



# Evaluation Summary Report

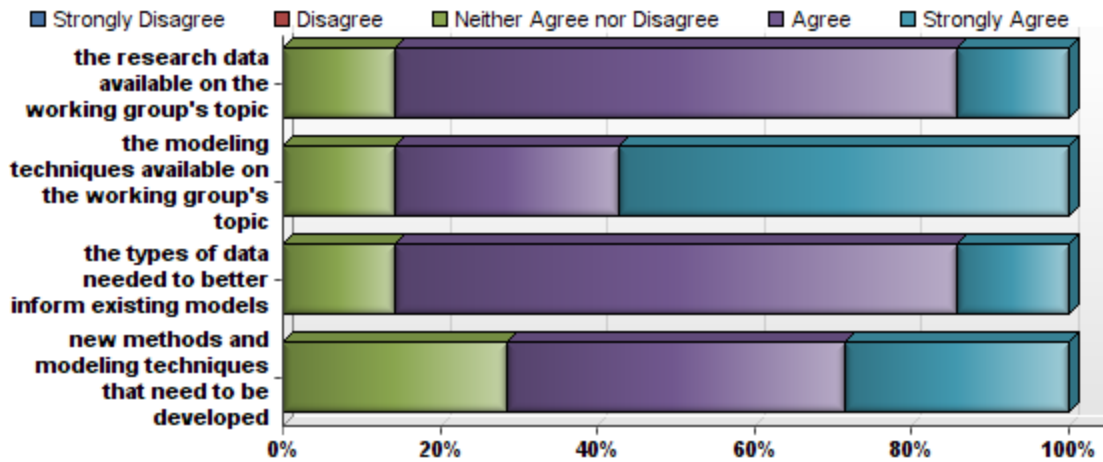
## Working Group: *Molecules to Organisms*

November 16-20, 2015

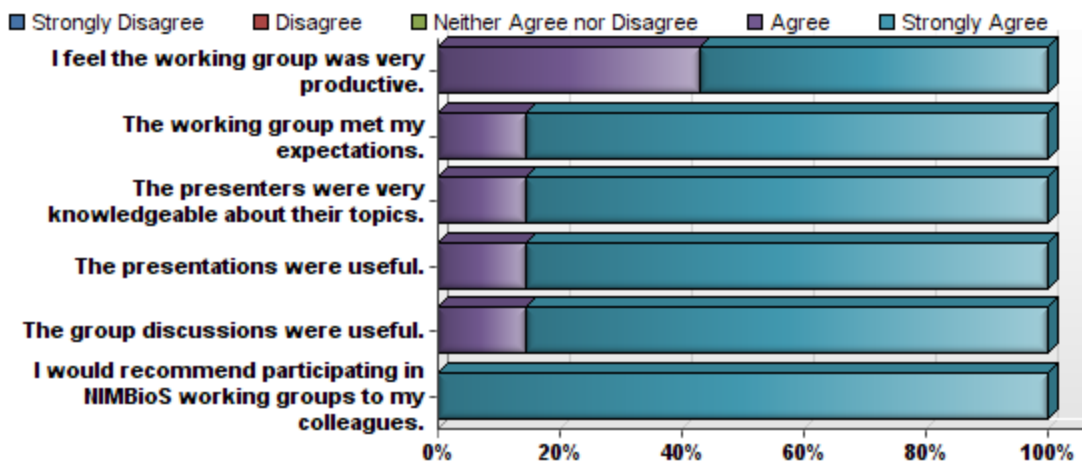
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1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

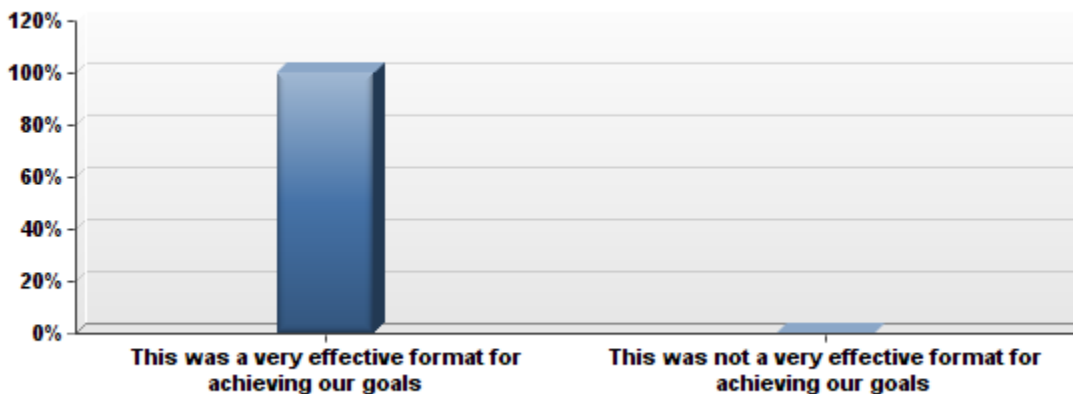
*As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:*



2. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:



**3. How do you feel about the format of the working group?**



**4. Do you feel the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area?**



**Comments:**

*It was a wonderful experience for me.*

**5. Do you feel the participating in the working group helped you understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group's topic area?**



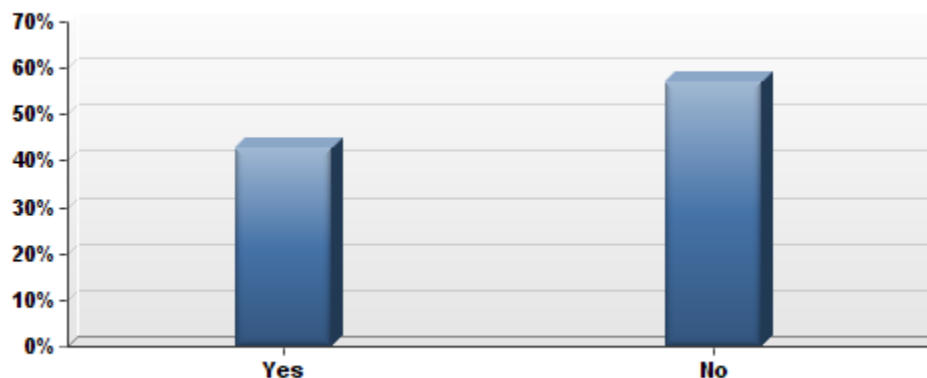
***Please explain:***

*Having several days to interact with working group members provides an opportunity to really learn about their research in both formal (e.g., via presentations) and informal settings (e.g., during a break or a meal).*

*My interactions with population modelers has been beneficial to my understanding of the data needs for parameterizing models. I look forward to our future meetings to more completely identify these needs.*

*Some very large goals - but I can begin to see how to achieve.*

**6. Did you develop unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants?**



**Please explain:**

*I met someone with data that I can use to extend another aspect of my research, that isn't the focus of this working group. It was a pleasant surprise.*

*Not yet*

*Not yet but I don't exclude the possibility*

*This is a distinct possibility but has not yet happened.*

*New modeling approaches seemed unapproachable to me before*

**7. Do you feel that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence your future research?**



**Comments:**

*We needed the time to discuss different interpretations of terminology, and to ask and answer questions about different research areas and methods.*

*Surprisingly good progress in breaking into the topics*

**8. Do you feel the expectations for the next working group are clear (in the sense that you are leaving this meeting with a good idea of what your contribution will be at the next meeting)?**



**Comments:**

*No comments*

**9. What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?**

*The ability to get to know other workgroup members both professionally and socially.*

*Brief lectures to get introduced everyone on specific topics, conceptual model design, finding a common language during discussions*

*The broad scientific knowledge present at the workgroup provided a great basis for interaction and brain storming.*

*Different types of expertise brought together for a true interdisciplinary work*

*The small group discussions*

*Good size, open-minded individuals, varied backgrounds*

**10. What, if anything, would you change about the working group?**

*Background reading assignments prior to the meeting would have helped to orient the group to some of the major concepts that ended up taking a surprising amount of discussion time.*

*I feel the meeting went well and cannot think of anything major that needs to be changed.*

**11. Please provide any additional comments about your overall experience with the working group:**

*I enjoyed the workgroup meeting and look forward to productive collaborations.*