

Exit Survey Results

Please help us improve ISIMA by filling in this exit survey. The results will be reported to the UCSC campus (department chairs, deans and manager of the accounting office and conference services) and to our funding agencies (NSF, NSFC, France-Berkeley fund, IGPP and CODEP).

When the numbers (1-5) appear after a statement, please use any number in that range to indicate your level of agreement with the statement, from 1 = strongly disagree, to 5 = strongly agree. If you cannot comment please write N/A.

Week 1 Program

The schedule of week 1 is adequate in the view of the goals of the school: 4.67

What is the percentage of lectures which were useful to your current research?
43.4%

What is the percentage of lectures which you think will be useful to your future research? 56.5%

The discussion sessions were stimulating: 4.41

Projects:

The ISIMA program expectations about the projects were clearly explained: 4.78

(For students) The selection of projects offered was diverse and stimulating: 4.85

The project(s) you worked on were interesting: 4.93

You were able to complete the project adequately: 4.27

The project is likely to result in a publication: 4.28

(Students/Postdocs) You had good scientific support from the ISIMA or local faculty for the projects: 4.80

Networking:

This meeting helped you create new research collaborations/opportunities: 4.65

This meeting helped you meet future postdoc advisors/colleagues or future postdocs/colleagues: 4.57

Life in Beijing

Accommodation was adequate: 4.52

It is easy to adapt to life in Beijing: 4.27

Logistics:

The seminar room facilities were adequate for the meeting: 4.88

The interactive spaces were adequate for the meeting: 4.80

The offices were adequate for the meeting: 4.65

The computing facilities were adequate for the meeting: 3.72

The LOC provided adequate help with visa/travel issues: 4.84

The LOC provided adequate help with lodging issues: 4.75

The LOC provide adequate information about the area/campus: 4.92

The LOC satisfactorily dealt with your travel/per diem/reimbursement: 4.9

The LOC satisfactorily organized the reception/lunches/coffee/dinner: 4.87

The LOC satisfactorily organized side-activities: 4.77

Overall:

KIAA-PKU is a good venue for ISIMA: 4.79

You would recommend ISIMA to colleagues and students: 5.00

You would come back to ISIMA: 4.65

You would be interested in helping with running ISIMA (LOC or SOC): 4.24

Any other comments:

Selected Suggestions:

“It would be nice if coffee was in the poster room, because it would facilitate the discussions of posters”.

COMMENT: Excellent suggestion! We will do so next time.

“Overall, an excellent program! The talk schedule became a bit heavy, but did not seriously interfere with work. More structured interactions, e.g. blackboard discussions or debates, may have been preferable as replacement for some of the talks”.

COMMENT: ISIMA tries to give all senior participants the opportunity to present their research, which sometimes leads to a heavy schedule indeed. However, we agree that 1 talk per day only would be preferable. Perhaps the solution is to limit the Week 2-5 talks to persons who did not speak in Week 1?

“Less faculty/postdoc talks during week 1 and more student talks during that same week”.

COMMENT: ISIMA students are not invited to give research talks about their prior work during the program, whether in Week 1 or during Week 2-5. During Week 1, the lecture slots are for the invited lecturers only, while the short talk slots are opportunities for the faculty/postdocs to discuss research about the proposed projects. During Week 2-5, the students should completely focus on the new material they are learning/working on as part of ISIMA.

Selected praises of the program:

“Listening to the student talks, I was astounded by the quality and quantity of new research results that came out of ISIMA. A unique program of great value in mentoring the next generation of research leaders.”

“Graduate school should be structured like this. I have never learned this much, this fast.”

“ISIMA has really been an amazing experience for me! I cannot put into words how grateful I am for this opportunity, not only to work on an interesting project, but also to meet wonderful people who I think will also be my friends. What a great place to organize it, too! Thank you!”