



ICS 2012

Post -Congress Survey Results

166 respondents

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Question 1.

How did you learn about this Meeting? (Please indicate all that apply)

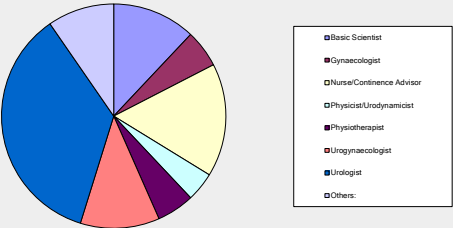
Answer Options	Response Percent
ICS	71.1%
Annual Meeting Website/Webmails	33.1%
Meeting Brochure	13.9%
Society Journals	10.8%
Colleagues	28.9%
Professional Website or Online Events Calendar	10.8%
Web Search	1.8%
Mailshot	2.4%
Facebook	0.6%
Twitter	0.0%
Other (please specify):	2.4%
Return attendee	
Australian CFA and ANCAN journal member	
ICS member	

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Question 2.

Profession: (please indicate your main area of interest)

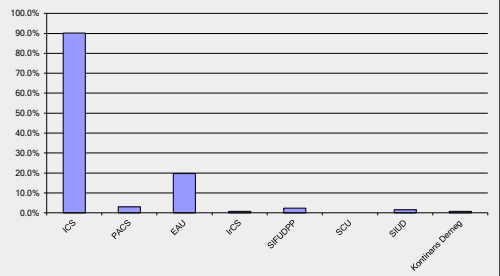


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Question 3.

Please indicate your affiliation(s):

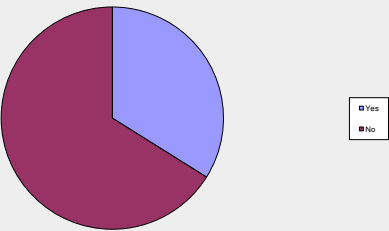


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Question 4.

Is this your first time attending an ICS meeting?

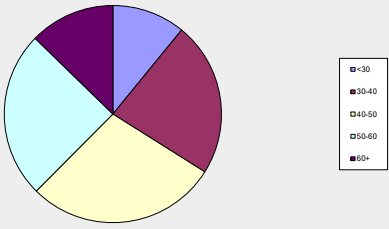


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Question 5.

Which age group are you in:



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Question 6.

Rank the top 3 reasons for attending the annual meeting:

Answer Options	Response Percent
Presenting an abstract	46.3%
Speaking at a workshop or educational course	26.2%
Scientific Programme Topics	57.3%
Invited Speaker	4.3%
Attending Workshops	42.1%
Networking	37.8%
Society business or committee meetings	15.9%
CME credits	11.6%
Meeting Venue	28.7%
Other (please specify):	
Receiving Lifetime Achievement Award;	
Oral and poster presentations;	
my colleague was presenting;	
2 unmoderated posters;	
urodynamics committee member;	
Meeting collaborators.	

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Question 7: Please suggest topics for State of the Art Lectures at future meetings?

BPH and irritative symptoms
LUTS
continence in third world countries
Bladder outlet obstruction and underactive detrusor in female
Management of anal incontinence
Male incontinence
comparison of traditional repair and mesh repair
skill of surgery
minimally invasive surgery for incontinence
botox
male incontinence
Debate cost-effectiveness of urodynamics
How to treat recurrent urinary incontinence
Urge incontinence - new treatments
Biological therapies in urology
fecal incontinence
Pediatric urinary incontinence, pathogenesis and management
future of treatment of neurogenital bladder
continence nurses' innovation on UI care
Surgery for Male incontinence
Stress urinary incontinence
brain and bladder function
Pointers to conducting a effective Cost-Utility study
SUI

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New advances in Urodynamic
Alternative medicine
pharmacology lower urinary tract
Psychology of incontinence
CNS imaging in OAB
Updates on technology in management of neurogenic bladder patients
Physiology of LUT- update
Sacral nerve stimulation
Urodynamics
Future development of effective drugs for LUTS
Patient Advocacy
Neuromodulation
The evolution of incontinence surgery
follow up from the OAB debate
Role of infection in refractory detrusor overactivity
Psychology of continence
cost-benefit ratio medication urgency/frequency
Mechanisms of visceral pain & mechanistic-based therapies
Sexual function and the pelvic floor
Evidence-based medicine
Moving Care closer to home: Community Clinics
bowel management
Mixed urinary incontinence
Post reproductive healthcare in women

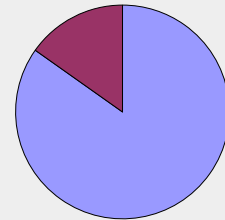
Geriatric Urology
assessment of new technology- ethics
brain bladder connection
Interstitial Cystitis
Engineering and Medicine
neuro-urology
New drugs coming down the pipeline
Botulinum toxin for treatment patients with bladder emptying disorders
Interstitial Cystitis/Bladder Pain Syndrome
IOC in the lower urinary tract
Scientist Urologist Partnerships
How to deal with complications of UI surgery/conservative treatment
new devices for voiding dysfunction
NEUROGENIC BLADDER AND SCI
electrical stimulation to treat bladder dysfunction
Meat augmented repair failed: What next?
Pelvic pain and the brain
Further discussion on over active bladder definition
neurogenic bladder (spinal cord injury, etc.)
anal incontinence per se
Implants for pelvic floor prolaps
basic to advance simple to complex URODYNAMICS
robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy
bladder neurophysiology
Nocturia

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Question 8.

Was the certification provided at the meeting and after the workshops satisfactory for your personal CME programme requirements?



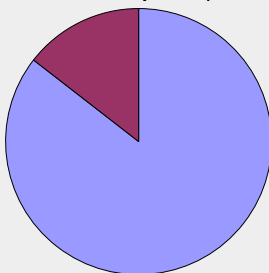
Yes
No

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Question 9.

This year the ICS increased communication to remind delegates that abstracts and workshop handouts would only be available on the ICS website. Were you adequately informed in advance of the meeting about: Downloadable abstracts for your computer/ Smartph



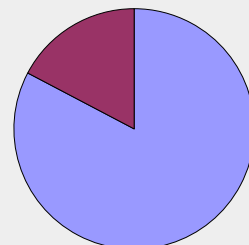
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No

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Question 10.

Were you adequately informed in advance of the meeting about: Abstract viewing and printing facility at ICS 2012



Yes
No

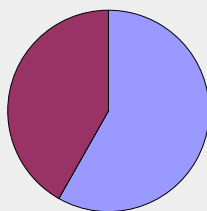
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Question 11.

To search and read abstracts / view videos etc electronically I prefer:

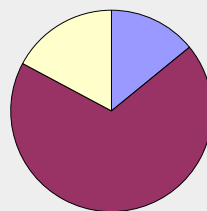


■ To use the ICS Website
■ To use the ICS abstracts USB

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Question 12.

If the ICS was unable to get a corporate sponsor for the USB stick which would you prefer:

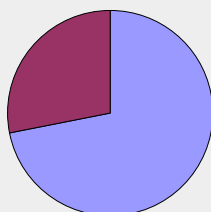


■ To purchase a stick as part of online registration (pre-order only)
■ To download the USB software to your PC (for free)
■ To download an app for your phone

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Question 13.

ICS abstract length has traditionally been much longer than other scientific meetings (up to 900 words). For ease of reading and downloading, avoidance of duplicate publishing risk, and to economise on print space, we are considering reducing the abstract

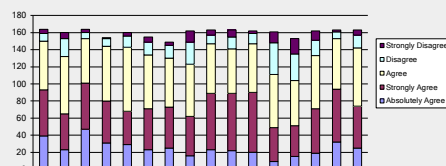


■ Yes ■ No

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Question 14.

Please rate each statement using the following scale: 5 - Absolutely Agree (Best), 4 - Strongly Agree, 3 - Agree, 2 - Disagree, 1 - Strongly Disagree (Worst) (see the next slide for clarification on statements)

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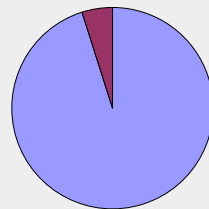
Question 14 continued (the full statements).

- 1 Adequate information was available before the meeting
- 2 The registration and rates were appropriate
- 3 Registration process was easy and efficient
- 4 Workshops were interesting and of high quality
- 5 The selection of registration types and rates was appropriate for my profession and/or academic level
- 6 Hotel selection was adequate
- 7 Hotel booking was easy and efficient
- 8 Food and Beverage on site was on time and of good quality
- 9 Scientific programme topics were of value
- 10 Presentations were interesting and of a high quality
- 11 Audio visual was of high quality
- 12 Exhibition was of interest and value
- 13 Social events were enjoyable
- 14 The venue was attractive
- 15 The professional networking and contacts with colleagues was satisfactory
- 16 My overall satisfaction from the Meeting experience was high

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Question 15.

In your experience at the Annual Scientific Meeting were Kenes staff helpful, courteous and polite?



■ Yes
■ No

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Question 16. Concerning the annual meeting please indicate the most useful academic event

workshop
OAB
workshops
acupuncture
workshops
the first state-of-the-art session, with informations about acupuncture as therapy for incontinence
scientific programme
botox workshop
work shops
Zimmer debate
academic content was poor overall
workshops
scientific programme
plenary sessions
debate
work shops
clinical report
OAB plenary session
OAB discussion
State of Art
Main plenary
Workshops attended
OAB session
Debate on OAB
Neurourology
I liked the smaller sessions, but no main auditorium session was worthwhile
Vaginal meshes
Vaginal meshes
workshops

Ultrasound workshop
Keynote address on acupuncture/OAB panel discussion/debate
networking at forums
Norm Zimmer debate
Poster presentations
workshop on evidence for pelvic floor muscle training
workshops
Workshop on Co-morbidities
point counterpoint Norm Zimmer lecture/discussion
the last podium session of the meeting
State of the art lectures
Workshops
Nurse's Forum
scientific podium presentations
Acupuncture and LUTS WOMEN
symposium on OAB
morning sessions on friday
Workshop
round table Neurogenic bladder
Discussed Poster sessions
discussed posters on urodynamics
the OAB debate - though it wasn't a real debate & the physiotherapy roundtable
State of the Art presentation Sexual Implications of chronic Pelvic Pain
general presentations
meeting the experts
workshop brain and bladder
state of the art lecture

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Question 16. Concerning the annual meeting please indicate the least useful academic event

posters
State of the art: Chinese Acupuncture
public forum
lunch with experts
Some of the poster sessions
some workshop
Lunch with experts
State of the Art Lecture on Acupuncture
Opening session of surgical abstracts: embarrassingly bad science
non-moderated posters
non-moderated posters
Some of the pharmaceutical 'special sessions'
quality of the food and the quality of service form the conference venue
some of the workshops
State of the art lecture on pelvic floor pain
poster sessions
State of the art lecture on pelvic pain
there were none
most of the abstracts were of low quality
Round table expert sessions a waste of money!!
Conservative Treatment
some of the poster presentations were too short
Male session...too much VUUS
several workshops
satellite meetings on present topics
the state of the art lecture on Chronic Pain - very disappointing
Lecture on Acupuncture
poster presentations without presenter who has written the paper
state of the art

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Welcome reception
the welcome cocktail
acupuncture
acupuncture
reception
pelvic muscle floor training
fun run
welcome reception
workshop
Availability of tours
opening reception
Usually the Welcome Reception, but not in China
Welcome reception
didn't do these
gala event
gala event
welcome reception
poor quality venue for poster presentations - crap tape
networking at the gala dinner
Welcome reception
Lunches at the venue
Welcome Reception
reception and networking
Chairman's dinner
Dinner
ics run
Lunch with experts
exhibition discussions
the conference dinner
Nurses Forum
gala dinner

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gala dinner was a disappointment, music was good.
conference dinner and venue was very disappointing.
dinner ics
annual dinner
olympic run
chairman dinner
NO WIFI!!!!
Gala Dinner (with black tie dress code) organized in dirty 'fast food' located at some 'warehouse' with waiters dressed in soiled 'spart dresses' smoking at Lavatory and awful food accompanied by festivities in style of TV shows of East-German TV parade of 1980s (known as 'Ein Kessel Bunten'). In my opinion, it was really disgusting moment.
Fun run (no one turned up to appointed meeting place)
disgusting poor quality food
coffee breaks with long lines for bad coffee and insufficient food to go with the coffee
Dinner
The Gala Dinner
none
the gala dinner
Annual Dinner - Again over priced
Opening Reception - ran out of food!!
Welcome Reception
gala dinner
gala dinner
Not sure
welcome reception
nothing really
Annual dinner
none
bad English speaking presenters
opening ceremony

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Question 17: What will affect your decision in attending a future ICS meeting?

rate and location
place and timing
content of the program
Price of the whole pack
suitable time of the year (not in summer. I), location,
venue. Would not return to China. It was too difficult to gain entry to the country.
Scientific sessions and type of workshop
Price
program and location
its location and topics
I would like more of anorectal motility disorders
money support
content
useful information.
location
money
period of the year, venue, fee
costs
Application of leave
registration rate, speakers
The contents and speakers
good workshops
time
time elapsed from active practice
Budgets and oral/poster abstracts
own presentation
content
Registration fees
finances
venue

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Question 17 continued: What will affect your decision in attending a future ICS meeting?

none depends on being able to take time off.
abstract
the going on study on this field
venue
sponsorship
financial support and site
I am free when ICS meeting open
Venue
My continuing interest
location
host city
Meeting Venue and workshops
Location
scientific program
Access to society business/committee meetings. Should not be held so early
Difficult to reach locations
Time and place
speaking at a venue; location
Nothing, I shall be there!
Date - why plan a meeting at the end of August when most people are on holiday!
If any future Annual Meeting is organized in non-democratic country like ICS meeting 2012, I will not attend and will cease my membership in ICS.
Continuation with clinical practice
I thought the science was poor compared to AUGS this year. I have presented almost every year since 1986, but people do not seem to be bringing their best science to ICS any more.
Location
academic event
location
Cost and distance from Europe
Location and scientific program
funding

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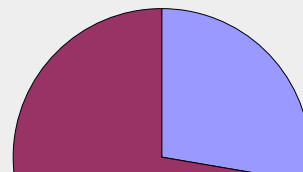
Location and scientific program
funding
location
program, rates and venue
would never go to china again
location, scientific programme, workshops
access
scientific program
location
finances
cost
location, finances, abstract acceptance
the scientific program
Cost
Venue and whether I am presenting
Cost
the copice of presenters/abstracts (quality of abstracts)
and low quality of ICS dinner
location, funding to attend
ability to take the time off and the financial commitment
location and cost
none
location, acceptance of abstract
organisation, venue, program
Location and price
scientific program
safe location
Funding
department approval
time, price, place
Scientific program
place
fee

keep abreast of the latest development in this field
Location, fees, scientific content
If I am presenting within the workshops or conference.
Geography
location of the venue
I will attend next year based on this years experience
quality and price
Good scientific sessions
My coworker's research activity and ICS meeting programme
abstracts accepted, location
Funding
value
if I get sponsorship
scientific programme
Travel costs.
place
funding!

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Question 18.

Should a printed congress newsletter be created?

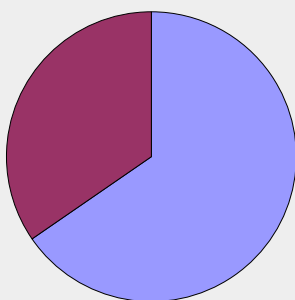


Yes
No

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Question 19.

Should an electronic congress newsletter be created?



Yes
No

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Question 20: Do you have suggestions for improving future ICS meetings or any other comments?

make sure that the gala dinner is in an appropriate place and lives up to the advertisement.

avoid countries that are too difficult to enter, greater scrutiny of posters as many were of inappropriate standard

Ensure that accommodation descriptions on the site match the accommodation provided. I booked the Huiyan Media Village apartments which were supposed to have a kitchen, dining area lounge twin bedroom and a washing machine - what I got was a twin room with a fridge freezer!

I think a colon and rectal surgeon should be part of the scientific board as well as a board member

more topics on gynecology

the abstracts should be available for all the participants (in the congressbook), not only for the ICS members

Increase paper

If English is not the first language of the meeting country, translation of the presentation materials may be required to certain extend.

use only group registration, easy to cancel and adjust

China is not a good place for ICS meeting

better sign posting from entrance, especially important in large convention centres where there may be multiple organisations and locations. Beijing was especially problematic. More ICS signs would be helpful.

Better on site wireless internet access. There should be better use of the conference hall for plenary sessions, the meeting felt like it was dominated by poster presentations. There was some very interesting and important work given as a poster presentation which should have been delivered in a plenary talk.

make abstracts available to delegates on USB in conference bag

make sure the sticky tape for posters works!!

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Question 20 continued: Do you have suggestions for improving future ICS meetings or any other comments?

No it was fantastic.
more localized

Opening ceremony & gala were too expensive for what was provided.

More abstracts should be presented

keep them located in Europe and North America

Introducing some semi-structured sessions with good chairman. Fewer simultaneous sessions

better signage

The food quality of conference dinner was not satisfactory

better food

increase topics debates

Please re-instate the system of seating assignments for the gala dinner.

less papers accepted, better quality. this will shorten meeting so that courses can begin a day later and so can committee meetings

I think this was the best ICS meeting I have attended. Debate was stimulating and thought provoking and interesting to see the decoupling of scientific and pharmaceutical industry interests.

The quality of Asian speakers on podium presentations was generally speaking POOR. I am very sorry for this generalised statement, but I found it extremely annoying that lots of them (certainly not all) did not speak English well. This made the quality of their presentations poor, difficult to understand. They were not able to adequately respond to questions. I think this is below level, an internationally orientated meeting like ICS should have certain standards to the English language and thus presentation skills. Next, pretty much poster and podium presentations were not at all! Why?

Finally, I need to complain about the annual dinner. I am very sorry about that. The price (115 USD) was absolutely too high. The venue appeared to be a little too small for everybody. The food was ridiculous: fat, cold, tasteless, no little. The same accounts for the drinks. I paid a lot of money for an evening where I was actually ashamed for. Some of my colleagues left to have a dinner in town. To make the evening even worse, my purse was stolen. Nice venue, if the personnel robs you during a "nice" evening with colleagues.

Please do not support totalitarian regimes by organizing meetings in country like People's Republic of China. I have been attending Annual Meetings of the ICS since 2006 and this was definitely my worst one due to the host Country. Apart from this, ICS structures and Kines did well as every year. Sorry for these Comments but that is how I felt it. Oldrich Sottnar, Czech Republic

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Question 20 continued: Do you have suggestions for improving future ICS meetings or any other comments?

Improve the science, lose the politics.

Menu on Gala Dinner was very bad.

Encourage more gynecological and GI involvement

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NO - usually an excellent job is done all round

I usually enjoy the conference dinners. They are expensive however the latest one at the Bidsnest was an embarrassment and unless I am

assured there won't be a repeat, I am unlikely to attend another dinner. Like many others, we decided not to catch the shuttle bus but

arrived and spent + half an hour just looking for the entrance. Would never have got there if not for a young Chinese boy. No signage, no

instructions. The food was minimal and extremely poor quality (head table seemed to have done better). The entertainment was just OK

and band good but dance floor inadequate. Men's toilet 'absolute disgrace', wasn't prepared to use the ladies. We could have spent the

same money and had a much better night with colleagues if we had organized it ourselves. VERY disappointing. Great conf dinner in

Montreal, great food, great entertainment and all held at the conference venue. No need for an icon - doesn't always work (Glasgow train

station was too tight)

More for colorectal surgeons, more fecal incontinence

meetings should be held only in cities where English language is common

More full podium sessions with formal discussion of presentation

thanks for a great meeting; each one has its strengths and challenges but overall, excellent meeting

Proper selection of meeting location and time of the year. The meeting in China was affected by organizational issues. This includes

minority of English speakers, lack of enough signs at the huge convention center and which are needed to lead to the meeting, most of the

abstracts are of very low scientific quality that does not fit to the caliber of the ICS. Most of the videos are not good candidates to be

presented. I noticed many presenters did not show and not sure if that is because of the travel costs or visa issues. Last but not least, the

posters layout was weird, it is in a landscape format in all other meetings, and we could not figure a good way to keep them standing on

th boards.

Need to reduce the cost of the dinner. Paying US\$ 100 for a meal is over the top. Unlikely I would attend any other ICS dinner. Poor

entertainment as well.

Run out of food at the Opening reception - not worth the extra ticket cost

Didn't get the abstract book, the time of the opening ceremony was different on he tickets to in the book so I missed an hour. some of the

most interesting topics were poster presentations and 2 minutes didn't seem like enough

Would like to get out of the venue for social events, better venues than chosen in the last yr (ie Welcome reception was in CCNN, we were

there ALL DAY!

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Question 20 continued: Do you have suggestions for improving future ICS meetings or any other comments?

prefer open countries, avoid visa restrictions

Locations that easier to get to.

Again, I would much prefer a paper copy of abstracts.

Financial enough support needed

We were disappointed in the lack of hotel shuttles to and from the conference venue

include tour options after meeting (e.g. Beijing Saturday)

Better annual dinner, was really a disaster!

Speakers at workshops spend time on this and usually arrive earlier in order to do the workshop. I suggest this should be rewarded by a reduced registration fee

Not only hotel payment receipts have to be e-mailed but reservation itself as well.

There should be fewer non-discussion posters. There are too many to view during a busy program and many that I did spend time viewing, making my decision from the titles in the program book, were very disappointing in their poor science. It would be much better have fewer but higher quality posters. And from a researcher's point of view, it saves an unnecessary rise in expectations that a piece of research is worthy of publication when it is really not.

The Dinner was a big disappointment. For US\$230 my husband and I could have had a big night out in Beijing. All the dishes were cold, the tours of the Bird nest did not happen, we could not see the entertainment

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Question 20 continued: Do you have suggestions for improving future ICS meetings or any other comments?

providing shuttle buses between official hotels and the venue

try and stimulate the anorectal perspective

More quality, free wifi in congress hall!

Ensure that areas of interest are not in parallel sessions

More practical workshops, if possible more hands-on/ live feed experience such as in the ultrasound workshop (Dietz and co-workers)

get rid of IUGA, total waste

hands on training for resident

Meeting should not be held at non-English country such as Beijing, China.

Interpretation facilities

Poor conference dinner. Expensive, poor food. POOR FOOD

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