

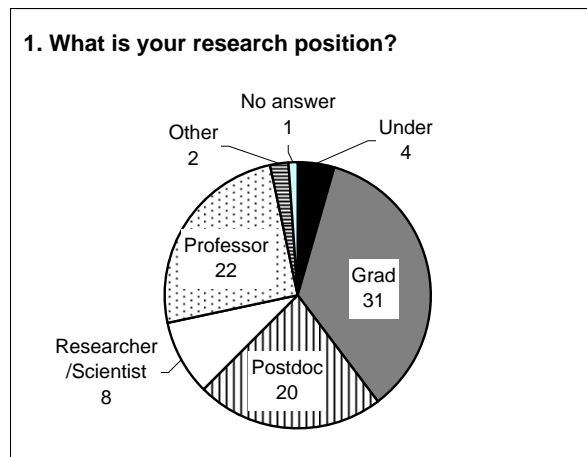
Workshop Survey

[Tell me about yourself]

1. What is your research position?

Undergraduate	4
Graduate	31
Postdoctoral	20
Faculty	0
Researcher/Scientist	8
Professor	22
Other	2
No answer	1

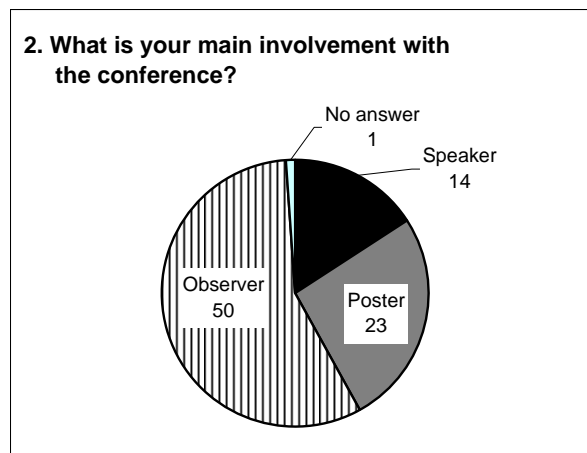
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2. What is your main involvement with the conference?

Speaker	14
Presenter of poster	23
Interested observer	50
No answer	1

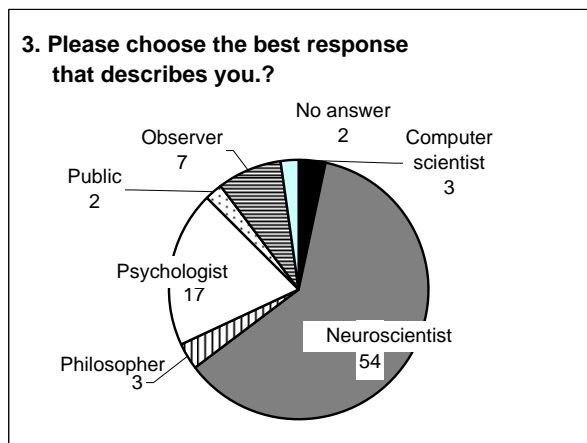
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3. Please choose the best response that describes you.

Computer scientist	3
Neuroscientist	54
Philosopher	3
Psychologist	17
Interested member of the public	2
Observer	7
No answer	2

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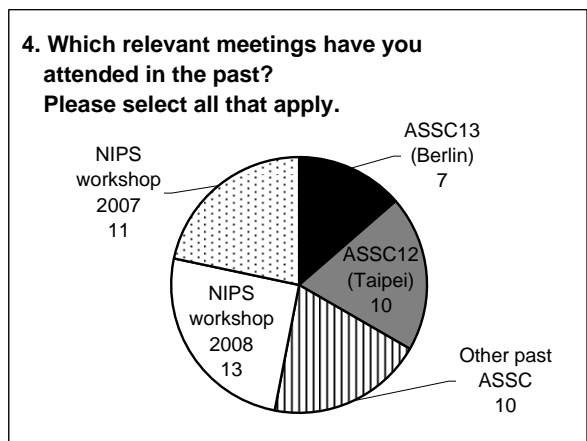
4. Which relevant meetings have you attended in the past?

Please select all that apply.

* multiple answers allowed

ASSC13 (Berlin)	7
ASSC12 (Taipei)	10
Other past ASSC	10
NIPS workshop 2008 (Motivation and Social)	13
NIPS workshop 2007 (Attention and Decision)	11

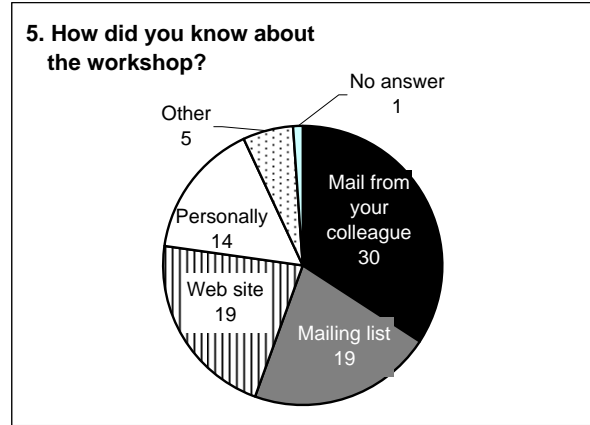
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[About the workshop in general]

5. How did you know about the workshop?

Mail from your colleague	30
Mailing list	19
Web site	19
Personally	14
Other	5
No answer	1
Total	88



6. Was the date of the workshop appropriate for you?
If not, indicate your suggested seasons or dates.

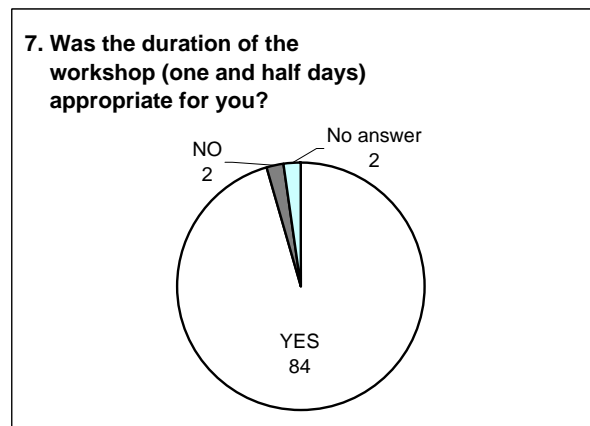
YES	83
NO	4
No answer	1
Total	88



7. Was the duration of the workshop (one and half days) appropriate for you?
If not, indicate your suggestion.

YES	84
NO	2
No answer	2
Total	88

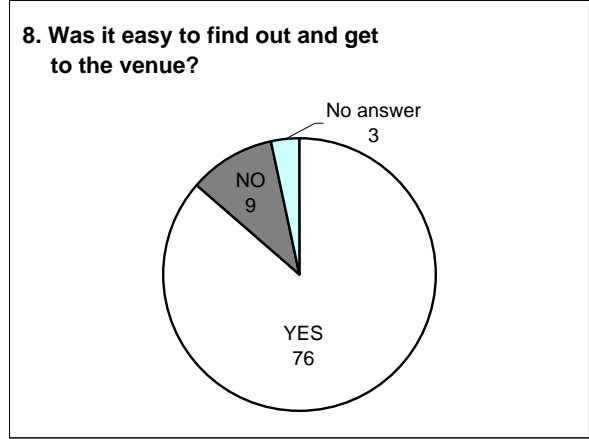
26 : I would not have minded half a day longer
66 : for more discussion time, 2 and half days would be better for me..
75 : To include more talks, it could be two days, even two and half days



[About the venue]

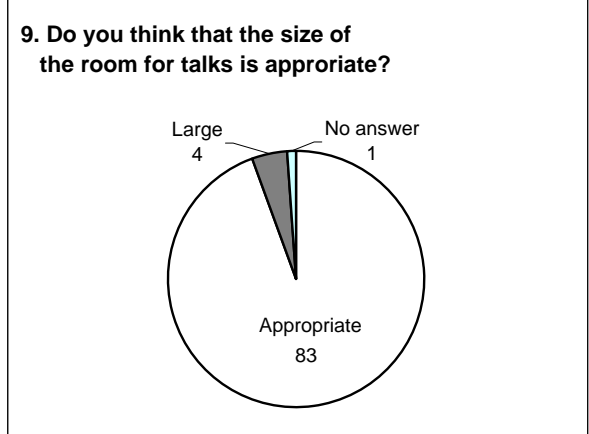
8. Was it easy to find out and get to the venue?

YES	76
NO	9
No answer	3
Total	88



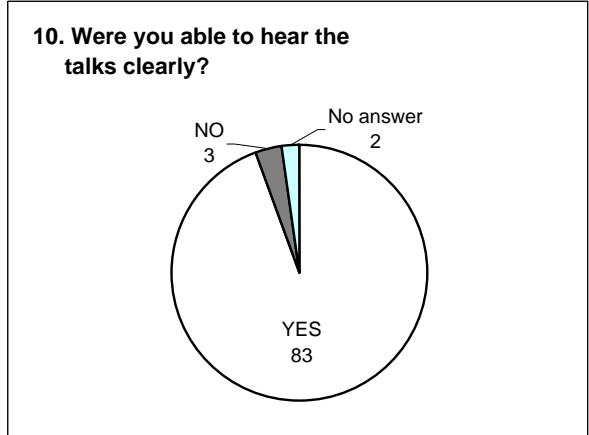
9. Do you think that the size of the room for talks is appropriate?

Appropriate	83
Too Large	4
Too Small	0
No answer	1
Total	88



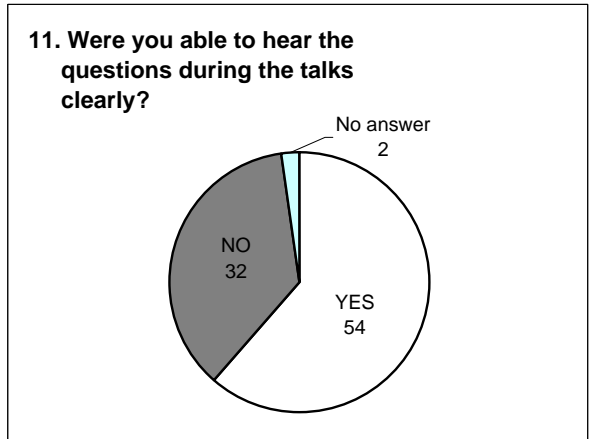
10. Were you able to hear the talks clearly?

YES	83
NO	3
No answer	2
Total	88



11. Were you able to hear the questions during the talks clearly?

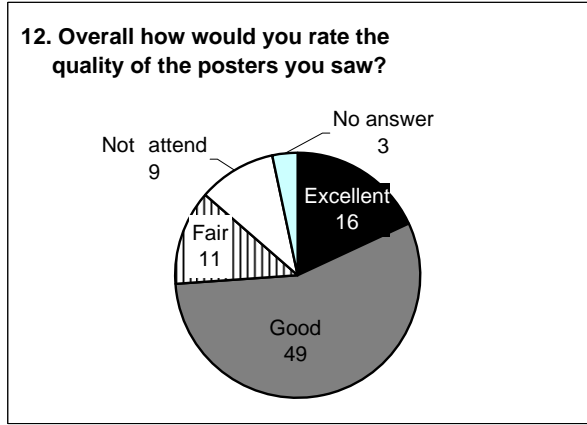
YES	54
NO	32
No answer	2
Total	88



[About the poster session]

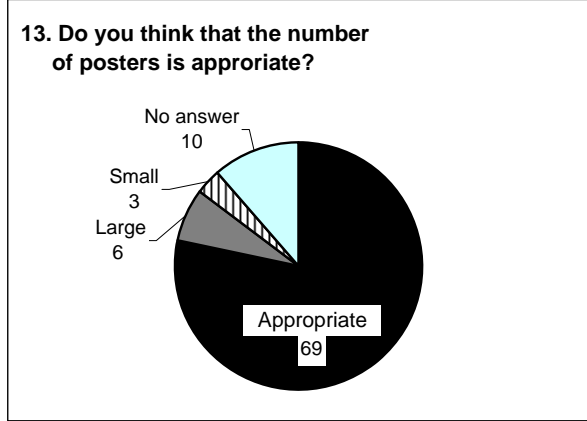
12. Overall how would you rate the quality of the posters you saw?

Excellent	16
Good	49
Fair	11
Poor	0
Did not attend	9
No answer	3
Total	88



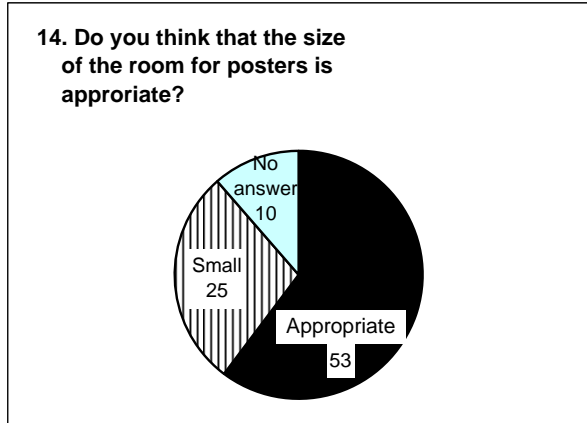
13. Do you think that the number of posters is appropriate?

Appropriate	69
Too Large	6
Too Small	3
No answer	10
Total	88



14. Do you think that the size of the room for posters is appropriate?

Appropriate	53
Too Large	0
Too Small	25
No answer	10
Total	88



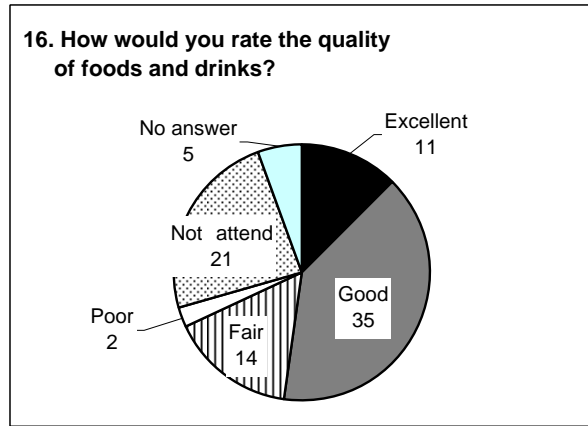
15. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the quality and presentation of the posters in future meetings?

- 12: I think that it's better to set the core time for poster presentation.
Because some poster presenters are too busy for their own poster and cannot visit other posters.
- 19: Encourage speakers to visit posters as possible (if they don't mind).
- 22: perhaps divide poster presentation into two-three sessions so that even each presenter of a poster can see the works of others.
- 28: More posters on topic
- 34: Rooms can be separated if without the banquet.
- 40: nothing in particular
- 48: I liked that food and drinks were served during the posters. i think that gave it a relaxed atmosphere.
- 50: It would be nice if you could divide poster presentations into at least two halves (odd and even numbers) so the poster presenters can go to see other posters.
- 59: Many of the crowds in front of the posters discussed in Japanese. This made it very difficult to participate in the discussions.
- 63: It would be nice if the room could hold all the posters. Some didn't even know if there are posters outside the room.
- 66: i think it would be better to put all posters in one same room. because my poster was outside of the main room, i hardly have time to eat dinner and talk to someone..(of course i could leave from my poster and enter, though..)
- 75: n/a
- 76: I feel narrow the space between posters.
I think a broader space between posters is better to watch and discuss about posters efficiently.
- 84: Nothing particular.
- 86: During the poster session, I always talked about my study in front of my poster.
So I'm sorry but I couldn't rate the quality of other posters.

[About the banquet]

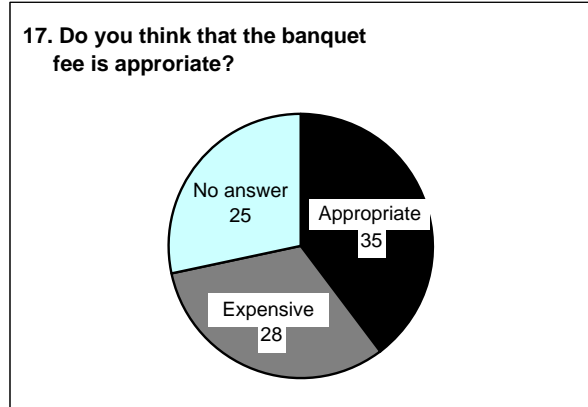
16. How would you rate the quality of foods and drinks?

Excellent	11
Good	35
Fair	14
Poor	2
Did not Attend	21
No answer	5
Total	88



17. Do you think that the banquet fee is appropriate?

Appropriate	35
Too expensive	28
Too cheap	0
No answer	25
Total	88

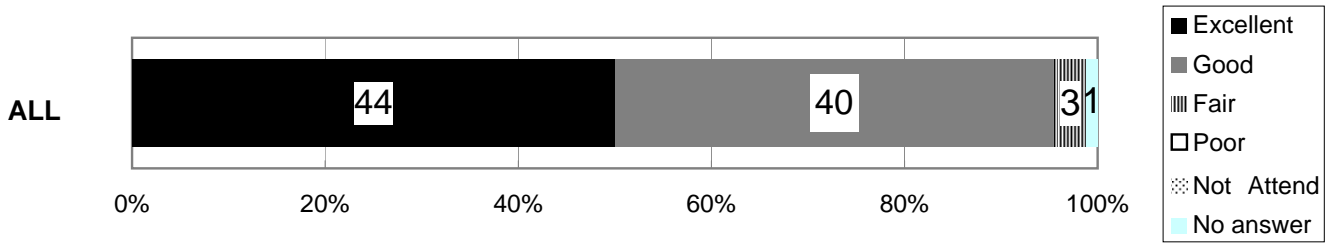


18. Do you have any comments or suggestions for next year's banquet?

- 21 :more sweets!
- 24 :I think the presentation time and the banquet time should have been separate.
- 28 :I didn't attend the Banquet
- 40 :nothing in particular
- 49 :separate from poster session
- 50 :It is probably better to have banquet and poster presentations separately.
(Or spare longer time for poster sessions, then start the banquet).
- 52 :I prefer some ice-breaking program to promote interactions between newcomers for other field.
Thank you for consideretions.
- 63 :Lunch Bento was great considering its price.Dinner banquet was over-priced.
- 66 :it looked quite yummy, so regrettable i couldn't eat enough..
- 75 :n/a
- 84 :Nothing particular.
- 86 :I spent much time in front of my poster during the banquet.
So I don't know the quality of foods. But I heard someone saying the drinks were quite good!

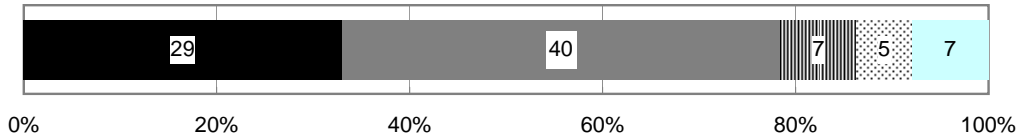
[About talks]

19. Overall how would you rate the quality of the talks you heard?

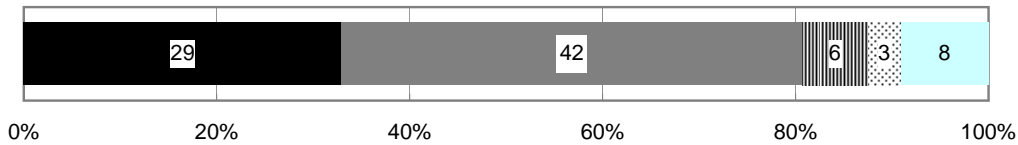


20. How would you rate the overall quality and relevance of each talk you attended?

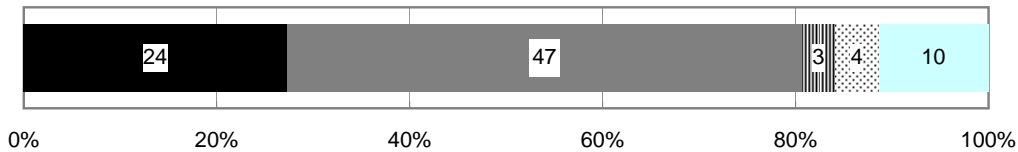
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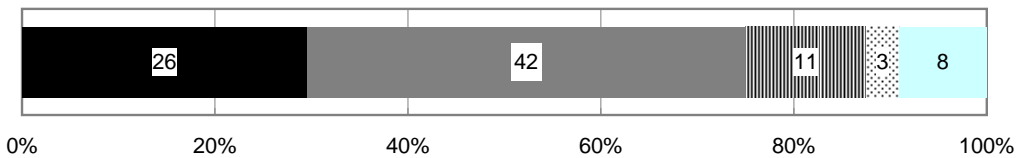
2. **Melanie Wilke** "Thalamo-cortical interactions underlying spatial awareness and decision making"



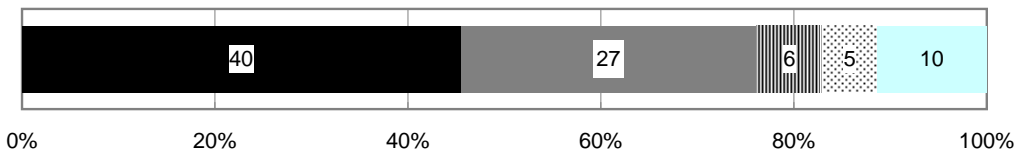
3. **Olivia Carter** "How do neurotransmitters help decide what we see?"



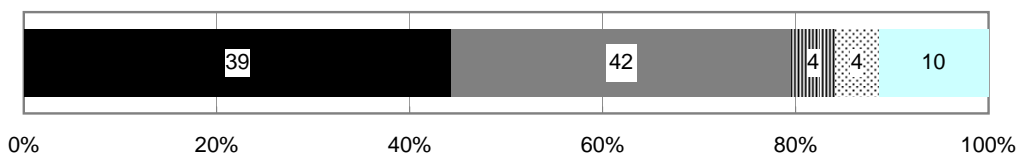
4. **Ryota Kanai** "Neurostructural correlates of individual difference in the switch rate of perceptual rivalry"



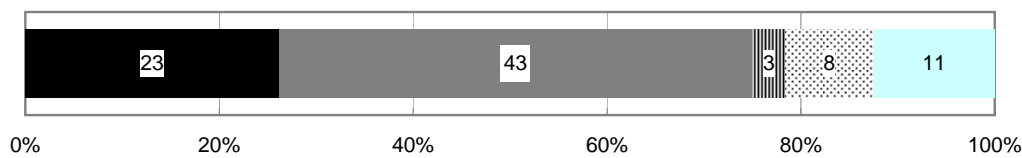
5. **Takamitsu Yamamoto** "Cerebrospinal stimulations therapy for the treatment of vegetative state and minimally conscious state"



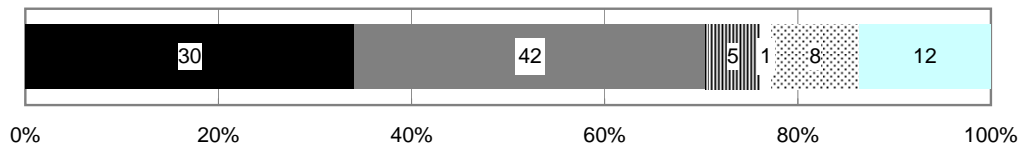
6. **Ralph Adolphs** "The Amygdala's Role in Consciousness of Emotions"



7. **Naotsugu Tsuchiya** "Neuronal activity in area MT during perceptual stabilization of ambiguous structure-from-motion"



8. Shin'ya Nishida "Psychophysical approach to the measurement of perceptual latency"



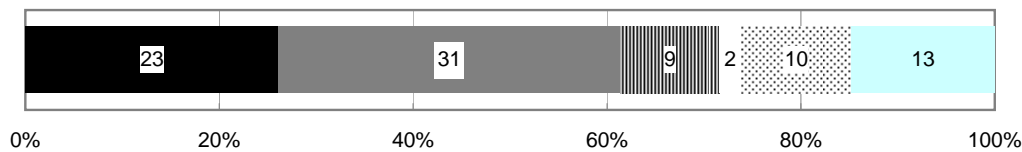
9. Hakwan Lau "The dynamic threshold hypothesis for sensory awareness"



10. Masatoshi Yoshida "What-it-is-like of monkey with blindsight"



11. John-Dylan Haynes "Decoding consciousness"



12. Ned Block "Three Theories of Consciousness"



21. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the quality and presentation of the talks?

- 30: Among the talkers and people who posed questions, some Japanese were poor in English. Many of them tried to talk unnecessarily quickly as they believe quick speaking is a necessary condition for a good English speaker. Steady pronunciation with clear ending for each phrase helps the audience to understand more what he is talking about.
- 40: Some questioners near the presenter asked questions without taking a microphone because they could talk to the presenter without using a microphone and the microphone was not to hand. It was for active discussion. Some more microphones should have been placed at each table near the presenter.
- 51: No, I do not.
- 66: All presentations were totally good in my thought but often happened tough discussions just with foreign guests in 1st and 2nd lines, maybe had better to announce each speaker to discuss clearly for other participants.
- 72: It depends on speakers. Speakers of this year were excellent and I enjoyed the talks so much. I hope you find good coordinators (researchers who know many young and good researchers) next year, too.
- 76: I want a questioner to use a microphone.
- 86: Every talk was very good, and I have nothing to comment regarding the quality of the talks. I worry about that some audiences sitting back in the room may have had difficulties in listening to questions or comments uttered without a microphone.

[For Future Meetings]

In the next year's workshop (NIPS workshop 2010), the theme is going to be about embodiment, mirror neuron and self-other, co-organized by Akira Murata (Kinki Univ) and Masatoshi Yoshida (NIPS).

22. Do you have any suggestions for future speakers?

- 8 : Giacomo Rizzolatti :)
- 10 : Victor Lamme, Stan Dehaene, Alan Cowey
- 19 : V.S. Ramachandran ^^;
- 22 : prof. Ramachandran, prof. Hiraki, prof. Alain Berthoz, prof. Giacomo Rizzolatti, prof. Christian Keysers, prof. Iriki, prof. Decety, prof. Yasuo Kuniyoshi, prof. Rolf Pfeifer, prof. Philippe Rochat, prof Frith, prof. Tsakiris, prof. Patrick Haggard
- 40 : Participation of philosophers is welcome.
- 43 : david chalmers
- 47 : Henrik Ehrsson, Karolinska Institute. He has developed some of the most intriguing body illusions recently, including out of body illusion and body-swapping between two people.
- 51 : No, I do not.
- 66 : i have no idea .. of course, rizzolatti??also i want to hear some talk from specialists of autism spectrum (don't mind clinical doctor or not).
- 70 : Wakako Sanefuji
- 75 : n/a
- 83 : Prof. Olaf Blanke about mental body perception.
- 84 : Michael Tomasello Richard Cytowic
- 86 : Sorry. I don't know the field well.

23. Do you recommend any changes in the format of the conference.

For instance, the length of conference, days of the week in which it is held, length and timing of sessions, and so on?

- 22 : it was perfect expect that it was during the silver week.
- 26 : Maybe go to a 2 or 2-1/2 day format.
- 40 : nothing in particular
- 51 : No, I do not.
- 66 : if you can, 2and half days are better i think. more time for discussion, communication and finding new friends and collaborators..just my opinion..
- 75 : 9.01--9.10
- 83 : It was appropriate for me.
- 84 : Nothing particular
- 86 : It was perfect.

[Comments/questions]

24. Do you have any other final thoughts or suggestions?

- 18 : Thank you for accepting people to attend the meeting regardless of their job status.
- 25 : In this survey, the evaluation form (Q.20) may have an item "couldn't understand".
- 26 : great meeting. I learned quite a bit
- 32 : I would appreciate much if presentation files are offered.
- 37 : Thank you very much for organizing the amazing meeting.
I looked again many interesting points in the scientific research of consciousness.
- 45 : I liked it very much. Packed full of interesting and well-presented talks.
- 47 : invite me again!thanks so much. it's a great workshop.
- 48 : I really enjoyed the workshop but could only attend the first day. It was all very well organized.
I was an invited speaker and was very impressed with how well organized everything was. I also enjoyed the lab visit.thanksOli
- 51 : No, I do not.
- 58 : I really appreciate the hard work that went into this symposium. Keep it up!
- 63 : It was a great meeting in every aspect. I really enjoyed it!
- 66 : by the way i worked as a volunteer staff and felt we should have much more jobs..for example, selling the T-shirt of JNS!?
but to make jobs and tell how for us must be more annoying..very sorry to write freely in bad english..
by the way i had to write in english indeed?
i want to appreciate for organizers and every staffs and am looking forward to exciting conference again in the next year.
- 71 : Too much questions
- 75 : n/a
- 84 : The symposium was a great success.I would like to thank you, members of the organizing committee.
- 86 : This year's workshop was really great, inviting many first-rate foreign researchers.
I really enjoyed it; meanwhile I felt nostalgia for the small second party which we had in the previous two years to get together to have chat in a small room after the banquet with surplus foods and drinks.