

Feedback Form UK Regional Student Chapter Conference 2012

What did you expect/hope to get out of this conference?

New ideas and projects concerning marine mammals
Meet other PhD students and hear about their work
Experience presenting
Workshops and discussion groups

Did you get what you were expecting?

Yes

Notes:

More structure at the workshop for people to introduce themselves
Would have liked St. Andrews folk to be around more after hours
Expected more attendees and a greater number of speakers

Did you find the length of the conference appropriate?

Yes

Note:

Coffee/lunch breaks considered a good length for networking (also see next question)
Important to notify attendees as early as possible for arranging travel

If no, would you like it to be longer or shorter?

Longer: Extend into Friday afternoon to include workshops
Shorter: Reduce the time of the lunch break

Did you like the format for talks, i.e. students earlier in their studies doing shorter talks while students more advanced in their studies doing longer talks?

Yes

Note:

Is it possible to distinguish this more? Shorter talks for new students and longer for advanced students

Would you prefer to have more or less talks?

Conference just right (understanding this depends on the number of applications)

Would you prefer to have more workshops?

Yes

Note:

More discussion groups were requested

What did you like/dislike about the PhD and Beyond Q&A session?

Very good advice | Very relaxed atmosphere | Good to hear personal stories | Good range of people | Some repetition

Notes:

Would have liked this session to be longer

What Q&A session / workshops would you like to see hosted at future conferences?

Acoustics | Population modelling | Distribution | Genetic techniques | Funding and Fellowships | linking field experience and theory | Statistics | Photo-ID | Spatial modelling | More on PhD & Beyond | Issue discussion group (e.g. people from: fisheries, research, NGO, managers)

If next year conference is in another place than St Andrews do you think you will come?

Yes, depending on fieldwork

Note:

Funding is always tight and travel is expensive

Any additional comments?

Conference group dinner

Abstracts have email and photos