INFORUM 2005 Survey

Many thanks to all participants in the INFORUM 2005 Survey. In total there were **121 responses**, which accounts to **19,4%** out of the **624** registered participants.

Survey draw results

The following 10 survey participants have been drawn to be sent little gifts from conference partners:

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Survey results

General Evaluation of INFORUM 2005

Marked 1…5 (1 = best, 5 = worst)	# marks
1	39
2	42
3	11
Total average	**1,7**

Sessions Evaluation

Marked 1…5 (1 = best, 5 = worst)	Total Average
Conference Opening : User-Friendly Information Services	1,3
Virtual Access to Cultural and Scientific Heritage	1,6
New Technologies and Tools for Electronic Information Resources and Services	1,7
Online Services for the 21st Century	1,9
Information Department Contribution in the Business Environment	1,5

Electronic Information as a Challenge for the Information Professionals	1,8
EU Opportunities: How Can Libraries Take the Advantage of EU Support	2
New Technologies and Tools for Electronic Information Resources and Services II	1,8
Search Strategies and Virtual Reference Desk	1,7
Medical Information and Its Users	1,7
Quo vadis Ars informatica?	2

Top speakers/authors

(authors with > 10 votes are listed)

	Votes
Karen Blakeman	27
Chriss Batt	26
Vlastimil Ježek	17
Jan Žbirka	16
Jaroslav Šilhánek	15
Nedežda Andrejčíková	14
Petr Vandrovec	12
Pavel Kocourek	12
Lenka Mynářová	12
Gary Marchionini	11
Russell Bailey	10

Session Chairs, Workshop and Poster Session Evaluation

Marked 1…5 (1 = best, 5 = worst)	Total average
Session Chairs	1,65
WORKSHOP B: Top Tips for Expert Searching	1,23
Poster Session	2,03

Best Poster Presentation

(4 posters with the highest score are listed)

- Are the Electronic Resources Equivalent to the Print Resources? The Point of View of Researchers and Teachers / Štefan Kimlička
- Co-operation is the Key / Elizabeth Melrose
- Digital Lexicon of the Czech Visual Artists / Jozef Sučík
- Information Resources of the Surveying and Cadastre Branch Achieved by Means of Media Monitoring Form / Milan Talich

Lunch Evaluation

Marked 1…5 (1 = best, 5 = worst)	Total average
Lunches / dinning hall service	2,25

Only textual responses from English speaking participants are listed below:

What were you pleased most by?

- Meeting colleagues old and new
- Variety of subjects tackled
- Meeting some nice and interesting people, learning about current trends in electronic resources and search techniques
- Good organisation.Good selection of authors.Visit in Klementinum.
- Just being at the conference and the good organisation. The concert and the reception were very good and very enjoyable.
- Opportunity to talk on information subject and to see how are the information solutions and varies technologies

What made you upset and what do you think should be avoided?

- Marginal beamer screens covered speaker; low attendence
- Interpreters - they were not good and listening to them was a big effort. I think that all speakers should be asked to deliver their presentations in English

Papers (topics) & speakers suggestions for the next year

- Focus on the users of information and services. This is the new challenge for all of us
- Knowledge management
- Weblogs, RSS, Handheld Computer, Future Scenarios
- More on the projects implemented by various libraries and other institutions, more on new search and learn technologies, more on trends in the development of database structure, formats, cataloging techniques and tools, facilitating user access to information
- How can Uniniversities, Libraries participate in EU programmes
- Virtual Access to Cultural and Scientific Heritage
- Role of libraries facing Google innovations
- Integration of heterogenous information resources - libraries, museums, archives, Internet. Users - what they know and what we want them to know. Metadata - negotations between simple and precise
- In medical session we would like to hear more about experience and development medical libraries from the different countries
- Regional projects in Czech Republic to society
- Topic: virtual access to cultural and scientific heritage
- Open access

What is your message/recommendation to the organizers for the next year?

- More people should be encouraged to participate in poster session, and you should give a bit more time to each speaker (10 min.)
- There should be more about new technologies and how they are used in libraries in different countries
- Ask all speakers to be able to deliver their presentations and posters in English
- Please prepare the same good weather as it was this year!
- I think it would be a nice idea if there was a little "tea-party" or meeting where the poster-people could meet each other before, say, the first session. I got friendly with the Poster-people, but it took time. It would have been nice to have been introduced at a special meeting to each other