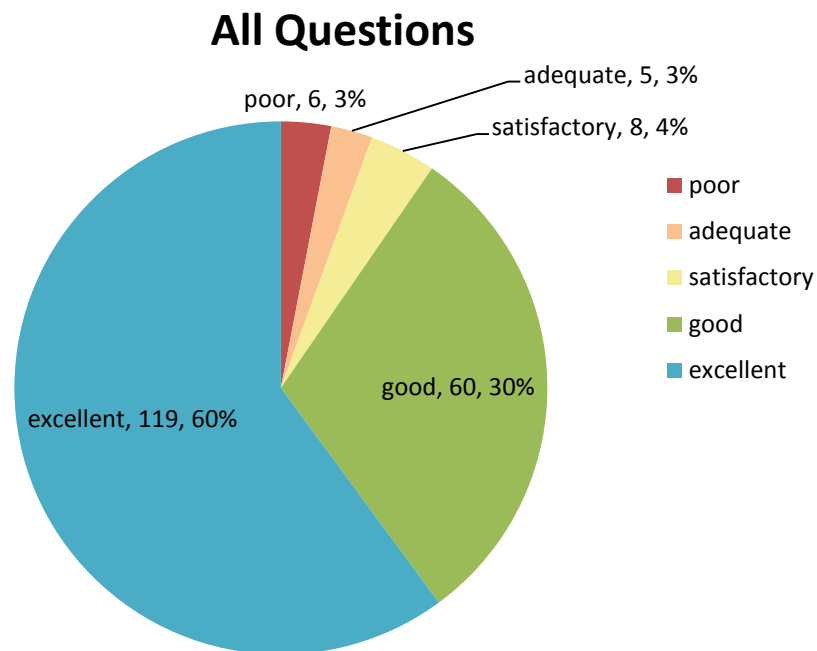


WISP Course 2015 Feedback

The feedback was very positive (90% of the responses were rated good or excellent)

Categories	Questions														
	1	2	3	4	5	6a	6b	6c	6d	6e	7a	7b	7c	7d	8
poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
adequate	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
satisfactory	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	0
good	4	2	6	9	8	2	4	3	5	2	4	4	3	1	3
excellent	10	12	8	5	4	11	9	9	6	0	5	8	9	12	11



Question 1 – What was the quality of teaching during the course

All responses rated quality as good or excellent here. 93% score. Comments:

- P4 - Great trainers - all of them. Very helpful & thorough
- P5 – The practical sessions in both Green house and lab were really good
- P11 - Pace not always matching students ability

Question 2 – What was the quality of the course scientific content

All rated excellent, except two which rated good, 96% score. Comments:

- P4 - Very informative

- P5 – It could be good to add a section about Doubled Haploid as it gets mentioned quite often in other subjects
- P11 – Nice variety and reasonably thorough, maybe more for transcriptomics/omics technology in general and it's *** utility
- P12 - Enjoyed the practical sessions

Question 3 – How clear and meaningful was the course structure

All responses were good(6) or excellent(8) for this question, 89%. Comments:

- P4 – Good balance between theory & practice
- P5 – Some sections such as genetic selection - the hour in the computers wasn't very clear
- P12 - Structure jumped around a bit - disrupted the flow of certain techniques e.g. QTL section on Thursday

Question 4 – What is the extent to which the course has increased your skills base and intellectual understanding

Responses were majority good (9) and remaining excellent (5), score 84%. Comments:

- P5 - It has been very interesting to get a better understanding of some of the process
- P11- Good preparation for multiple techniques/utility/cost effectiveness

Question 5 – Was the workload appropriate

Majority of responses good (8), then excellent (4), but also a satisfactory and adequate response.

Score 77%. Comments:

- P3 - Felt rushed at times
- P4 - Perhaps an extra day would have been beneficial for more practical sessions
- P5 - Some of the days were a bit intense. Specially the day we visited the breeding station. Students were out from 8am to almost 11pm.

Question 6 – How did you find the services and facilities

This question was split into 5 parts:

6a – Teaching facilities

All but 2 (which were good) rated excellent, score 96%, Comments:

- P4 -Really impressed with training suite (esp computer room)

- P5 - The course is really good. Some subjects were a bit complicated, and the fact that JIC people had different opinions about it didn't help
- P11 - High quality facilities + resources

6b – Administration services

Most rated excellent (11), 2 as good, score 92%. Comments:

- P4 – Very good correspondance prior to course
- P11 - Everything well organised and plenty of info provided in advance

6c – Accommodation

Majority rated excellent (9), and some as good (3), score 94%. Comments:

- P4 - Hotel great & nice to be close to center
- P5 - The hotel was good, very well located. Breakfast was also good.
- P12 - No problems. Good to be in the city centre - allowed us to explore the city a bit at night for dinner

6d – Food

More varied responses, majority as excellent (6), 5 rated as good, but also a satisfactory and an adequate rating. Score 81%. Comments:

- P3 - Limited options at the canteen
- P4 - Enjoyed fish + chips & Indian!
- P5 - The fish & chips was a great idea, as well as indian restaurant. But the food at the canteen could be better.
- P12 -Fish & chips, great. Canteen food was ok. Indian restaurant was great, just ate a bit late.

6e – Transport

Majority rated this poorly (6), the only question with any poor ratings. Also 2 responses each for adequate, satisfactory and good ratings. Score 25%. Comments:

- P3 - Taxi's were only on time once
- P4 - Very bad timing. Late by 40 min or more every morning
- P5 - The taxis has constantly been very bad. Making us wait until an hour in the hotel hall one of the days.
- P9 - Taxis were between 30 mins to 1 hr late every day
- P11 - Glad that transport was fully organised for Wednesday
- P12 - Taxis late every day. An hour late on Thursday morning. One day there was too few taxis for the number of students
- P13 - Taxis were late each day. Coach transport - no problems

Question 7 – Were the sources of information and course materials effective and appropriate

This question was split into 4 parts:

7a – Publicity of the course

Also variable response. Majority rated this as Excellent (5), but 4 good, 2 satisfactory and one adequate. Score of 77%. Comments:

- P3 - Heard about the course as part of WISP
- P4 - Only heard about it from line-manager
- P12 - Heard about the course from twitter and word of mouth

7b – Administrative Communication

The majority rated this as excellent (8), with 4 good responses and one satisfactory . Score 88%
Comments:

- P5 - I wasn't clear if we will have taxis every day. Or who we should contact if something happens.

7c – Course Handbook

Majority excellent (9), with 3 good and one satisfactory, score 90%. Comments:

- P4 - Great folder & USB flash to take home!
- P5 -The first day was a bit confusing because some sections weren't clear in the handbook.
- P11 -Very high quality reference resource and will be good to refer to later
- P12 - Would have liked more handouts from presentations given

7d – Equipment

All but one rated this as excellent (12), with the remaining response good. Score 98%. No Comments

Question 8 – Overall course quality

Majority rated overall course quality as excellent (11) with the remaining rating quality as good (3).
Score 95% Comments:

- P4 -Really enjoyed it.
- P5 - Really enjoyed it. A bit more of practice in both greenhouse and lab could be interesting.
- P11 - Lots of fun and highly enjoyable, great mix of people + suitable overview of multiple areas

Additional comments – improvements or areas particularly enjoyed

- P1 - Thanks for this very interesting Course! Very informative! Just missing a little bit more practice on bioinformatics and QTL mapping tools and marker design (although the course is dense)
- P3 -Would have been nice to see Norwich in the daylight

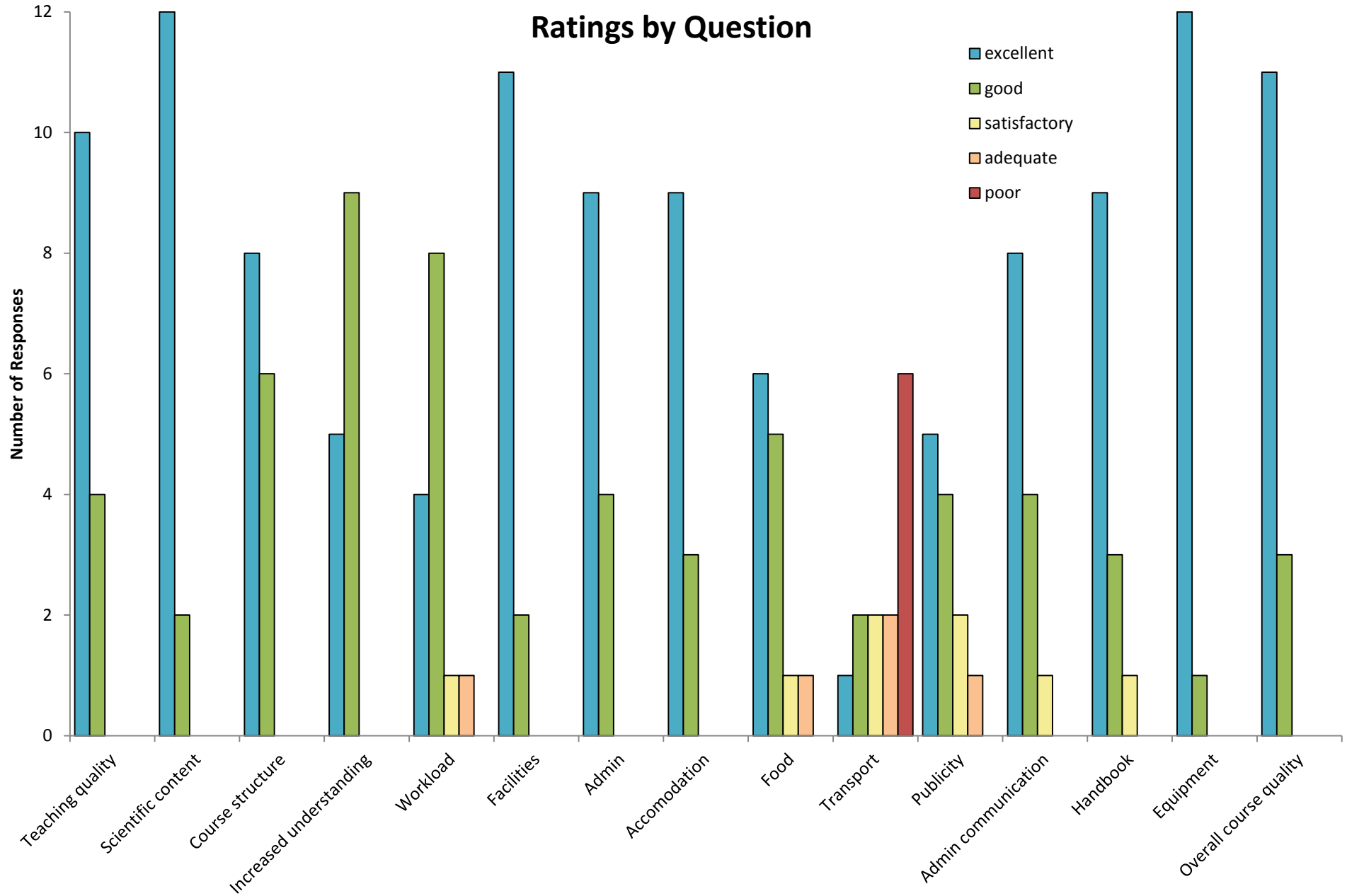
- P4 -Enjoyed the bioinformatics sessions - perhaps longer into to R. More Practical lab work to improve skills from theory
- P5 -I think it could be very interesting to include some small section in pathology
- P6 -I think that there should have been a bit more time for R, and also Genomic selection should have been cleared in bit more details. I enjoyed everything!
- P7 -I really liked WISP course the way it is designed. Being new in wheat research, I got complete information about what is going on and where it is heading towards. I could not get the genomic selection part very well, it would be replaced with more QTL analysis practical. Overall, it was excellent.
- P8 -blasting part is very clear for me. Handbook is helpful for me
- P10 -Might be useful to clarify everyone's background to the invited speaker (Gilles C. this year) before they prepare their talk...? Just wanted to say that the practical sessions were very clear and at a very good pace (=not too fast!) - except Gilles' session which was a shame
- P11 - The trip to Limagrain was great and excellent for contextualising? Wheat research. Maybe good to explore a bit more between wheat collaborations and academic links between such institutes, although I guess this is tricky due to confidentiality agreements etc. Jarrold Print Museum and curry were an excellent opportunity for bonding with course mates. Guest speaker - maybe check over slides provided by speaker in advance; slightly confusing format/repetitive, despite overall being very good - potentially greater scope for asking questions directly later on, as I now have questions, but didn't at the time. Very good sessions from Claire, Michelle and Sarah on Tuesday. Well done! Plants ensembl was great, as although I've used it before it really helped to have a known example. Intro to MapDisto was fun and I liked the way the work was split up between chromosomes. An extended reading list/further resources, eg for R books etc would have been helpful. More in depth QTL analysis = all examples have seemingly included a prior eg known vague location, but how do you find this to start with! Eg in mutant populations. general techniques and how these are generated, consider TILLING presentation. Jon Wright (?) speaking was useful, but I think the presentation would have been better if it had incorporated discussion and the current limitations...eg *** contigs are NOT binned properly yet therefore only useful if you know something about your region to start/have something to blast with.
- P12 -Printing museum was excellent
- P13 -I particularly enjoyed talking to people regarding techniques such as KASP, crossing and markers. I've been able to get advice that I've not been able to find and this will dramatically improve my ability to carry out my job. Thanks for being so friendly and helpful!
- P14 -The transportation was very bad, I hope in future change the taxi company.

Responses for each participant:

Participant	1	2	3	4	5	6a	6b	6c	6d	6e	7a	7b	7c	7d	8
1	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Adequate	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good
2	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent
3	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Adequate	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
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N/A - participant did not feel this question was applicable

Ratings by Question



Percentage rating for each question

