



Preliminary Feedback on CMRSC 2014 is Very Positive, Particularly on the Recent Changes!

The CARSP leadership is very pleased to say that the 2014 CMRSC was very successful. The focus on building healthy communities through safer roads really bore out of an effective partnership between CARSP and the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit. In a recent survey of the conference delegates, respondents stated that more collaborative work should be done between health and the more traditional departments which focus on road safety, such as transportation.

The calibre of the keynote speakers and the panellists was very high, and the feedback received both at the conference and through the survey was very positive.

The feedback survey was sent out approximately one week after the conference. Of the 170 conference delegates, 67 responded to the survey, giving a response rate of 39%. While more analyses needs to occur, some preliminary results are given below.

The Automated Vehicles Panel was a huge success. Almost one third of respondents listed this as one of their top three things they would share with a colleague.

Networking was the second most popular take-away from the conference (27% of respondents). Delegates also expressed that they became more aware of current road safety activities and issues, learned about new research and also learned about new practical approaches.

When respondents were asked to rate the overall quality of the presentations they attended, 81% gave a high rating (i.e. 8 or higher out of a possible 10). When asked if they felt there was new information presented, almost two-thirds of respondents rated this statement with a high score, indicating strong agreement (i.e. 8 or higher out of a possible 10).

The 2014 CMRSC was a year of changes. We added a Policy and Practice Stream. We also organized our paper sessions exclusively by topic, rather than mostly by discipline. Lastly, we added a slide-deck only option for one's final submission (in addition to the full paper submission option). The feedback on all of these areas was very favourable.

When asked if they supported the addition of a Policy and Practice Stream, fifty-five percent of delegates indicated yes. Less than 2% of delegates did not support the addition. The remaining delegates either did not respond or had no opinion. Of those who had no opinion, the main reason was that this was their first CMRSC conference. Below are some quotes from some of the respondents when asked if they support the addition of the Policy and Practice Stream:

“Yes. We have accepted these papers in the past but they didn't fit the criteria. Now they can be judged on their own merit - no longer the square peg in the round hole.”



“Yes, reaches a broader base of professionals”

The CARSP board will be examining the rest of the feedback survey shortly, and this feedback will be used to help improve future conferences. The board wishes to thank all those who participated in this survey. It has provided CARSP with some very valuable information for future planning.