Feedback from members on IAARC’s activities

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Outline

Aim
Getting insight into opinions and wishes of IAARC members with activities by asking email questions.

Method
• Questionnaire. Send 301 emails, on 3th April 2013
• Two reminders
• 53 Reactions, 1 refused and 16 bounced
• 11 reactions Board of Directors
• Closed 4th June 2013

Results & recommendations
Positions interviews

- Employee in company: 17.6%
- Employee in research institute: 5.9%
- Student: 3.9%
- PhD candidate: 11.8%
- Assistant professor: 25.5%
- (Associate) professor: 41.2%

Answered questions: 51

Average number of years of practice: 13.5 (N = 52)
Average visits ISARC: 4.2 (N = 53)
When I visit an ISARC

I always present a paper: 59%
I sometimes present a paper: 31%
I never present a paper: 10%

Answered questions: 49
The ISARC papers should be published as:

- Full papers in a book and also on the IAARC website: 66%
- Abstracts in a book and full papers on the IAARC website: 34%

Answered questions: 53
To facilitate working commissions
To meet colleagues during ISARCs
To facilitate a professional network
To publish papers on the website
To facilitate an ISARC

• Answered questions: 53
• More than one answer was possible
To increase the impact of ISARC papers indexing in strong databases such as ISI Web of Knowledge, Thomson Reuter, ProQuest and Scopus is necessary:

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If the full papers are published on the IAARC website, then

- GOOGLE can find them: 36
- Publish or Perish' can find them: 15
- I can alert students to interesting papers: 36
- I can draw colleagues' attention to my papers: 22
- I can retrieve my own papers: 28

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The IAARC website is useful for:

- Professionals in institutes: 30
- Professionals in companies: 28
- Students: 37
- PhD candidates: 46
- Researchers: 49

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The most important goals of IAARC

- To facilitate working commissions: 11
- To meet colleagues during ISARCs: 26
- To facilitate a professional network: 38
- To publish papers on the website: 27
- To facilitate an ISARC: 38

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An IAARC member would be active in one of the following committees

- Working together with a CIB commission: 16
- Improving the impact of ISARC papers: 19
- Planning future ISARC:s: 16
- Organising education: 13
- Editing Website & Newsletter: 8
- Nominating awards: 8
- Participating on a Board: 29

- Answered questions: 45
- More than one answer was possible
Would you like to organize an ISARC in the future?

- Yes; 32.0%
- No; 20.0%
- Maybe; 48.0%

Answered questions: 50
Recommendations

• Core activity is owner of the product ISARC. Focus on it
• Enhance the quality of the ISARC papers
• Stimulate a strong board of directors (BOD)
• Give youngsters a chance to participate active in IAARC
• IAARC website as data base for ISARC papers
• More involvement industry