and concerns related to data management.
1	Data quality and information quality; focus on users; interoperability/readability
1	Data system architecture and technologies
1	Discovery, application of Semantic technologies within the federation, data access and provenance
1	ESIP services and resources
1	Evaluating the contribution of Informatics/Data science to Earth and Environmental Sciences
1	Federated search protocols, use of map reduce techniques to process heterogeneous data sets.
1	I haven't really given this much thought.
1	I think the ESIP topics list is pretty broad already.
1	It's all been great two years running!
1	Metadata interoperability
1	More educational use
1	More in situ data management themes
1	More on semantics, data integration and management
1	Ontologies for geospatial applications
1	Real, successful examples of unusual and novel applications of Earth Science data.

1	Socio-technical aspects of virtual organizations
1	Software architectures of various institutions, processing pipelines or product generation
1	State of citing data in publications Like to workshops on tools
1	We spoke a bit about Trust. Another thought is bridging the gap from idea to action
1	Weather
1	crowd sourcing for quality and content
1	data life-cycle, preservation, documentation and evolving tools
1	education
1	i thought there was a good selection of topics.
1	interoperability, integration of different types of community input
1	long-term data preservation and access Data portals
1	more applications for classroom
1	perhaps an i18n topic area plus m2m
1	visualization (I'm partial)
1	visualization and big data access technologies
1	I would like more Education and Outreach - not just E&O on the science side, but E&O about what ESIP actually is and is trying to do - for ESIP and associated projects to succeed long term, they need to be adopted by the scientific community, who therefore needs to be educated as the value of this.
1	More sharing of how the presenters can form lessons and activities that a classroom teacher could use. I would of liked to see more discussion and lesson sharing between New York teachers and those from Wisconsin. This is would be an interesting sharing of ideas related to STEM.
1	how teachers can access more real data to teach analysis/synthesis, or just to familiarize students with scientific data?
1	R... I use it a lot and would like to see how R users can more directly linke up with data repositories, interact with .hdf, netcdf, etc., work with Linked Data. Workshops of the OneR package (when complete) would be good. Maybe some discussion of R's SPARQL package...
1	For the teachers sessions, a lesson sharing session, or "how I used the iPad" would be really helpful.
1	Practical HDF usage (the HDF for Dummies was way more confusing than useful for me) Continued Cloud Computing Tracks
1	Federation of catalogs Data exchange via standardized services Training and community evolution toward standard
1	- A working example/demo of using a workflow (such as Pegasus, Taverna, etc.) - Perhaps a real-time data session? - Data Citation/DOI processes
1	"Big Data"-related "Digital Divide" between accessing long time series with high temporal resolution and archiving time-stepped array data
1	I would like to see workforce development in the CI/IT/Earth Science arena and career opportunities (may not be a whole meeting theme) and a theme that follows the pipeline of data from creation to users -- can we show some case studies? (The air quality pipeline was really nice example in the past, but also was limited in people outside of the cluster's understanding or interest in it. The pipeline ought to be really important to disaster management.
1	There is a large gap in the data lifecycle between the information generators/organizers and those involved in the climate education working group. It's like the two groups speak a different language. More bridges need to be made in this interstitial space.
1	Data and information systems, integration of different systems and standards, open-source solutions, more technical presentations related with open-source solutions.
1	I would like to see more involvement from other State Geological Surveys, and perhaps more content for geologic map and other geoscience material that is online and interoperable.
1	Tool-match session seems important to many groups within ESIP - I didn't get to attend it, but the concept came up in a couple of the sessions I did attend. Also would be good to talk about the developments and future direction of the Testbed with the larger group - develop and then advertise what can be accommodated with the testbed, and how groups can use it as a resource.
1	Since i am a high school earth science teacher we want to have the sessions that are related to the NYS regent syllabus of the topics
1	More discussions on OGC standards. More discussions on the implementation of open source web services technology.
1	More sessions where outcomes include developing white papers and other collaborations. More hands on activities (the tools workshop was great).
1	1. Remote Data Access with Fine-Grained, Value-Sensitive, Data-Selection Services 2. Data Models as Underpinning

20. Where would you like to see future meetings held?

Count	Response
1	?
1	Anywhere global is good!
1	Anywhere is fine
1	Asilomar
1	Boulder is good - actually most of the venues have been fine
1	Boulder, CO :)
1	Boulder, CO Tucson, AZ Reno, NV Grand Forks, ND
1	Boulder, Jackson, Monterey
1	Boulder/Denver area
1	California
1	Does not matter
1	Either buffalo if focused on a geology topic wisconsin?
1	Hawaii
1	Hawaii! Just kidding... Madison was very convenient for me.
1	How about a warm beach somewhere?
1	I am interested in seeing different places- Colorado, Washington, but I loved WI and NM.
1	I'm always a big fan of east coast venues. Easier travelling, for me at least!
1	Madison was very convenient
1	Madison, Boulder, Santa Barbara, Portland OR, Santa Fe
1	Maybe you could have one in Brazil! But US is ok.
1	NOAA Asheville NC PODAAC/JPL in CA Boulder, CO
1	New York City
1	No pre
1	No preference
1	No strong opinions on this.
1	Norfolk, VA Madison, WI Charleston, SC
1	North Carolina, Oregon, Michigan, Montana, Rhode Island
1	Northwest US
1	Portland, OR Asheville, NC Santa Barbara, CA Santa Fe, NM
1	Portland, Santa Barbara, Monterey
1	San Diego
1	San Francisco
1	Santa Barbara Boulder/Fort Collins Asheville NC Tampa/Sarasota, FL Corvallis, Oregon
1	Santa Barbara (:
1	Somewhere in west. We have not had a chance to meet educators/teachers for west
1	Summer meeting somewhere on the east coast
1	Tahiti? Just kidding...
1	The midwest is nice for me. Best if not too far from a reasonably-convenient airport.
1	This venue is great.
1	Time to return to Portland, OR maybe? Or try something more unusual like Missoula, MT.
1	UNC Chapel Hill
1	no opinion
1	somewhere with lower Summer temperatures
1	universities in summer

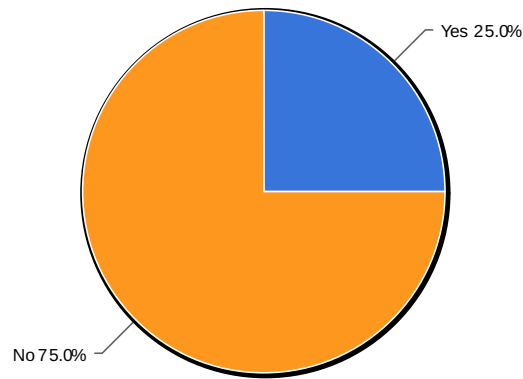
1	Anywhere is great! I love to travel, and as long as you do as well with the virtual participation as you did with this one, physical location doesn't really matter. I would suggest picking a center that does have good IT support to help resolve network issues.
1	I thought Madison was a good choice because it was centrally located. Also, I thought the campus was very easy to get around.
1	Chicago! Its beautiful there in the summer, and a lot to do. Also Northwest and Northeast are both really nice in the summer..
1	a track that would work through a data managers training, working with data and associated tools
1	Continue cycle of rotating summer, and winters fixed in D.C. Do not have any suggestions for summer locations.
1	I would go back to Madison. Anywhere on the East Coast or in Colorado (especially Boulder) would be nice.
1	seattle area Portland OR or Portland ME Raleigh-Durham NC area SF Bay Area (maybe Oakland or Berkeley?) Colorado Springs or Boulder CO
1	Hawaii :-) I really liked the setup at Wisconsin with the tech-ready classrooms which better enabled virtual attendance and presentation. The table mics really helped hearing everything too.
1	Madison was a great location, similar facilities would be great. Also perhaps areas where site visits could be made to member's organizations where applicable.

21. What improvements would you suggest for future meetings?

Count	Response
1	- Trying out the audio visual stuff/webex well ahead of time.
1	?
1	An Index of participants in the meeting program
1	Better acoustics in large meeting rooms
1	Continue the ignite sessions.
1	Continued to use university venues - the internet access was great.
1	Get Ross Bagwell to attend, seriously.
1	Group posters together along a theme.
1	I would like more opportunities for teachers to talk directly with some of the scientists.
1	Improve remove connectivity
1	It will be nice if GIS and visualization breakouts are scheduled in different time.
1	Keep up the good energy and momentum. No major changes requested!
1	Less focus on spatial
1	Lightning talks for innovative classrooms
1	Make the video presentations that were being created at the venue available online
1	More details on the schedule, as described previously.
1	No recommendations at the moment.
1	None
1	None at this time
1	None at this time.
1	These meetings are seamless and amazing as they are.
1	Try to fix the agenda a bit earlier if possible.
1	can't think of any. Organization of this meeting was the best I've seen in years.
1	loved the innovators quick talks.... would like to see that happen again.
1	more oportunnites offered remotely
1	stop global warming :-) it was HOT in Madison.
1	It would be great, as a beginner, to have a workshop "lab" using some of the tools introduced at the meeting, rather than only watching advanced users on a powerpoint
1	I suggest that you select a city that is easy to arrive by plane for foreign people. For example, Madison looks a beautiful city, but is not practical for brazilians. As suggestion, what about selecting cities that has direct connection with other cities in the world, like Atlanta, Washington, Chicago, Miami, Dallas, New York, etc.

1	More information available in multiple formats on the sessions, continue to have the hard copy program available,
1	Added sessions about sharing lessons related to the topic of the conference. The result would be a strong unit plan that would have many hands on activities.
1	Some workshops attempted breaking into small groups, and this did not seem to work well for relaying data.
1	It would be nice to have a jabber style chat program available for different sessions. That would allow for pasting of links for immediate testing and tryout and more interactivity with remote participants
1	Vegetarian dishes with actual vegetables in it. Not just pasta with red sauce. Meals were heavy with carbs.
1	Keep the teacher strand - I love associating with the scientists who work in the field I teach about.
1	Concurrent scheduling of Visualization and Geospatial sessions was unfortunate since those were the two primary (and related, in my mind) sessions that I wanted to attend; perhaps session organizers could be made aware of a draft schedule in advance to identify possible conflicts.
1	While it's nice to have everyone together for a time, I generally find plenary to be not all that useful. This year the acoustics of the room definitely did not do any favors for hearing/understanding the plenary speakers unless they were particularly loud and clear. Frank Lindsay was pretty much the only one who fit that bill. IMO, unless we can get a really dynamic, on-topic speaker, maybe plenary time could be better used for more sessions.
1	Later start on Day 1 (noon on a Monday). Finish the meeting at the close of Business on a Thursday instead of a half day on Friday.
1	A better way for virtual participation in posters and Friday FUNding. I don't know HOW to go about that, though...
1	I am a newbie, but it seemed like there were some issues with the WebEx interface. Personally, as a presenter, I found the virtual audience a little distracting.
1	This is not actually an improvement, but a comment on something that worked really well that I hope continues. All of the rooms had very nice availability to power and since there were tables it was really easy to use a laptop and take notes. This is not always the case at some meetings, so I really appreciated this detail.
1	May need to structure virtual participation differently somehow. Maybe look in the literature for clever ways to do it.
1	The teacher workshop was for me, a little disjointed. I had a hands-on session, but a bunch of people came in late and it didn't work out as planned. I am in discussion with Margaret on this. The main improvement would be in the conference agenda/schedule/daily planner. It was really hard to read and follow and I missed two sessions that I wanted to see because I was confused.
1	Offer the ESIP 101 at least twice. I was unable to get out to the meeting until the following day. Another presentation of that would have helped me. Perhaps you could ask when people register if they would like to attend it and what day(s) would work for them. You could then plan on or more...
1	Some meetings that the teachers attending were totally irrelevant to teaching earth science. (innovators and all that data crap)
1	The high school level hands on activities that are only 30-40 min durations so the lesson plans can be made around them and students will learn better.
1	Schedule BoFs or "unconferences" in their own time slots and not concurrently with other sessions.
1	1. Consider decreasing the relative "business weight" of major institutions such as NASA and NSF ... at times I feel ESIP sessions are being used as an off-site meeting places to discuss institutional issues not relevant to the Federation as a whole. It is great if employees of a given institution want to get together and discuss things off-site, not so great if it monopolizes a session advertised as being of interest to a cross-section of the Federation's membership. 2. Please continue to keep the number and organization of the tracks manageable. This is something truly unique and professionally valuable about the ESIP experience. The value of any meeting decreases markedly when I have schedule conflicts.
1	--- I don't know how to get to fewer parallel tracks... cloning seems to be the only option for many of us.
1	(1) At all presentations, there should be someone designated to monitor the remote attendees. Specifically, it would be great if someone could monitor the WebEx chat and "raise hand" capability. (2) The audio quality of remote speakers was apparently not very good for people at the conference. Maybe room acoustics were to blame? So, the chat would have been a useful alternative. Unfortunately, the chat generally wasn't being monitored during the question & answer stage.
1	Remote participation is still buggy - remote participants could not hear audience's comments or questions.
1	Get a better handle on the av equipment. There was a lot of valuable time lost getting things to work. It wasn't clear how well presenters prepared. It's a good idea to encourage presenters to case the setup before hand, try it out. Set aside time for this.

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Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	18	25%
No	54	75%

Statistics	
Total Responses	72

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

Count	Response
1	A good meeting - ESIP continues to evolve in a very positive direction.
1	ESIP rocks!
1	Enjoyed the workshop and am really using the IPAD!
1	Good meeting, thanks for all the work!
1	Great meeting!
1	Great meeting, great work. Looking forward to January.
1	I thought the meeting went very well. Kudos to the planners!
1	I was not familiar with ESIP before, and I found it to be extremely relevant. It was great.
1	It was a lot of fun.
1	N/A
1	No.
1	Not really
1	Sorry, am preoccupied and can only give quick responses at the moment.
1	Thank you for all of your hard work!
1	Thank you for opening worlds and just everything.
1	Thank you for the opportunity.
1	Thank you for the remote access. It was the only way I could attend.
1	Thank you! I very much enjoyed my first ESIP meeting.
1	Thanks for a great meeting at Madison!
1	Thanks so much for this opportunity.
1	Thanks!
1	Thanks! This meeting was the best I have attended.
1	Very good overall. :)
1	i'm sorry i couldn't participate more, but everything seemed to run smoothly!
1	thank you for including the teacher workshops - I found them valuable and worthwhile!
1	thanks
1	Thank you for organizing a very successful meeting. I really enjoyed the sessions, presentations, and the people.

1	As always, well-organized! I guess my only other complaint was that there was always tech trouble with the presentations and I think it may have been linked to webex causing some sort of interference. Perhaps if we can identify what those issues were (e.g., query presenters) we can at least better prepare session chairs for the issues they might face. I think the virtual attendance is great and we should continue it, but I also know that it created some headaches.
1	Great meeting! I especially enjoyed the networking opportunities, several technical sessions, the EarthCube sessions which were timely since they came on the heels of Charrette 2, and the final day when the Funding Friday awards were given out.
1	Generally found the session descriptions particularly for breakout sessions to have too little detail. Also need to know the intended or target audience.
1	The planning and execution of this meeting was great. Not sure if providing support for remote participation was worth it as the level of use was small or none.
1	Hosting a meeting -- the nice facility at UNH is closed, so I am not sure that we have accommodations for enough people, unless we go to the dorms -- which are new and have AC, so I am not opposed to hosting another ESIP here, but not sure we have the facilities.
1	It was an excellent meeting and I am looking forward to working with Tommy Jasmin in the Geospatial Cluster over the coming year. Oh and Erin Robinson is amazing. That is all.
1	IAI will be moving to Uruguay by the next months (maybe in January 2013). As soon as this moving happens next year, we could discuss the possibility of having one meeting there. The IAI will be hosted in a big building with excellent structure that can accommodate a meeting like that. Anyway, we can discuss this issue next year. Regards. Marcelo
1	Overall I thought the meeting was well organized and worked as a great medium to exchange/stimulate ideas. Thanks!
1	I had a great time, everything was very well organized (esp for a meeting this size). I've never had people successfully interact via the web at a conference before - it was great.
1	It was a great meeting overall. The staff and organizers did a wonderful job. I look forward to 2013's meetings.
1	This was my first ESIP meeting and I was very impressed. I would not have been able to attend if there was no remote option; I really hope it will be available for all future ESIP meetings. I'm excited about being a part of this group--this is exactly the sort of work I want to do for my thesis and when I graduate. Thanks for making this possible and big kudos to Erin for her tireless advocacy for the remote attendees!
1	Another great meeting... NOTE: the president might want to do a "Thank You" for the staff/volunteers at the Funding Friday event...
1	I am very excited about the Commons and working more with ESIP in the coming years. This meeting was an incredible learning experience for me.
1	Hosting an ESIP is a "maybe" not a yes. I'd have to run that by our State Geologist, but I suspect he'd be interested. Also, I want to thank ERIN for her AMAZING support of the virtual participants. We felt included at every step, and she jumped to fix any issues we had. A really, really positive experience.
1	As a teacher of earth and environmental science, I really appreciated the opportunity to attend and learn about some valuable resources covering climate change and other earth science topics.
1	Some of the workshops were too long for the content. They could have been condensed and been equally as effective. For example the "Evaluating YOUR project" was great, but a full day was too much for my tastes.
1	I found the remote participation more often irritating than helpful. The problems with the technology were distracting, and the constant pop-ups telling who was speaking, who was on, who was leaving etc often covered the text I was trying to read and distracted me from the talk. The food at the poster session was great and plentiful. Thank you for having real milk for all breaks! Lunches were very good too. I am amazed what you offer as food. Hurray for veggies! Another fine meeting in Madison.
1	I came for the intro for teachers but I was interested in credits and/or professional development points that my school district would accept. Since I couldn't get credit, I didn't stay. I was very interested in the topic but since my district doesn't seem to value my time or energy, I was unwilling to stay for "free." Please understand that this is NOT a reflection on the program- it just didn't meet my district's professional development criteria.
1	great meeting! The sessions were excellent, the amenities were excellent, I really enjoyed the week.
1	I am looking forward to participating more with the ESIP Federation. And would like to also participate in any use of Drupal.
1	The ESIP Federation is a fantastic institution that provides a valuable service. The people who seem to run things (esp. Erin, Carol, but also the interest group leaders) are key to its success.
1	Loved it. Loved the evaluation workshop. Got professional development out of it, which I did not expect, but sorely needed.
1	Not sure why there is a discrepancy in the award amount between the Funding Friday student and non-student awards. Seems like the students are likely to work just as hard (if not harder) on their ESIP projects as the general members, and are also more likely to need the money.

1	Staff was awesome as always. I think Erin may be magic - she was in many places at the same time - NASA may be interested in how she did this :) Also, the student helpers did a great job too.
1	Really enjoyed it. Wisconsin is beautiful. Margaret Mooney, LuAnn D and Erin R. Kept up excellent communication
1	The plenaries - Lea Shanley and RPI talk were so-so. Not the fault of the organizers - who outdid themselves as always, so thank you !
1	I thought that for the summer meeting the hack-a-thons were a great idea, and while I really enjoyed them and learned some really important things they were a bit lacking in execution. With more preparation and maybe a bit more support from the nascent testbed, they could have been better. The summer meeting is a great time (of the year) for people to play with new technology and that's what many people need to be able to plan projects (because they need to understand how a team will work with the nuts and bolts). The testbed could play a role (large role?) in raising the overall quality level of the hack-a-thons. Here's an example: In Chris L's ToolMatch Talkoot, he used an online triple store that was not really functional - it didn't work, as far as I could see - but if the testbed had provided one for him to use... A secondary benefit to having ESIP provide infrastructure for these kinds of sessions is that it will enable higher quality by virtue of greater uniformity.