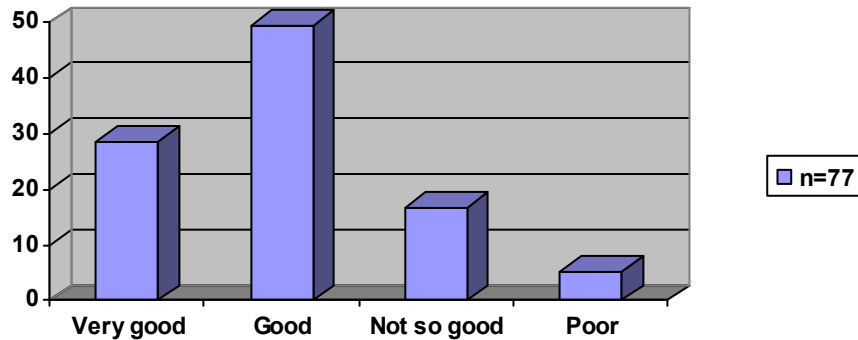


# Participant Feedback on the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual EALTA Conference Istanbul May 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

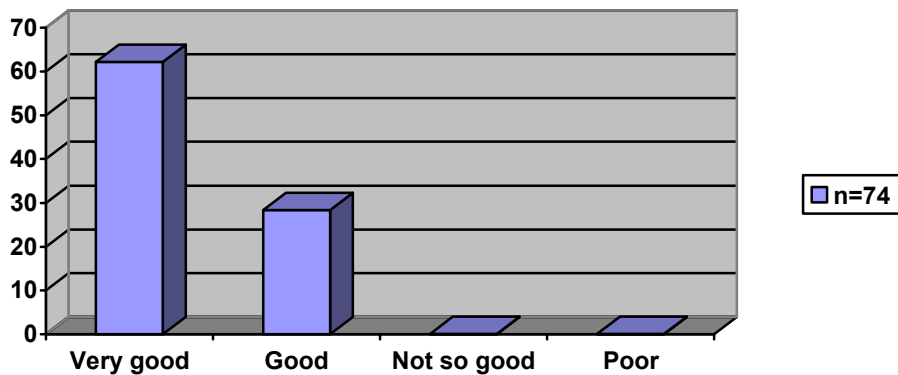
## 1. Organisation



### Any other comments?

- Improvement in the sound system in the main hall. (6)
- Coffee service very slow. (6)
- Helpful /friendly. (3)
- Finding speaker was absent on the day. (1)
- Emails answered quickly. Good conference information. (1)
- Difficulty in finding the venue / signposting. (8)
- Restrictions on food and beverages. (2)
- Registration confusing/slow. (2)
- Everything happened on exact time. Perfect! (1)
- Refreshments excellent except for the coffee. (1)

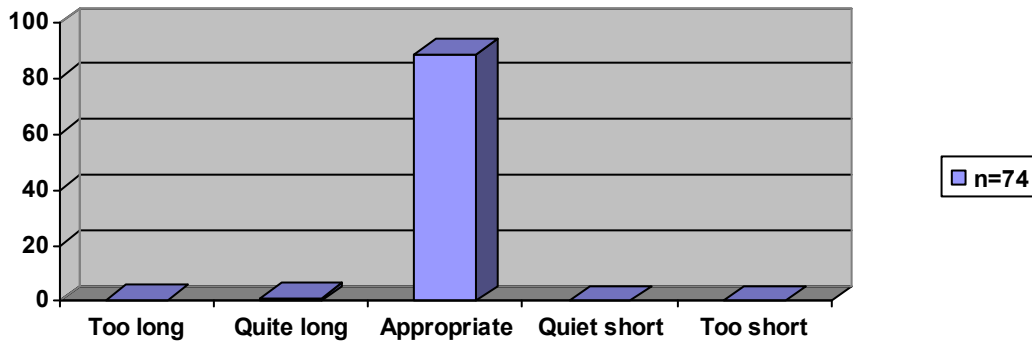
## 2. Location



### Any other comments?

- No toilet paper/clean toilets. (3)
- No internet. (1)
- A grim building. (1)
- Acoustics were bad. (1)
- Good, accessible. (1)
- No disabled facilities. (1)
- Very far to go to buy lunch. (1)
- Superb! (2)
- Hotel so convenient. Great! (2)
- Too far from the city centre. (1)
- Smaller place needed with fewer other events going on. (1)
- Interesting venue, hotels in walking distance. Good restaurants. Very convenient. (1)
- Great close to public transport. (1)
- Rooms for parallel slots very close.(2)

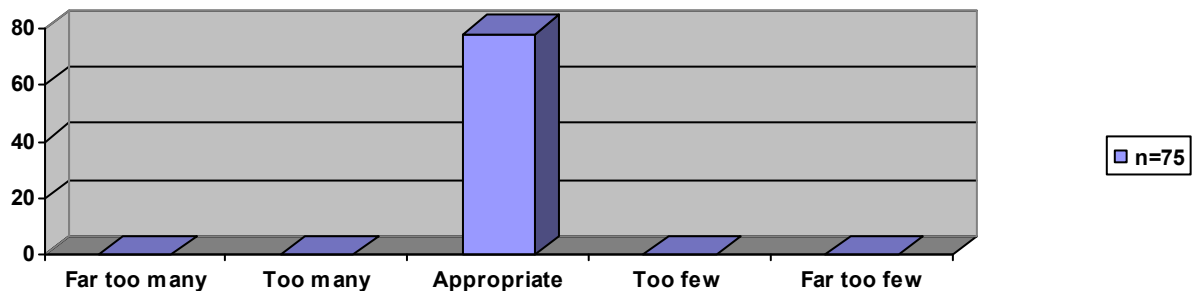
### 3. Length of conference



### Any other comments?

- Schedule crammed, have fewer papers or longer conference. (2)
- Friday too long and packed, Saturday a bit thin. (2)

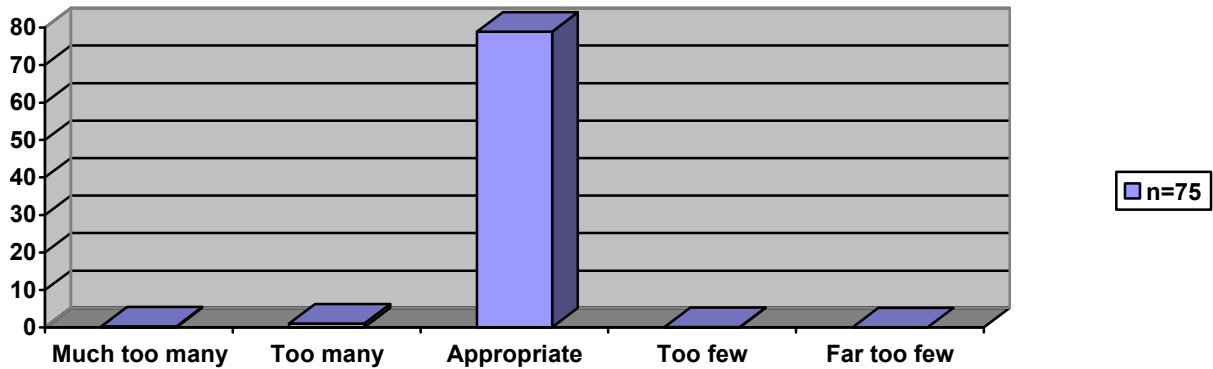
### 4. Length of presentations



### Any other comments?

- Variation very good. (1)
- 3 presentations in a row is a bit too much. (2)
- 30+ 5-10 for questions better. (2)
- Too long. They were boring. (2)
- Too much method orientation. Better product outcomes. (1)
- Too short. (1)
- Some people need to be better at time-keeping! (1)

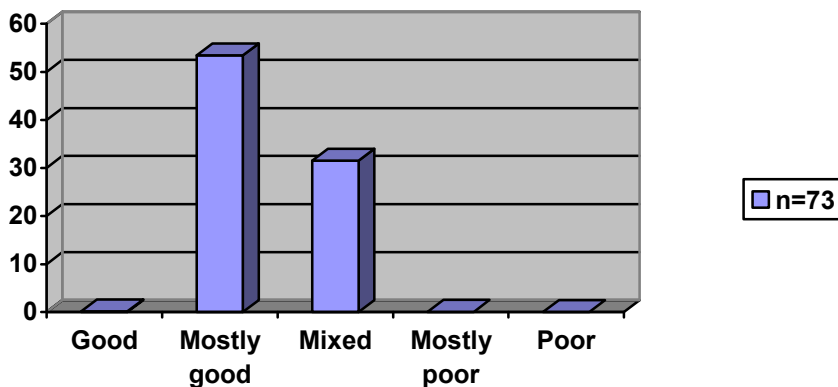
## 5. Number of presentations



### Any other comments?

- Friday could have been one session shorter. (1)
- Have parallel sessions all the time, except plenaries.(1)
- Have sessions in French and German/other languages. (2)
- Good, parallel sessions worked well. (1)
- A bit rushed.(1)
- 9.30 start on Sunday most welcome.(1)
- More time for discussion. (1)

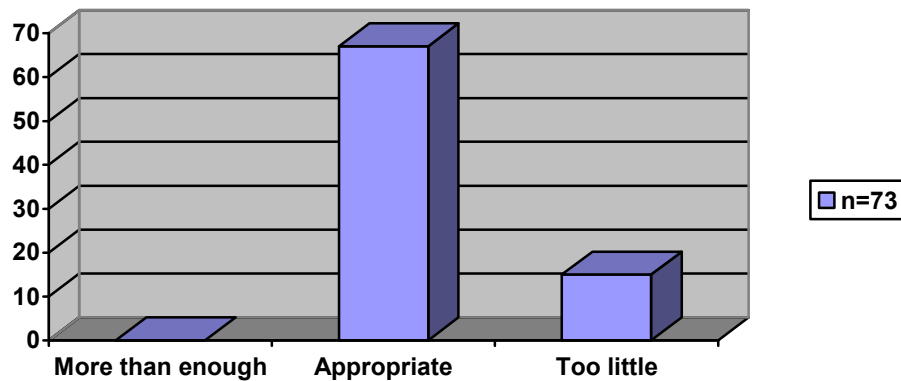
## 6. Quality of presentations



### Any other comments?

- Most presentations were based on too little data. (1)
- Presenters couldn't answer questions well. Bad pronunciation.(1)
- Shortly, a disappointment.(1)
- Good not to have too many stats (like LTRC). (1)
- Some supposed experts performed poorly. (1)
- Some presenters did not reflect quality research. (1)
- Lack of variety. (1)
- Most on theme. (1)
- Some presentations were not worth listening to. A waste of time. (1)
- Some too theoretical. I was lost. (1)
- Too much reading out and slides. (1)

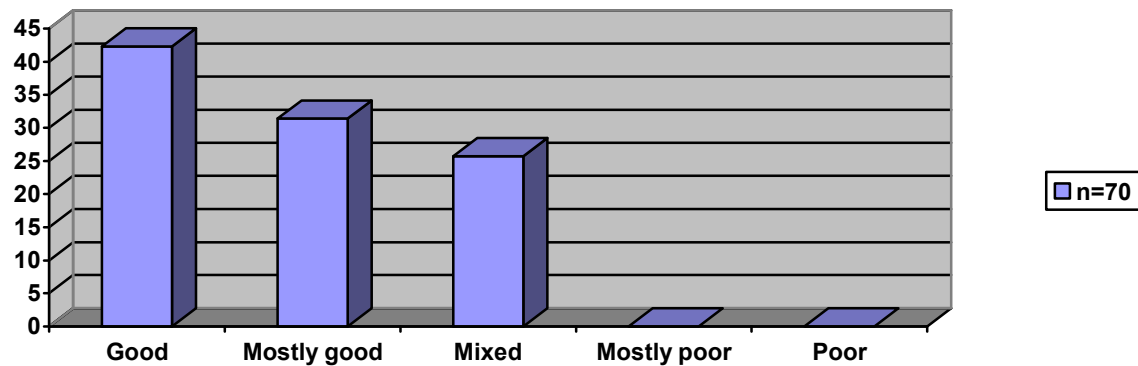
## 7. Opportunity for participation and discussion



### Any other comments?

- More opportunities for questions only, esp. for plenary speakers. (3)

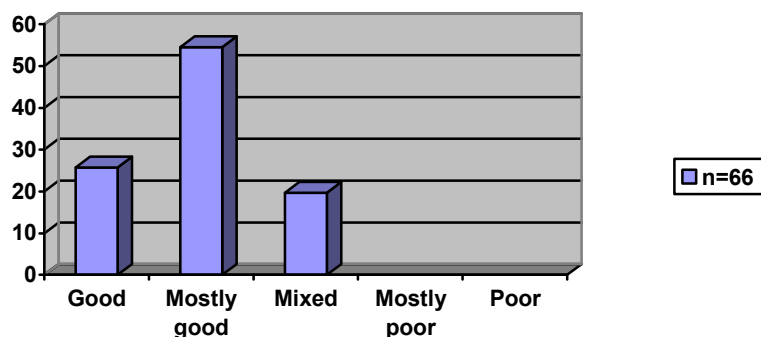
## 8. Keynote Papers



### Any other comments?

- Especially enjoyed Dr. Graesser. (1)
- Try to focus on new developments in research. (1)
- Interesting and well-planned. (1)

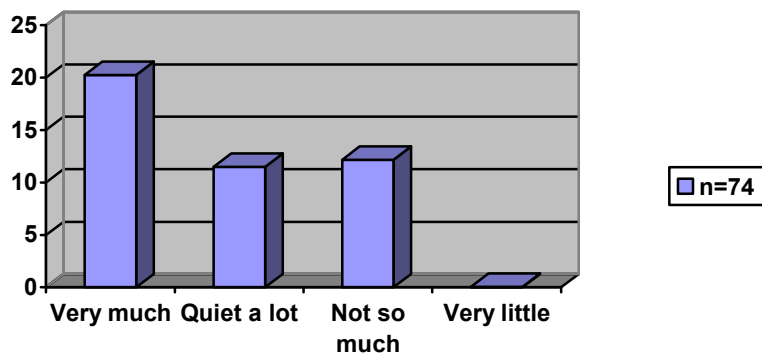
## 9. Posters



### Any other comments?

- Loved flipped washback! (1)
- Poster presentations should be promoted more. (1)

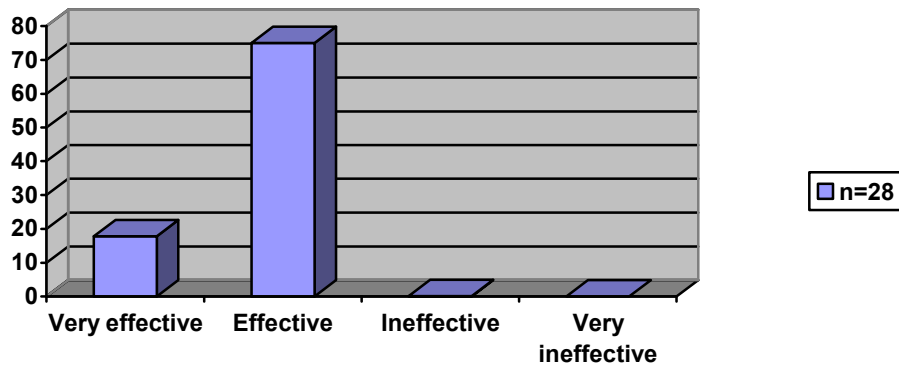
## 10. Opportunity to learn



### Any other comments?

- Due to poor quality of the papers, no comment could be made. (1)
- Only tenuously related to impact. (1)

## 11. Annual General Meeting

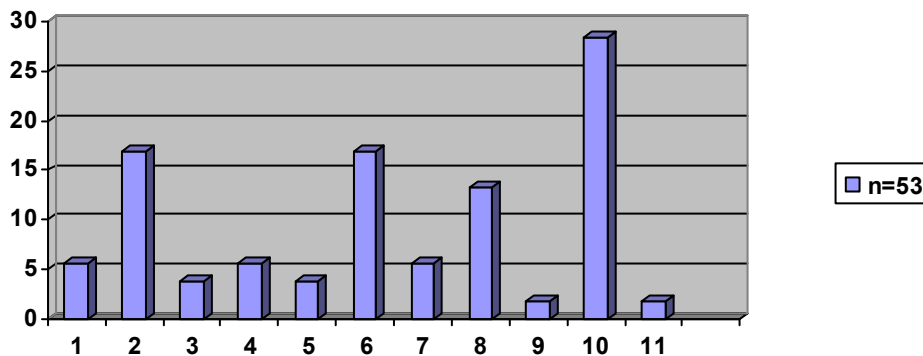


### Any other comments?

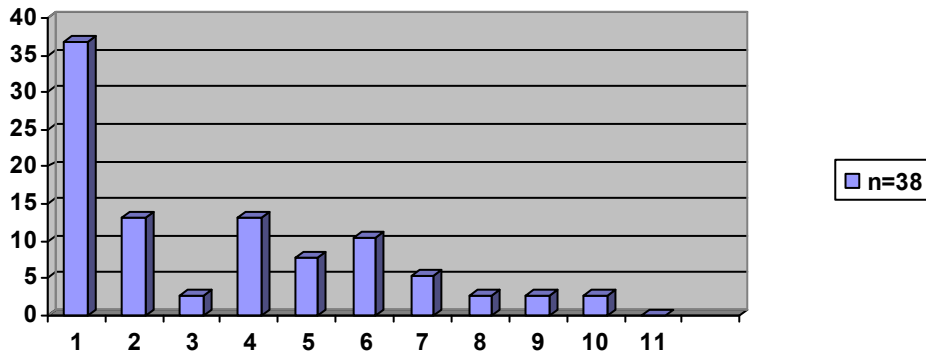
- Voting procedures might need revision. (1)
- The conduct of the meeting should be a little more formal. Votes in favour should be requested before (Any objections". Abstentions should be invited and recorded as such, not as no opinion (which is not the same thing). (1)

## B. Please, read again the above mentioned 11 aspects of the conference and evaluate:

a. Which of the above aspects (1 to 11) was the best of the conference? (circle its number)



b. Which of the above aspects (1 to 11) was the worst of the conference?



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**C. What in particular did you learn at this conference?**

- Men overwhelmingly ask questions of speakers. I attended 24 talks, there were 126 questions asked and only 20 were asked by women. However, women far outnumbered men as participants. (1)
- Just learnt ongoing research studies which has no practical sides to implement (1)
- New perspectives on research. (2)
- It's difficult to measure the impact of testing! (1)
- Washback is anew term for me.
- That EALTA is moving on from it fixation about CEFR. (1)
- The importance of digital help for assessment. (1)
- CBA is gaining ground and needs to be taken seriously. (1)
- Automated measurement of test characteristics. (2)
- I've got a lot of ideas about test development. (1)
- Too much CEFR! (1)
- PCWs and SIGs very useful. (1)
- New terminology. (1)
- Unfortunately future research will be on automated scoring methods. (1)
- That I don't want to be a psychometrician!
- Testing professional well-prepared and wonderfully supportive. (1)
- Prepare the topic on the agenda a bit better so nothing is unclear or not thought through. (1)

**D. What would you like to suggest for the next annual meeting and conference?**

- Video recordings of presentations on web-page (if necessary with log-in for member only). (1)
- Criteria for abstract needs thorough revision. (2)
- Use social media, Twitter, live stream. (1)

**E. Do you have any suggestions for (a) topic(s) of a pre- or post- conference workshop?**

- More workshops practical training. (1)
- Maybe a symposium. (1)

**F . What is your opinion of parallel sessions?**

**None needed / too many / appropriate number /too few Why?**

- More time needed for questions. (1)

