

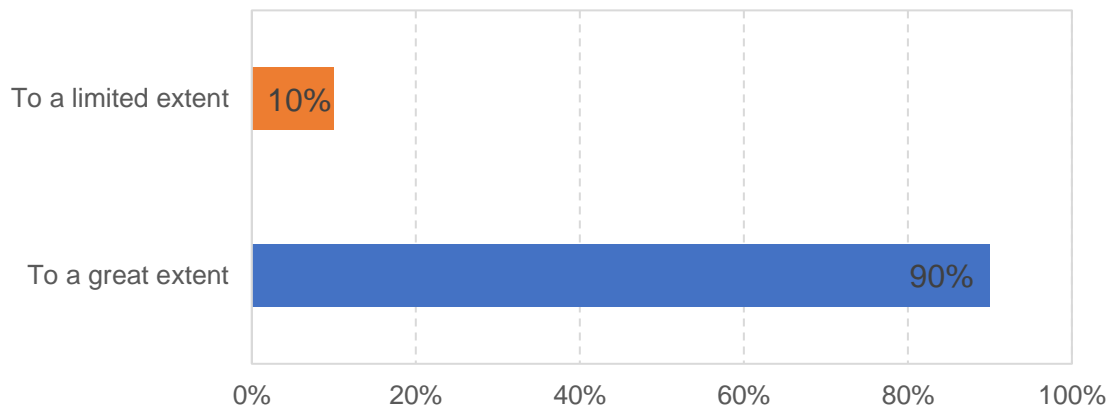


CORDS 2018 Conference evaluation

CORDS held its first major conference as a side meeting on the fringes of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference on the 29-30 January 2018. The following are the results from the CORDS 2018 evaluation forms completed by delegates after the conference. A total of 173 participants attended the conference, and there were 39 feedback forms that answered all or part of the questionnaire (23%).

A. Overall Satisfaction

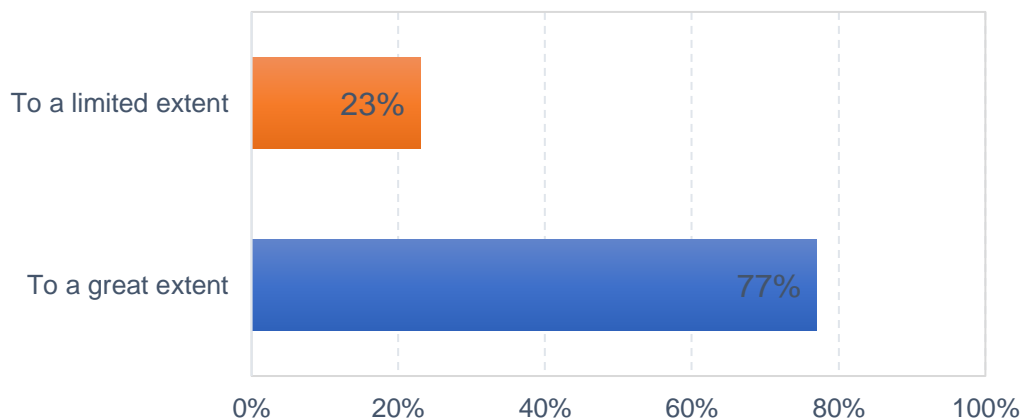
Q1. Overall, did this conference meet your expectations?



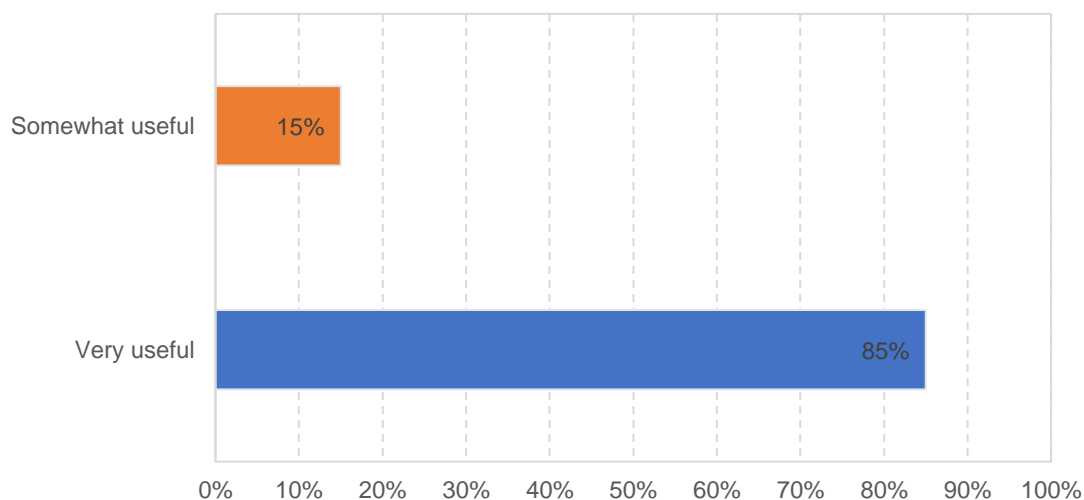
Feedback on overall satisfaction about the conference was overwhelmingly positive. The majority of respondents (90%), fed back that they were satisfied with the conference 'to a great extent'. No-one fed back that the conference did not meet their expectations at all.

B. Conference Learning

Q2. To what extent has this conference increased your knowledge / learning?



Q3. How useful do you think this learning will be for you or your organisation?



All respondents found the conference useful to some extent. A total of 85% of respondents reported that learning from the conference was very useful for them or their organisation.

Q4. How will you use the learning from this conference in your activities?

Respondents gave a number of ways in which they will use the learning from the conference in their activities, these included adopting specific disease surveillance interventions, engaging with stakeholders, building partnerships and exchanging ideas.

- 'I will use the gained knowledge to improve the methodology in conducting surveillance of diseases'
- 'Exchange ideas, share experience, to extend cooperation'
- 'Encourage other stakeholders to join hands in one health approach to disease control'
- 'Improve and strengthen AMR surveillance programmes'
- 'Strengthen One health networks'
- 'This would help us plan future course of action accordingly. Getting to look for various countries would help us devise/modify our mechanisms accordingly'
- 'Implement in surveillance of influenza other respiratory viruses 2. work on mobile app'
- 'Discuss more the issue of AMR in my country'
- 'Look at how partners can assist in the different networks'
- 'Country experiences to be presented for one health promotion'
- 'Help developing collaboration and partnership's'
- 'As an IVD company focussing on infectious diseases, the information we learnt here can put solutions for improved diagnostics'
- 'I will use ideas and conclusions from discussions to improve network and country activities'
- 'Networking and partnerships'
- 'To develop good policy to the government on disease control'
- 'Application of technologies in the data collection at a grassroots level'

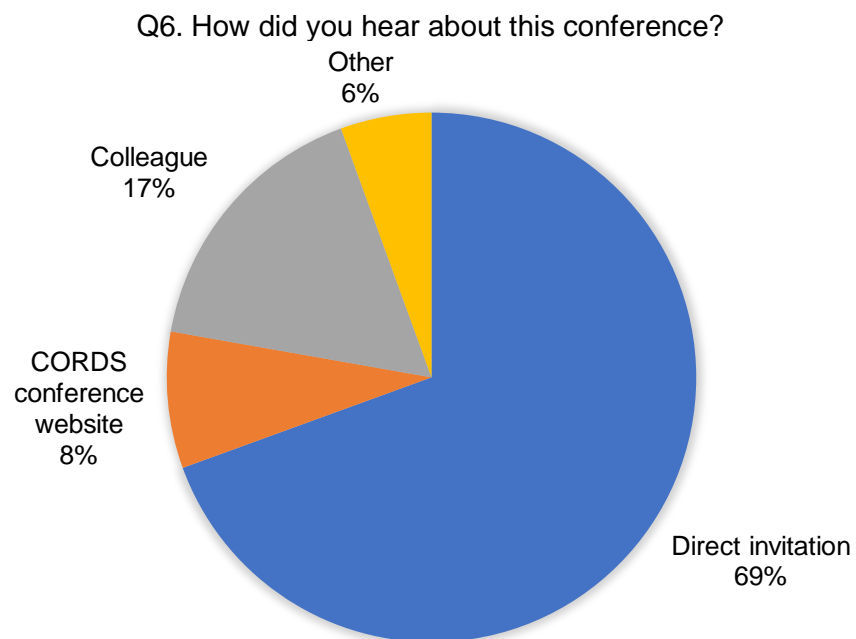
'More options in public health situations'

Q5a. What topics would you like to see covered in future CORDS Conferences?

- AMR, lessons from interesting research topics (2)
- More exposure to best practices (3)
- Challenges to One Health in disease control - bridging other players (3)
- Methods of engaging multi-disciplines, multi-sectoral teams for common good (2)
- Data integration
- Vector borne diseases
- CORDS working with more networks
- Environmental studies in disease diagnosis and control
- Cross border collaboration
- Community participation in surveillance response

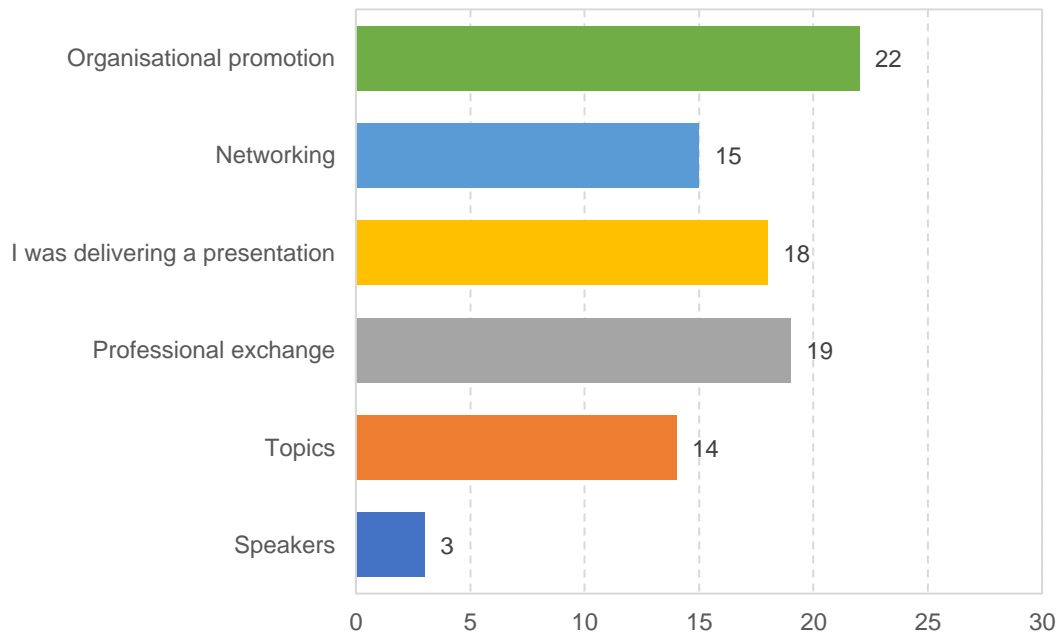
Future topics presented included AMR and One health, multidisciplinary or cross border working and sharing of best practices.

C. CORDS and You



Just over two thirds (69%) of respondents had known about the CORDS conference via direct invitation from CORDS secretariat. This tallies up with the fact that CORDS Conference comprised mostly of network representatives or partners, who were invited to showcase internetwork projects or that of their individual networks/organisations. Just under 20% had heard about the conference via a colleague.

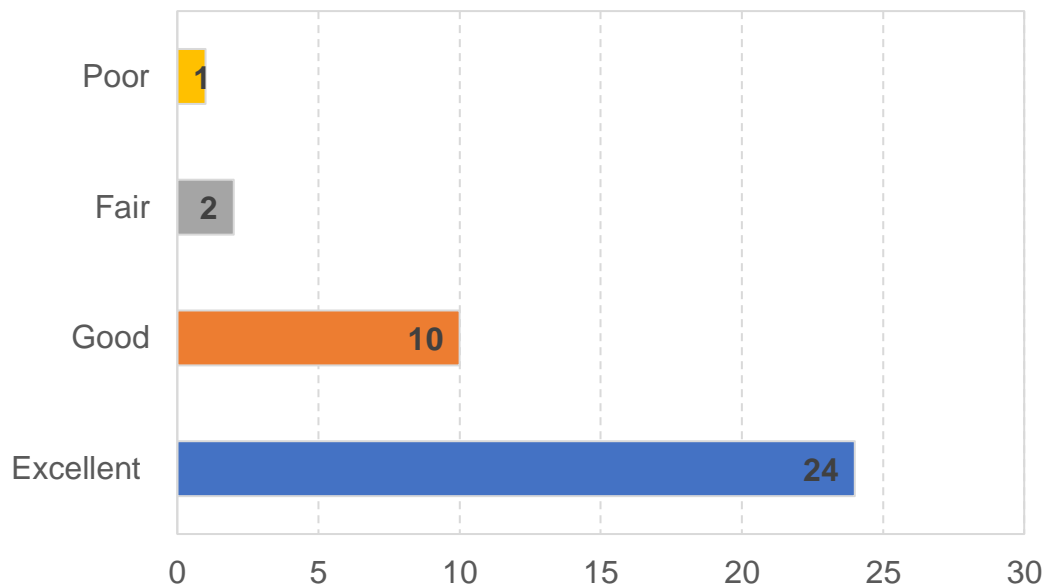
Q7. What attracted you to attend this conference?



Respondents were able to check more than one response for this question. The main reasons cited by respondents for why they attended the conference were to promote their organisation (n=22), for professional exchange (n=19) and that they were delivering a presentation n = 18).

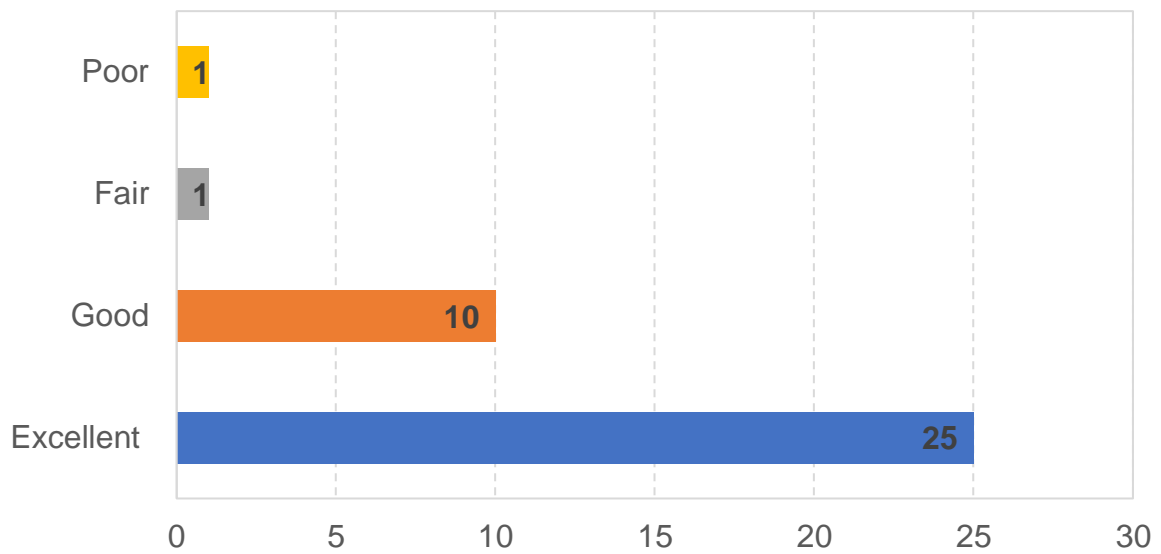
C. Conference Organisation and Logistics

Q8a. Communication with organisers



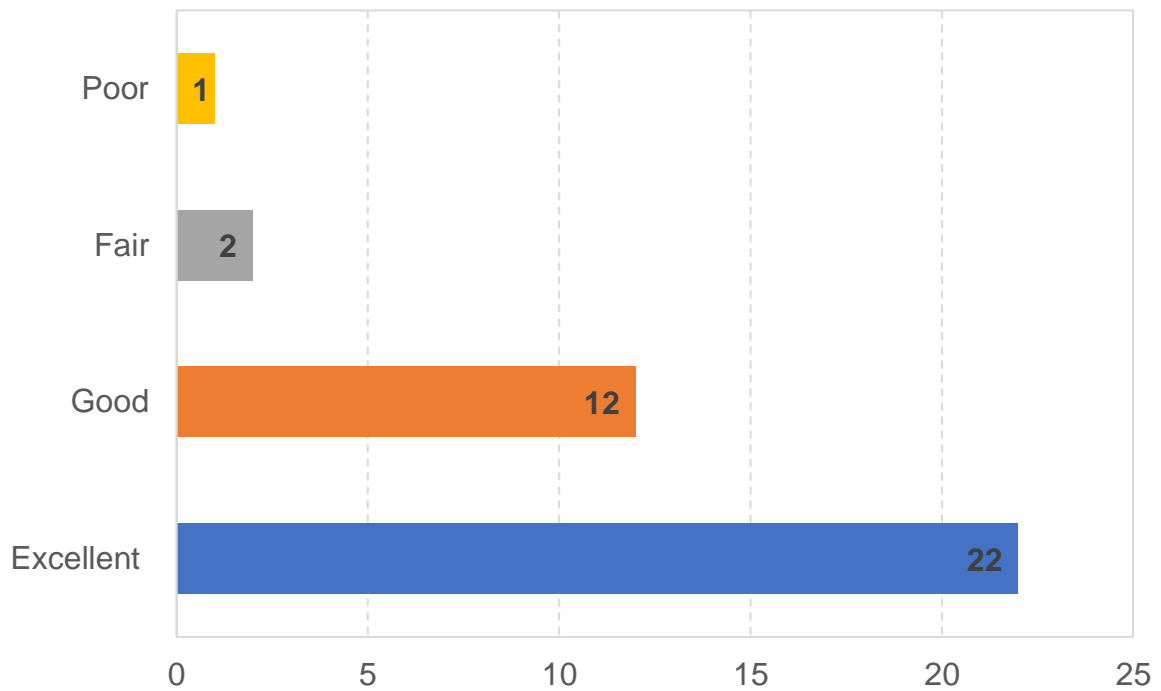
Almost two thirds (65%, n=12) stated that communication with organisers and logistics was excellent, and almost a third rated the conference as good.

Q8b. Logistics and Information



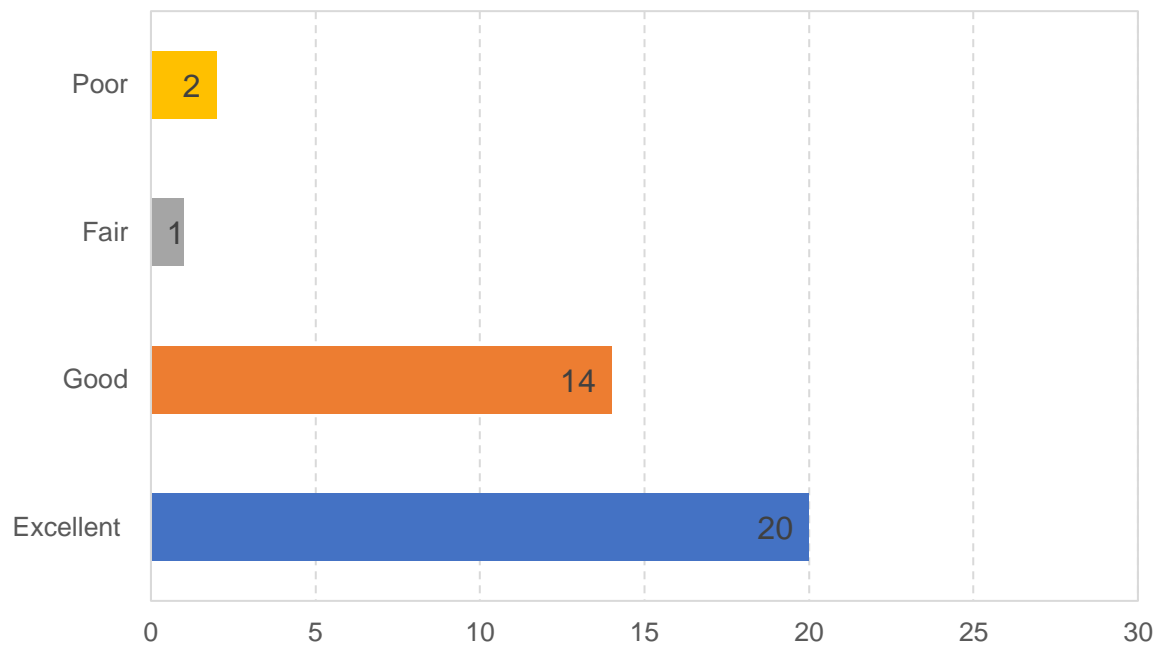
Similarly, the majority of respondents rated logistics and information provided to delegates about the conference as excellent or good. Just one rated logistics and information provided as poor.

Q8c. Equipment



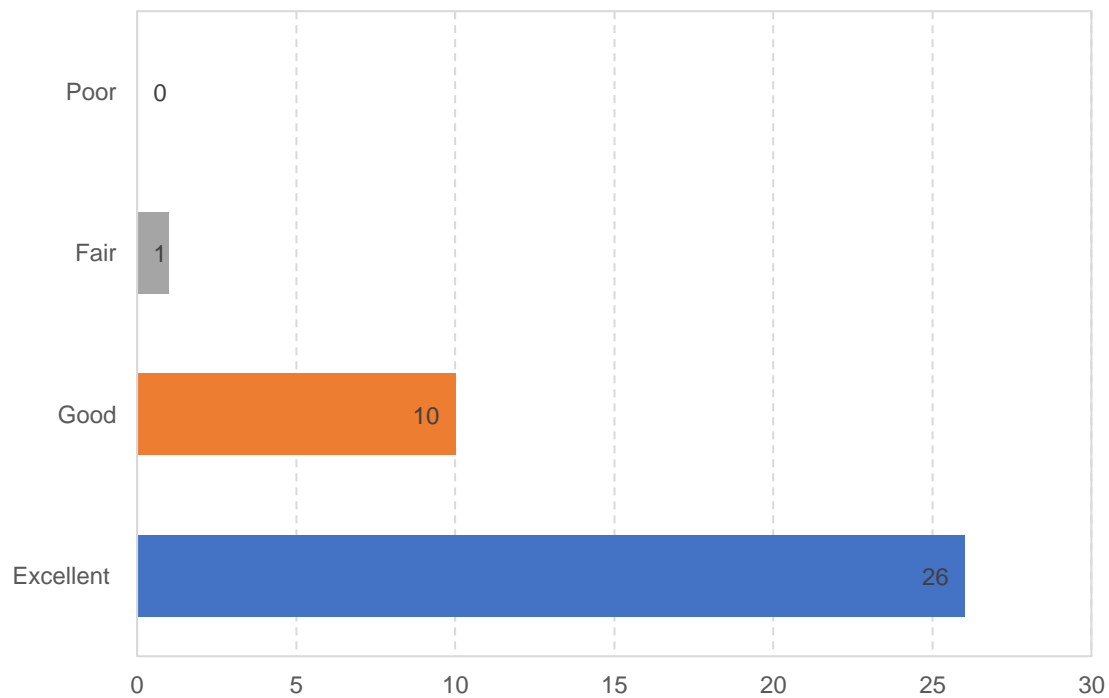
Just one respondent rated the equipment as poor.

Q8d. Accommodation



A total of 92% (n = 34) of respondents rated the accommodation favourably. Just two people rated accommodation as poor.

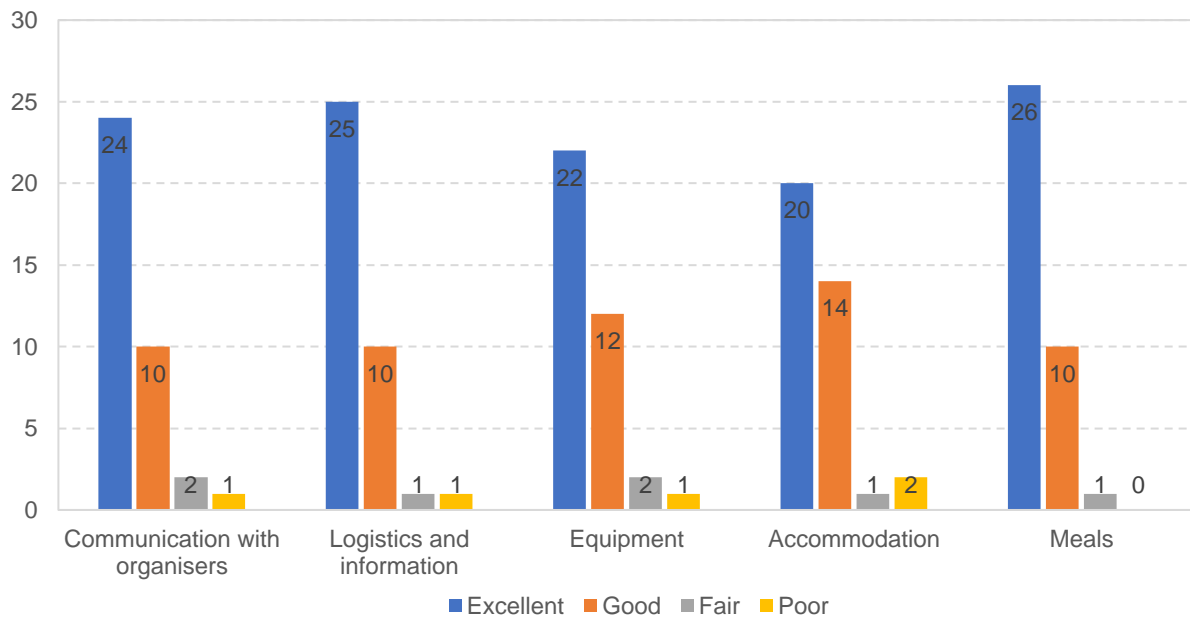
Q8e. Meals



Meals were rated excellent, good or fair by all respondents.

Q8f. Summary ratings for conference organisation

The graph below shows the relative ratings for all aspects of conference organisation.

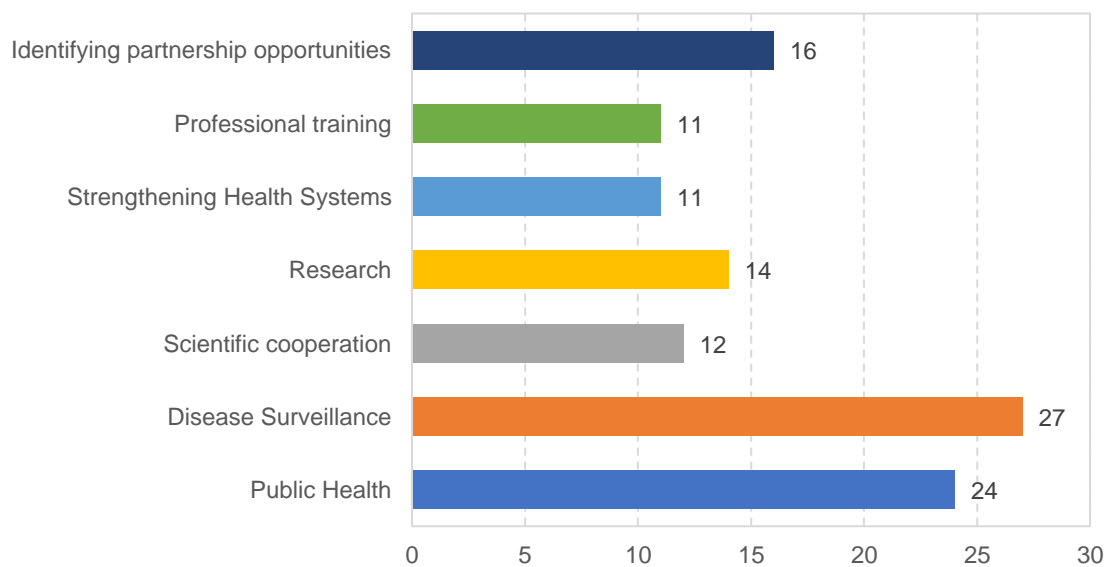


Positive feedback was received about the organisation of the conference with the rating for communication with organisers, logistics and information, equipment, accommodation and meals achieving 'excellent or very good' for 92% of respondents.

Conference participants cited the process at the airport for obtaining a yellow fever vaccination as a difficulty, also a suggestion was made to improve conference signage for directions.

D. CORDS' Work

Q9. What aspects of CORDS' work interests you the most?



Other comments

In line with other findings, delegates enjoyed the conference and further comments provided additional areas of focus or suggestions for recreational time, social activities to be built into the programme.

'Think of bottom up mechanism to digest topics and scientific advances'

'Keep going have frequent interaction of experts'

'CORDS should set minimum set of data for networks to share regularly'

'Wonderful conference only that delegates should in future be given room for walking in Bangkok streets'