

**Exit conference evaluation for MYRES-I:
Heat, Helium, Hotspots, and Whole Mantle Convection.
La Jolla CA, August 12–15, 2004**

Please answer the following questions as truthfully as possible, as your responses will be invaluable in improving later iterations of this conference. For each of the following statements, please quantify your agreement on a scale of 1 – 5 (1 =Strongly Disagree, 2 =Somewhat Disagree, 3 =Ambivalent, 4 =Somewhat Agree, 5 =Strongly Agree).

General Impressions

- 1. This conference serves a unique purpose not met by other available meetings. _____
- 2. I would attend this meeting again in two years (assuming the subject matter were appropriate). _____
- 3. I would recommend holding this conference again. _____
- 4. There was a good balance of work and social time. _____
- 5. The scientific goals of this meeting were clearly defined. _____
- 6. I felt more comfortable speaking out at this conference than at others I have attended. _____
- 7. This conference was more valuable to me than others I have attended. _____
- 8. The expectations I had specified in my initial statement of intent were met. _____

Keynote Lectures

- 1. The lecturers were knowledgeable and well-chosen. _____
- 2. The lectures were accessible. _____
- 3. The lectures had sufficient depth. _____
- 4. The lectures were well coordinated with each other. _____
- 5. The lectures adequately prepared me to follow the evening discussion. _____
- 6. The lecturers avoided highlighting their own work at the expense of the broader field. _____
- 7. I would recommend maintaining the tutorial format. _____

Small Group Discussions

- 1. The small group discussions were productive. _____
- 2. I appreciated the multi-disciplinary mix of the groups. _____
- 3. I formed new professional contacts with people from other fields in my group. _____
- 4. I found it easier to ask “stupid” questions in small group discussions. _____

5. People in my group knew their respective subjects well enough to answer my questions. _____
6. I have learned new techniques or gained other hands on experience. _____

Evening Discussions (THE FORUM)

1. The evening discussion was enlightening and lively. _____
2. There were people actively involved in the discussion that I don't usually hear at meetings. _____
3. The discussion was not merely a rehash of arguments I have heard elsewhere. _____
4. The discussion was inclusive. _____
5. The discussion was accessible. _____

Take-Home Benefits

1. I met other researchers with whom I expect to collaborate in the future. _____
2. I have a broader understanding of Earth Science as a result of this meeting. _____
3. I have a deeper understanding of my own subject matter as a result of this meeting. _____
4. I am leaving with some new ideas for projects that I may pursue. _____
5. I understand constraints from other disciplines for my own research better. _____

Conference Setting

1. The accommodations were comfortable and clean. _____
2. The food was edible and plentiful. _____
3. Travel logistics to this location were easy. _____
4. The lecture hall and A/V equipment were satisfactory. _____

What was the single most valuable thing about this conference for you?

If you could change one thing about this conference, what would it be?

Please feel free to add any other comments, criticisms, or suggestions below.