




# Life & Literature 2011

## Post-Conference Survey Results

### Question One:

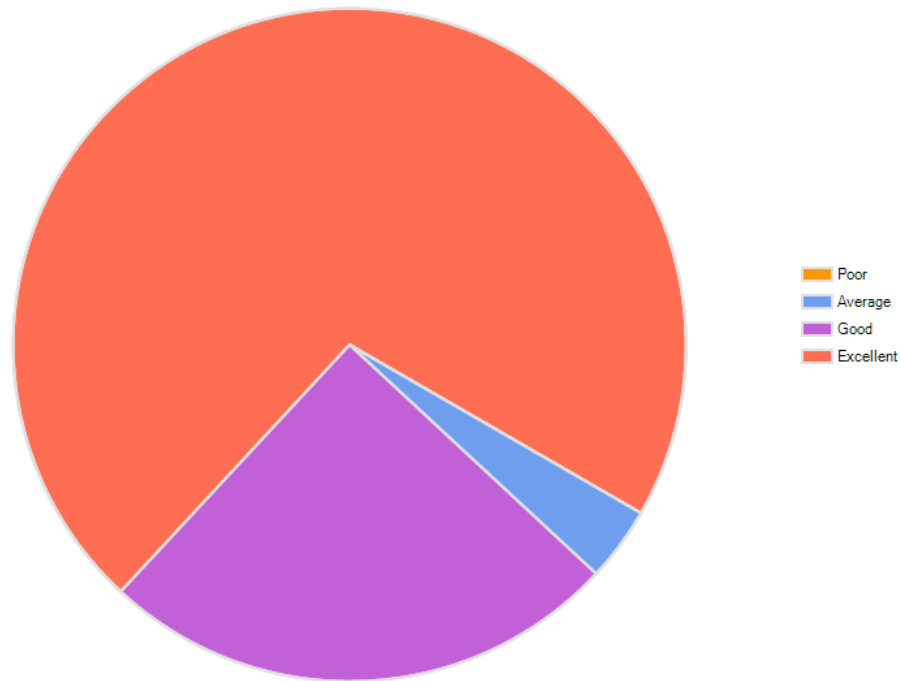
1. What is your overall rating of the meeting?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Poor		0.0%	0
Average		3.6%	1
Good		25.0%	7
Excellent		71.4%	20
	Comments		8

### Question One Comments:

Q1. What is your overall rating of the meeting?		
1	Excellent diversity of speakers representing a broad user constituency. I felt that the program was very well planned, with opportunity to listen to a variety of users, and then discuss future directions in smaller groups.	Nov 30, 2011 8:13 AM
2	The conference was not what I expected. The Plenary talks did not relate to the BHL site at all.	Nov 24, 2011 5:29 PM
3	I was positively surprised by how fruitful the positive exchange between participants of different backgrounds turned out.	Nov 24, 2011 12:31 PM
4	Great variety of topics and speakers, and none of the presentations were so technical that I was bored or didn't understand what was being discussed.	Nov 23, 2011 3:58 PM
5	I was impressed by the variety of attendees. The speakers were outstanding and the panels were organized in a logical and useful way. Bravo on inviting George Dyson to speak--a TED speaker within the conference was a huge bonus! Richard Pyle was also an excellent plenary speaker.	Nov 17, 2011 9:26 AM
6	It was a good number of people, very friendly and collegiate atmosphere and stimulating discussions.	Nov 16, 2011 12:07 AM
7	Inspiring	Nov 15, 2011 5:45 PM
8	Best meeting I've been to all year. Great mix of people, great talks, great great!!	Nov 15, 2011 5:39 PM

## Question One Graph:

What is your overall rating of the meeting?



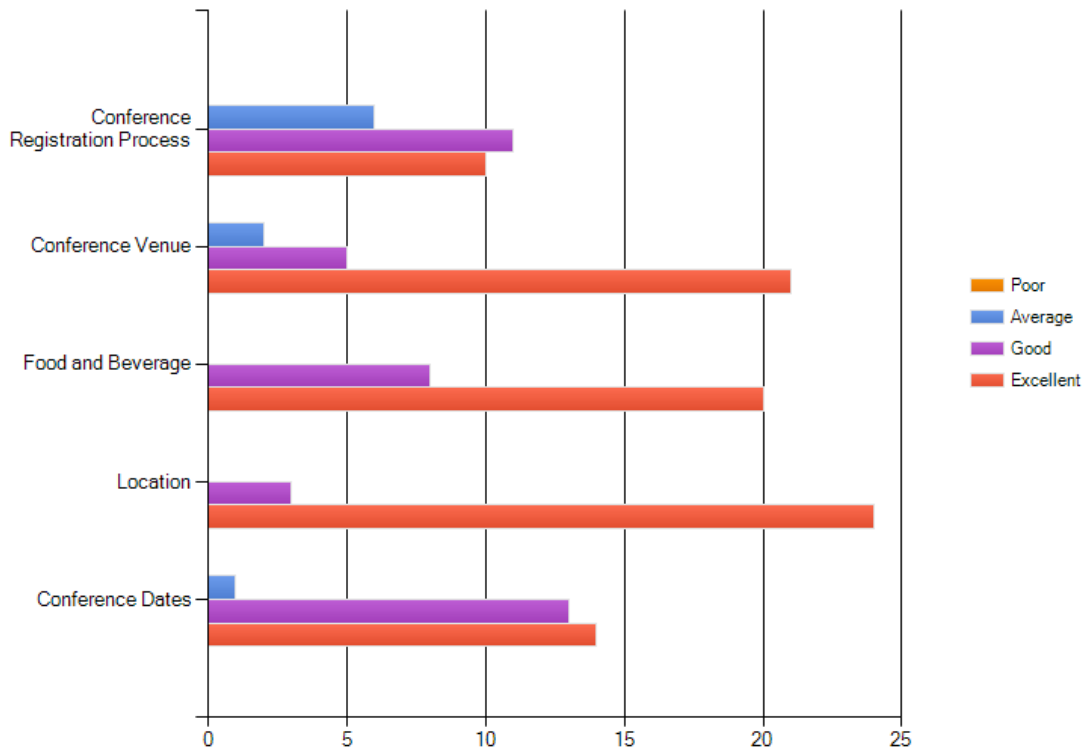
## Question Two:

**2. Please rate each of the following aspects of the 2011 Life and Literature Conference:**

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	Response Count
Conference Registration Process	0.0% (0)	22.2% (6)	<b>40.7% (11)</b>	37.0% (10)	27
Conference Venue	0.0% (0)	7.1% (2)	17.9% (5)	<b>75.0% (21)</b>	28
Food and Beverage	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	28.6% (8)	<b>71.4% (20)</b>	28
Location	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (3)	<b>88.9% (24)</b>	27
Conference Dates	0.0% (0)	3.6% (1)	46.4% (13)	<b>50.0% (14)</b>	28
<b>answered question</b>					<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>0</b>

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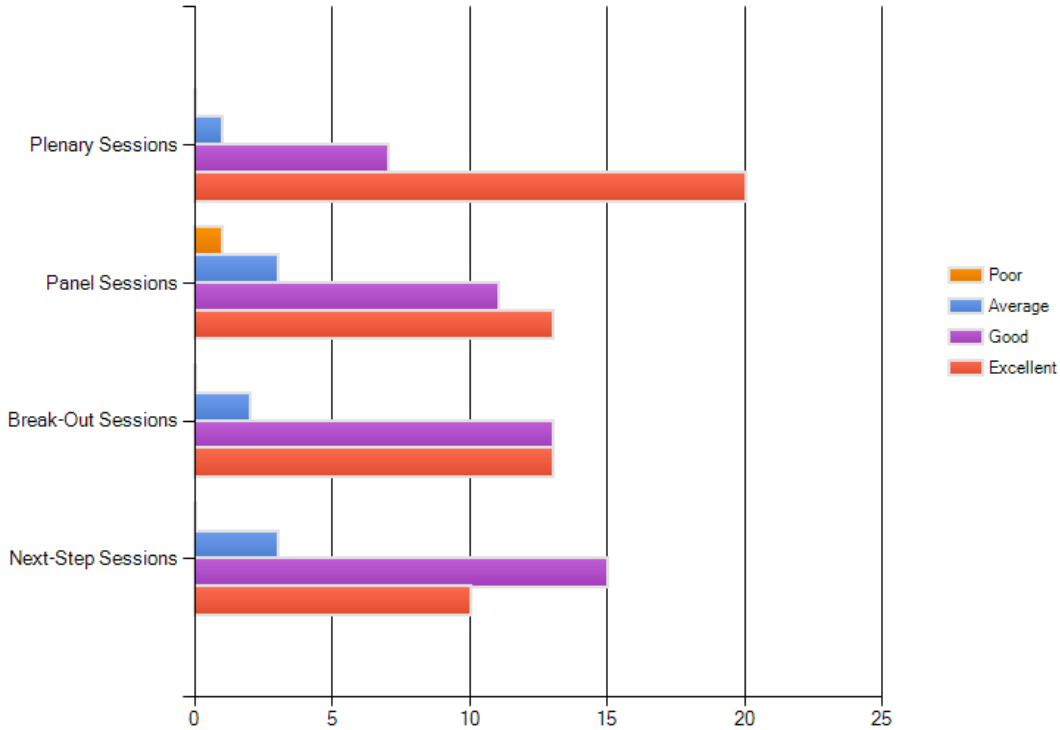
## Question Three:

3. Please rate each of the following sessions of the Life and Literature conference:

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	Response Count
Plenary Sessions	0.0% (0)	3.6% (1)	25.0% (7)	71.4% (20)	28
Panel Sessions	3.6% (1)	10.7% (3)	39.3% (11)	46.4% (13)	28
Break-Out Sessions	0.0% (0)	7.1% (2)	46.4% (13)	46.4% (13)	28
Next-Step Sessions	0.0% (0)	10.7% (3)	53.6% (15)	35.7% (10)	28
<b>answered question</b>					<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>0</b>

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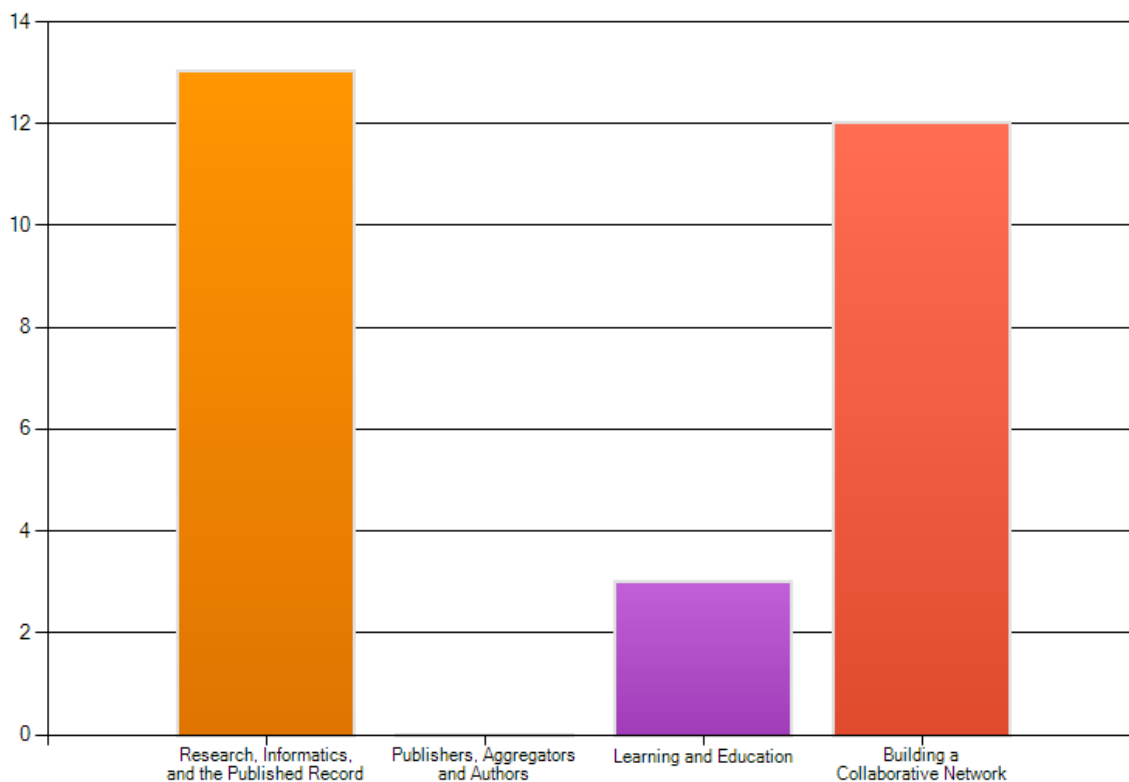
## Question Four:

4. Which of the following topics covered at the conference do you consider to be the most important for the future planning of BHL?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Research, Informatics, and the Published Record		46.4%	13
Publishers, Aggregators and Authors		0.0%	0
Learning and Education		10.7%	3
Building a Collaborative Network		42.9%	12
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>




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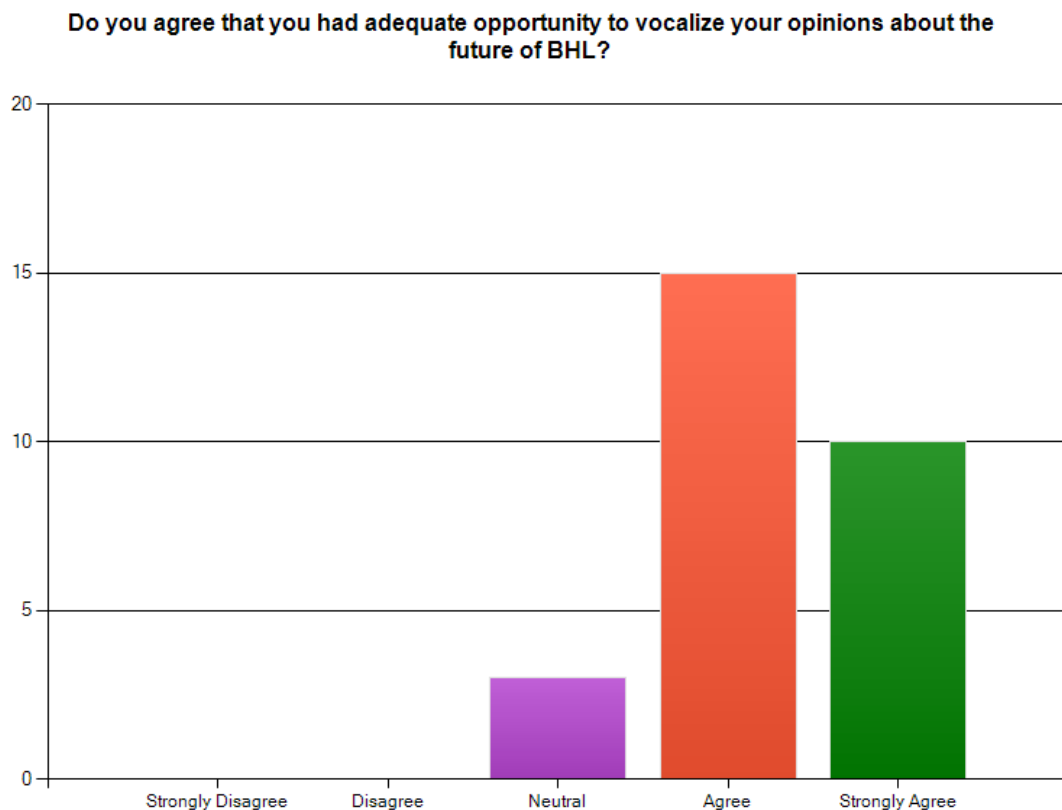


## Question Five:

5. Do you agree that you had adequate opportunity to vocalize your opinions about the future of BHL?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
Disagree		0.0%	0
Neutral		10.7%	3
Agree		53.6%	15
Strongly Agree		35.7%	10
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

## Question Five Graph:



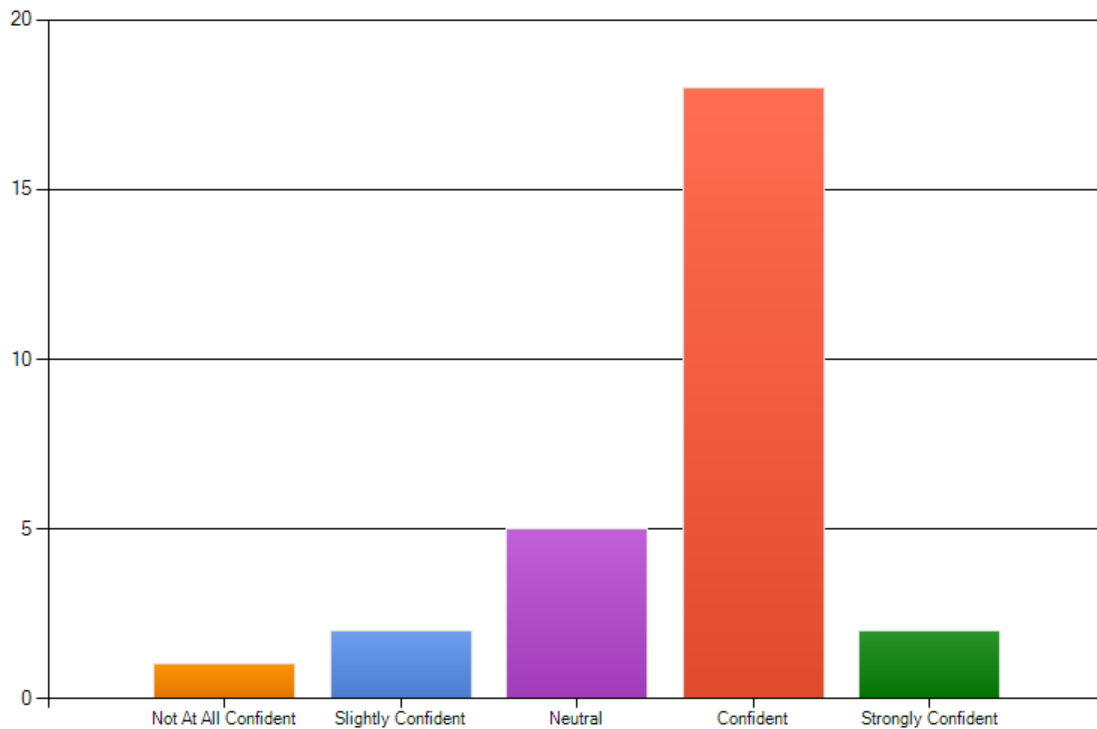
## Question Six:

6. How confident are you that the purpose of the conference, to "set the agenda for biodiversity literature digitizing and its networked environment for the next four to five years," was accomplished?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not At All Confident	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.6%	1
Slightly Confident	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.1%	2
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	17.9%	5
<b>Confident</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>64.3%</b>	<b>18</b>
Strongly Confident	<input type="checkbox"/>	7.1%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>

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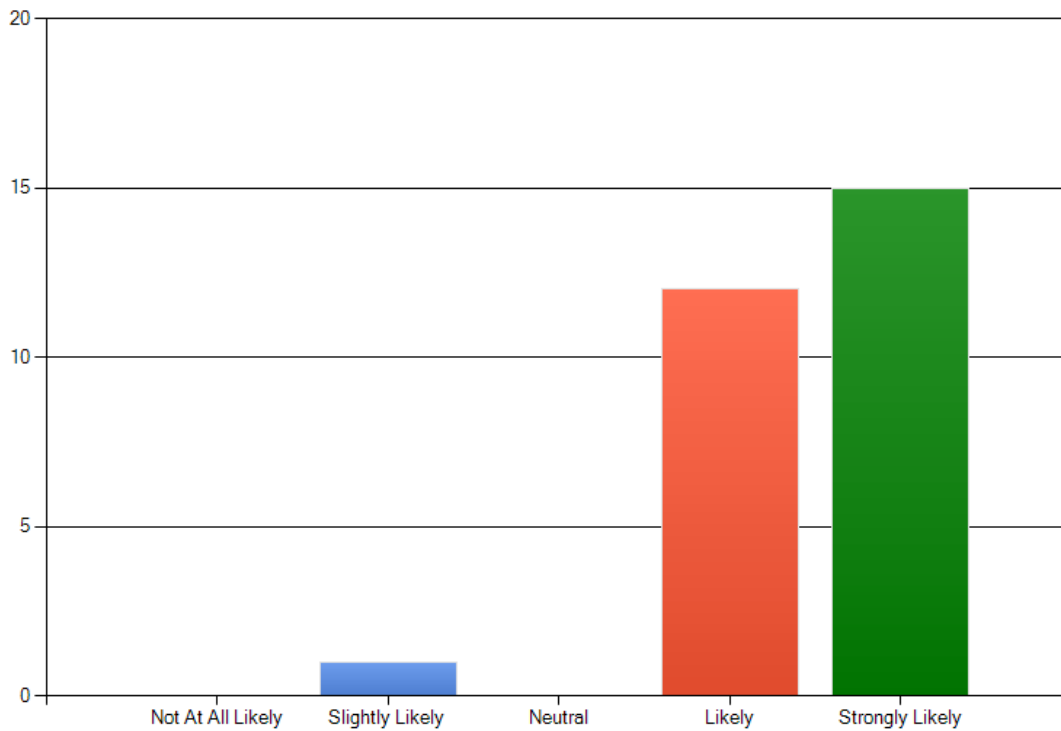
## Question Seven:

7. If BHL were to host another Life and Literature conference, how likely would you be to attend?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not At All Likely		0.0%	0
Slightly Likely	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.6%	1
Neutral		0.0%	0
Likely	<input type="checkbox"/>	42.9%	12
Strongly Likely	<input type="checkbox"/>	53.6%	15
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

## Question Seven Graph:

If BHL were to host another Life and Literature conference, how likely would you be to attend?



## Question Eight:

8. Are there any topics that you feel were not discussed or adequately covered at the conference? If so, what?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		60.7%	17
Yes		39.3%	11
	If "Yes," please specify.		11
	answered question		28
	skipped question		0

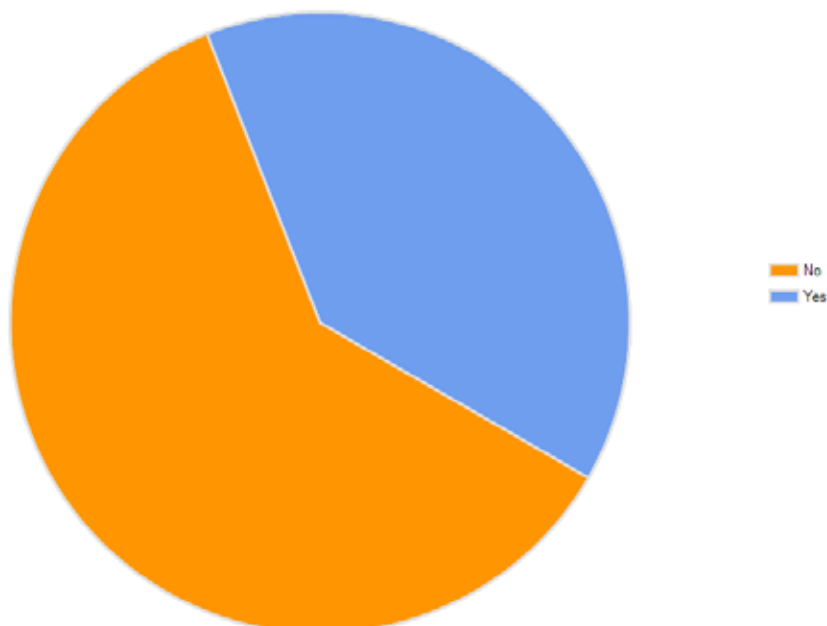


## Question Eight Comments:

Q8. Are there any topics that you feel were not discussed or adequately covered at the conference? If so, what?		
1	Interconnection of literature data with other data sources (Field books, collections media).	Nov 29, 2011 11:08 AM
2	More on semantic markup, more on integration of BHL with the larger world of biodiversity informatics beyond EOL.	Nov 29, 2011 11:07 AM
3	Reaching beyond the taxonomist, other users of the data like environmentalist; bio conservationist, and undergraduate educators (college deans and professors teaching). There were younger education issues	Nov 28, 2011 6:57 PM
4	Content.	Nov 27, 2011 8:21 PM
5	Relationship between BHL and other efforts, especially Hathi Trust	Nov 24, 2011 5:29 PM
6	Probably could take a stab at Next Steps prioritization collectively	Nov 24, 2011 12:31 PM
7	I'd like to know more about the various contributing members of BHL and how they envision collaborating worldwide (I suspect this topic was covered more at the before/after meetings attended by the core project folks).	Nov 23, 2011 3:58 PM
8	funding current, and future outlook.	Nov 17, 2011 4:04 PM
9	Technical issues could be covered more directly, and a funding discussion could have been scheduled.	Nov 17, 2011 9:26 AM
10	Technical challenges to delivering BHL	Nov 16, 2011 12:07 AM
11	I would like to hear more about metadata - structural, administrative, bibliographic. It's going to be key to keeping the corpus manageable and accessible	Nov 15, 2011 5:39 PM

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## Question Nine:

**9. Please provide any suggestions for how we can improve any future BHL conferences/events.**

	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	14










## Question Nine Comments:

**Q9. Please provide any suggestions for how we can improve any future BHL conferences/events.**

1	The panel sessions were good but unfortunately became more like plenary sessions as the speakers presented for too long. This resulted in there being little time for discussion/questions with the panel which was a shame.	Nov 30, 2011 8:56 AM
2	Panel Sessions could be more engaging and critical.	Nov 29, 2011 11:08 AM
3	Wifi connections better. Clearer goals of breakout. Other ways to allow participation. Possibly more online interactions with others remotely. Video or at least audio broadcasting	Nov 28, 2011 6:57 PM
4	- clearer registration process - better wifi - a little more free time - time to tour the museum	Nov 28, 2011 2:13 PM
5	Indispensable to introduce overarching principles to bring some order in the huge quantity of unorganized documentation.	Nov 27, 2011 8:21 PM
6	Tie the lectures and panels to the function of the BHL. Talking in abstract is a waste of time if we don't come back to something concrete.	Nov 24, 2011 5:29 PM
7	Video record and tape.	Nov 24, 2011 12:31 PM
8	Simultaneous webcast version.	Nov 23, 2011 3:58 PM
9	The posters must be in the area where people talk and meet for breaks, not in a dark side area. It was very difficult to get people to the posters. Organisation of dinner was interesting/confusing: if people are asked to sign in but a lot more people go to places which are not signed in cause confusion at the restaurant side. The registration process was a bit strange, first paying at Field Museum and then register for the conference. It was also not clear who was invited and who not and we received a lot of confusing emails making the impression nobody knows who is paying for us. Deadlines and rules for poster submissions were not perfectly clear. It would have been nice to allow short presentations of peoples or projects, sort of highlight talks or open mike session.	Nov 22, 2011 6:07 PM
10	An online list of registrants.	Nov 17, 2011 4:04 PM
11	I wish the speakers had kept to their time better so more questions could be asked.	Nov 17, 2011 9:26 AM

12	If it was to be held in another museum venue, please make sure to build in more time for attendees to visit the museum exhibitions, and even organise back of house tours if possible.	Nov 16, 2011 12:07 AM
13	Need dedicated block of time (maybe better promotion, too) for attending poster sessions - even if there are only less than a dozen. Completely missed these somehow.	Nov 15, 2011 5:49 PM
14	Getting more copyright material into BHL. Applications for molecular biology, intersecting traditional taxonomy.	Nov 15, 2011 5:45 PM

## Question Ten:

10. What best describes your occupation? (Select all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Professional Bioscientist / Researcher (Paid)		17.9%	5
Amateur Taxonomist / Hobby Scientist (Unpaid)		7.1%	2
History / Cultural Heritage Scientist		3.6%	1
Teacher / Professor / Educator		7.1%	2
Student		3.6%	1
Environmental Agent / Government Official / Policy Maker		0.0%	0
<b>Library Staff</b>		<b>75.0%</b>	<b>21</b>
General Interest Reader		7.1%	2
Bookseller / Publisher		0.0%	0
Artist		0.0%	0
Database Provider		3.6%	1
Other (please specify)		10.7%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

## Question Ten Comments:

Q10. What best describes your occupation? (Select all that apply)		
1	Birder (hobby)	Nov 23, 2011 3:58 PM
2	Web project manager	Nov 16, 2011 12:07 AM
3	Informatics researcher	Nov 15, 2011 5:39 PM

## Question Ten Graph:

What best describes your occupation? (Select all that apply)

