EGU General Assembly 2012

Results of Participants Survey
EGU GA 2012: Number of abstracts and sessions

13,528 Papers in Programmes

- 4,436 Orals | 9,092 Posters | Ratio 33/67 [2011- 34 / 66; 2012- 32 / 68]
- 687 Sessions (not including administrative and non-scientific)
EGU General Assembly Participants: 2005 – 2012

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EGU General Assembly Questionnaire

Results of Participants Survey

EGU General Assembly
22 – 27 April 2012 | Vienna | Austria
General Information about the EGU GA 2012 Survey

- SurveyGizmo 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

- 1,491 responses (most from emails to participants and members)

- Survey live between mid-June and mid-August 2012

- Data analysed using SurveyGizmo’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 years:
- 2011: 60% Male | 38% Female | 2% Prefer not to say
- 2010: 64% Male | 34% Female | 2% Prefer not to say
- 2009: 65% Male | 34% Female | 1% No answer
Survey Participant Age

Compared to Registration Status:

- 36% Student
- 64% Standard and Retired
What sector does your employer belong to? (n=1491)
Are you a…? (n=1488)

- Higher education academic: 24%
- Postgraduate (research): 30%
- Postgraduate (taught): 4%
- Secondary school teacher: 2%
- Postdoctoral researcher: 16%
- Research scientist or engineer: 19%
- Undergraduate student: 1%
- Retired: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Non-governmental organisation: 1%
Are you an EGU member for 2012? (n=1491)

- 60% Yes - paid for
- 18% Yes - complementary
- 14% Don't know
- 8% No
Why are you not an EGU member? (n=191)

- No interest: 32%
- Lack info: 20%
- Forgot: 4%
- Cost: 16%
- AGU: 21%
- Other: 7%
Did you attend the EGU GA2012 in Vienna? (n=1491)

- Yes: 93%
- No: 7%
Reasons for non-attendance at EGU GA 2012, despite abstract acceptance

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Role at EGU GA 2012 (where $n > 10$)
How many abstracts (lead or co-author)?

- 1 abstract: 626 participants
- 2 abstracts: 290 participants
- 3 abstracts: 155 participants
- 4 abstracts: 95 participants
- 5 abstracts: 50 participants
- 6 abstracts: 9 participants
- 7 abstracts: 12 participants
- 8 abstracts: 5 participants
- 9 abstracts: 2 participants
- 10 abstracts: 5 participants
- 11 abstracts: 1 participant
- 12 abstracts: 2 participants
- 13 abstracts: 2 participants
- 16 abstracts: 2 participants
- 20 abstracts: 1 participant
Convenor on how many sessions?

![Bar chart showing the number of participants for different session counts. The chart is labeled with the axis and data as follows:

- **Y-axis:** Participants
- **X-axis:** Sessions

There is a clear peak at 1 session with a significant number of participants, followed by a drop at 2 sessions, and a further drop at 3 sessions. The remaining sessions (4 and 5) have very few participants.]
Did you attend the following at GA2012? (% respondents)

- Union Masterclass
  - Yes: 3%
  - No: 97%

- Photo competition
  - Yes: 42%
  - No: 58%

- Mineral exhibition
  - Yes: 35%
  - No: 65%

- Great Debate
  - Yes: 17%
  - No: 83%

- Geocinema
  - Yes: 19%
  - No: 81%

How interested are you in these extras at the EGU GA?
Not interested 10% | Neutral 45% | Interested 38% | Very Interested 7%
Comments about GeoCinema
Comments about Great Debate
Comments about Mineral Exhibition

Great

Excellent

Interesting

Informative

Nice

Good

Large

Commercial

Meetings

Minerals

Rocks

Side look

Need

Exhibit

Scheduled

Key

Knowledge

Contribution domain

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Comments about Photo Competition

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General poster experience at GA2012 compared to other General Assemblies

- Much better than other GAs: 2.1%
- Better than other GAs: 16.0%
- Same as other GAs: 36.8%
- I have not attended other GAs: 41.4%
- Much worse than other GAs: 0.5%
- Worse than other GAs: 3.2%
General poster experience at GA2012 compared to recent other large conferences
Why uncomfortable?

Uncomfortable as a poster presenter?

- Lack of attention or interest to my poster 46.2%
- Other (please state) 51.3%
- Insensitive remarks by poster viewers 2.6%
- Yes 9.6%
- No 90.4%
Why were you uncomfortable as a poster presenter?
How would you improve the poster experience?
Did you use EGU social media during GA2012? (%)
* But how were they advertised?
Did you use new GA2012 mobile phone application?

If no, why?

- No 73.3%
- Yes 26.7%
- Not aware 21.9%
- Other (please state) 38.8%
- No interest 39.3%
GA2012 mobile phone application: was it missing features?

Some suggestions:

- Ability to download marked schedule created in the online account
- Ability to read abstracts and not just titles
- GeoCinema
- Took up too much memory
- Search function was poor
GA2012 mobile phone application: was it missing features?
How would you rate the following tools? (%)

- Abstract update
  - Item Excellent: 30
  - Item Good: 44
  - Item Fair: 6
  - Item N/A: 19

- Call for session proposals
  - Item Excellent: 18
  - Item Good: 47
  - Item Fair: 7
  - Item N/A: 27

- Abstract submission
  - Item Excellent: 37
  - Item Good: 56
  - Item Fair: 6
  - Item N/A: 1
Copernicus at GA 2012?

- Dealing with criticism: 58.7% Item N/A, 7.3% Item Poor, 23.5% Item Fair, 1.1% Item Good, 9.5% Item Excellent
- Customer service: 19.5% Item N/A, 5.1% Item Poor, 40.3% Item Fair, 0.3% Item Good, 34.8% Item Excellent
- Dealing with specific problems: 28.6% Item N/A, 5.9% Item Poor, 35.8% Item Fair, 1.1% Item Good, 28.5% Item Excellent
Would you be comfortable with the use of two buildings for future GAs and, if so, what is your maximum tolerated walking time?

- 5 minutes: 50.6%
- 15 minutes: 16.7%
- 30 minutes: 0.9%
- I believe all sessions should be in the same building: 31.7%
Ideas for the future, in % (n~1450 responses per question)

- More emphasis on posters:
  - Yes: 24%
  - No: 63%
  - No opinion: 13%

- Pre- or post-meeting trips/courses:
  - Yes: 47%
  - No: 28%
  - No opinion: 24%

- Attend five days?
  - Yes: 63%
  - No: 22%
  - No opinion: 15%
Comments: Pre- or post-meeting field trips or short courses?
In future, do you wish to stay in Vienna? (n=1,450)
Do you feel like you have a voice in the EGU?

- Yes: 64%
- No: 36%
How can the EGU increase your ability to participate?
Comments: One item you’d like to see improved?