



Revelation (event management) Limited

**Survey Response Report - JISC Repositories
Conference**

Dealing with the Deluge

Manchester University, 5th - 6th June 2007

Number of responses - 32

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Question 1) To what extent do you feel these objectives were met?

By the end of this event participants will have:

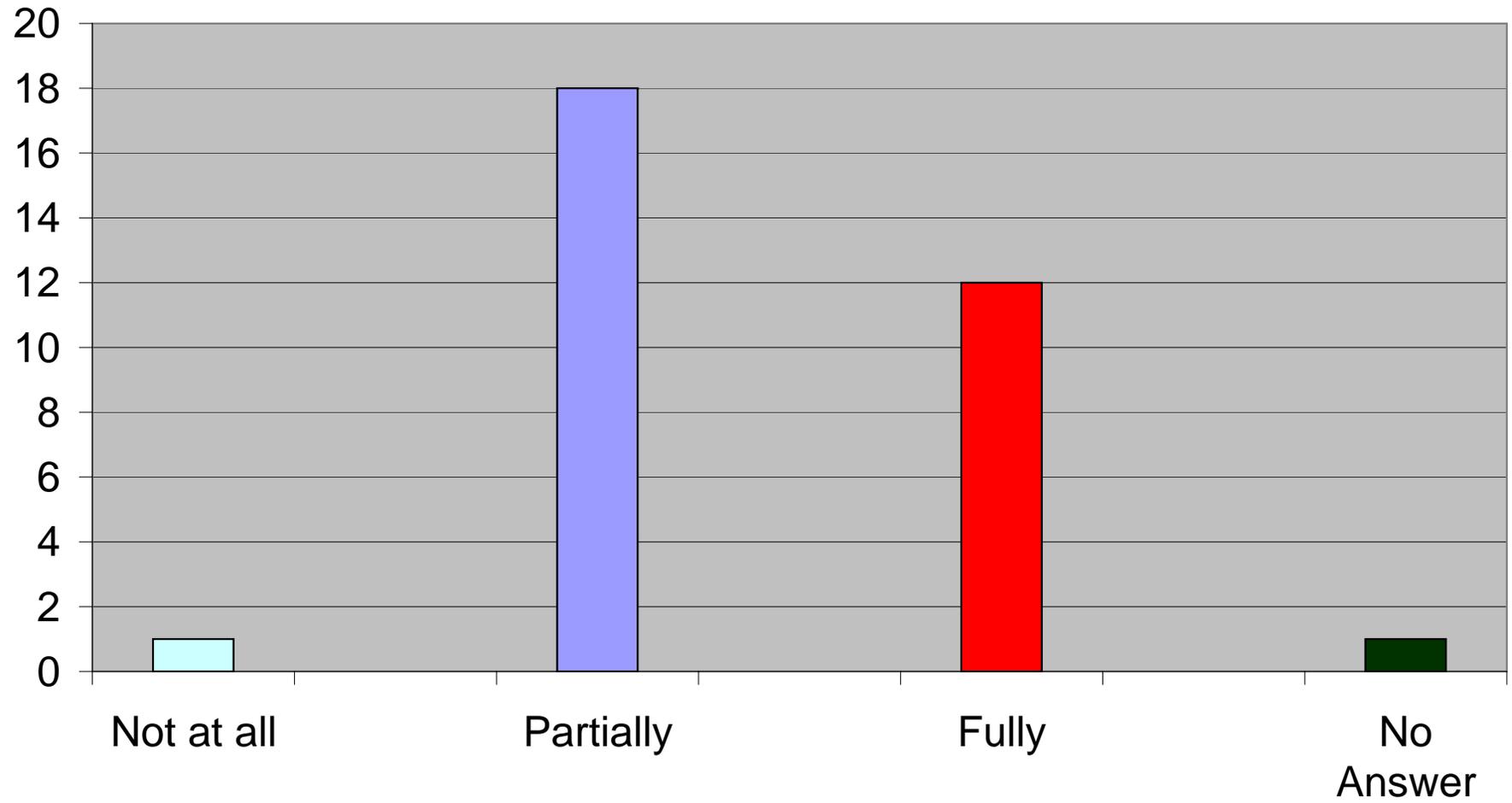
Discovered a range of development work undertaken in the area of digital repositories, in a way that has made it relevant and actionable.

Put this work in the context of a vision for a UK repository network whereby managing and sharing resources is straightforward and effective.

Put UK work in a global perspective

Not at all	1
Partially	18
Fully	12
No Answer	1

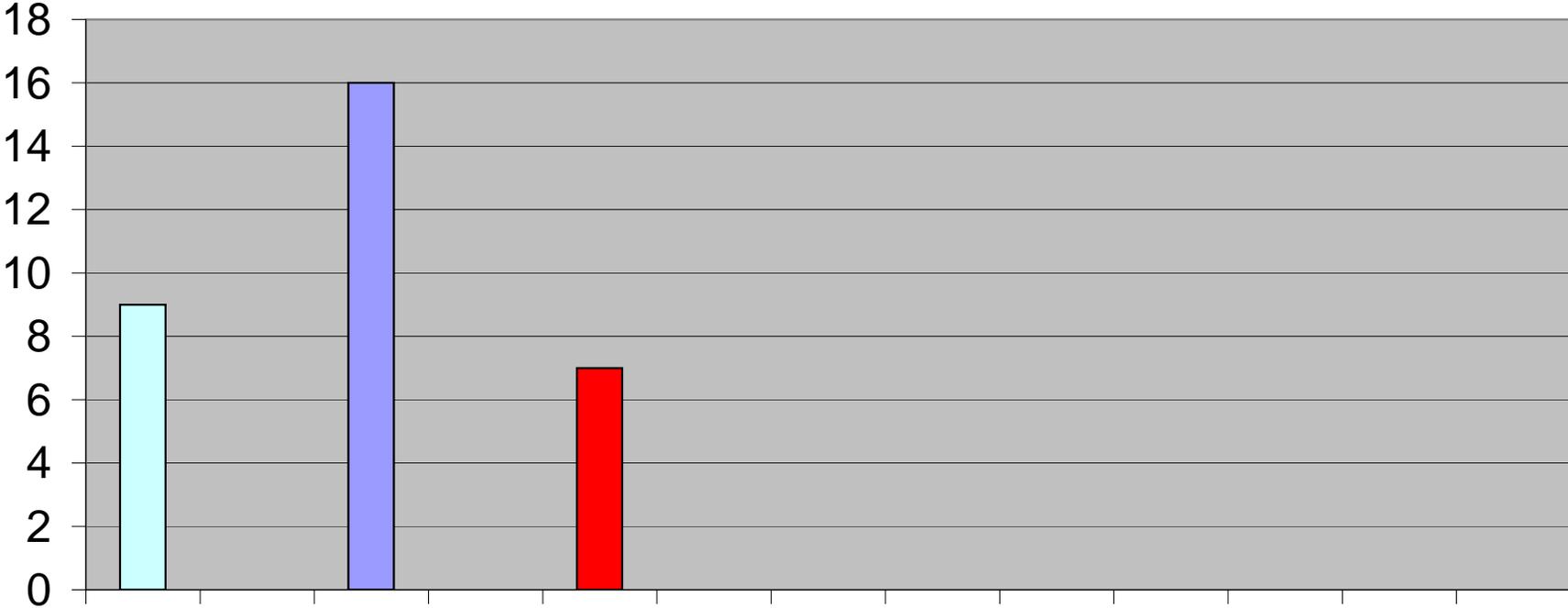
Objective Achieved?



Question 2) Please comment on the Programme Structure

Excellent	9
Good	16
OK	7
Unsatisfactory	0
Poor	0
N/A	0
No Answer	0

Comments on the Programme Structure



Excellent

Good

OK

Unsatisfactory

Poor

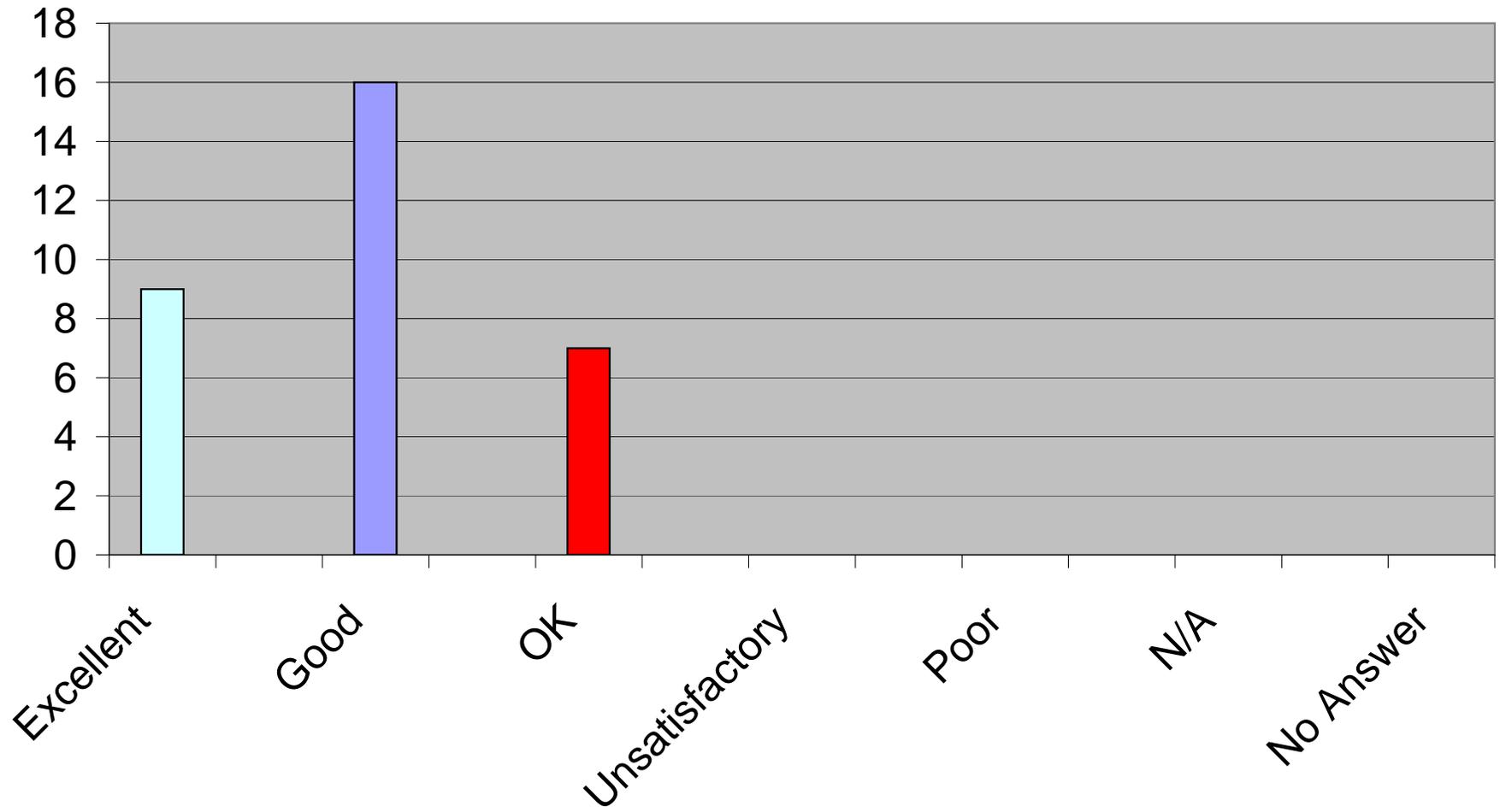
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No Answer

Question 3) Please comment on the Content

Excellent	8
Good	22
OK	2
Unsatisfactory	0
Poor	0
N/A	0
No Answer	0

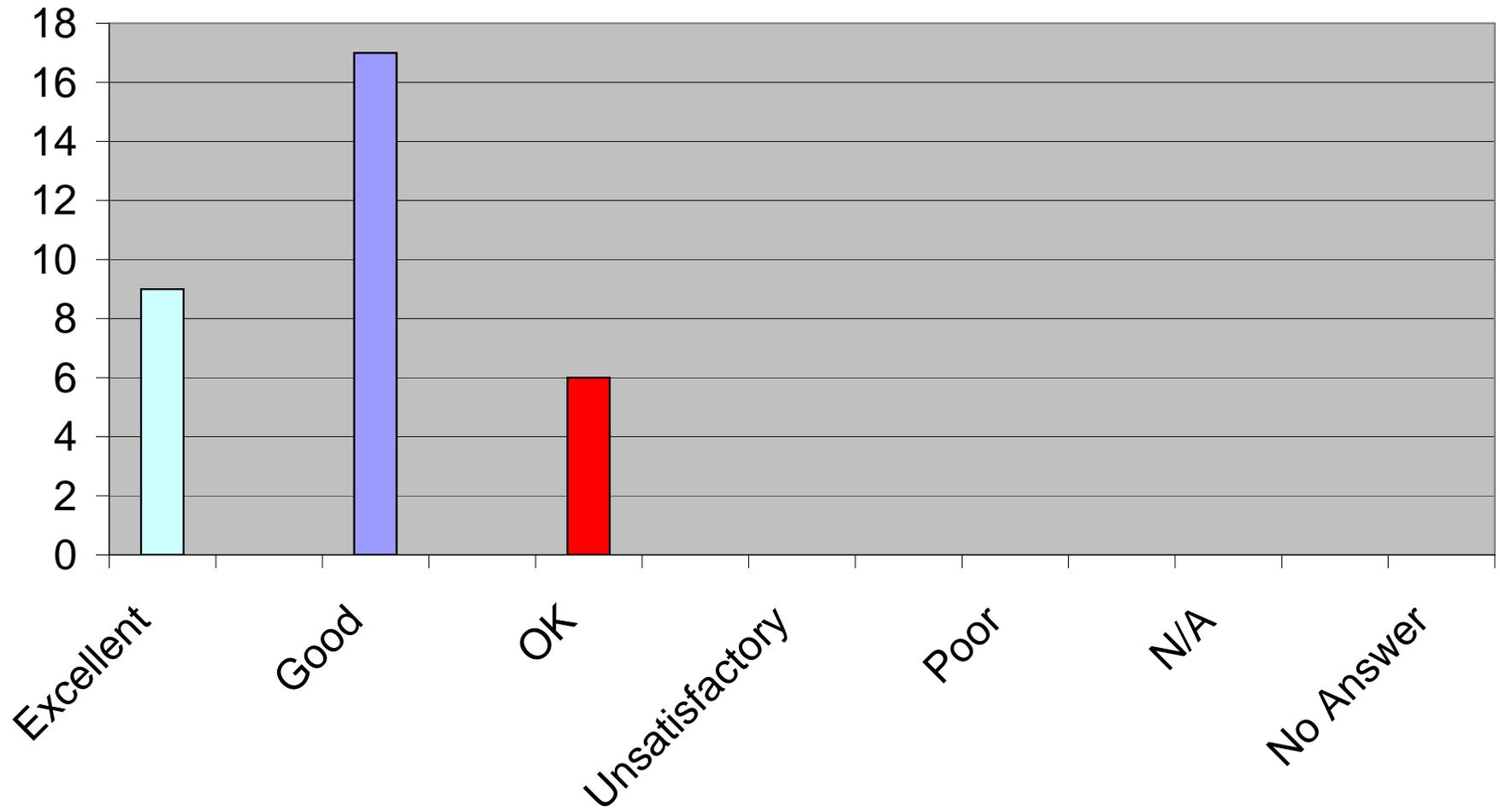
Comments on the Content



Question 4) Please comment on the Strand Sessions

Excellent	9
Good	17
OK	6
Unsatisfactory	0
Poor	0
N/A	0
No Answer	0

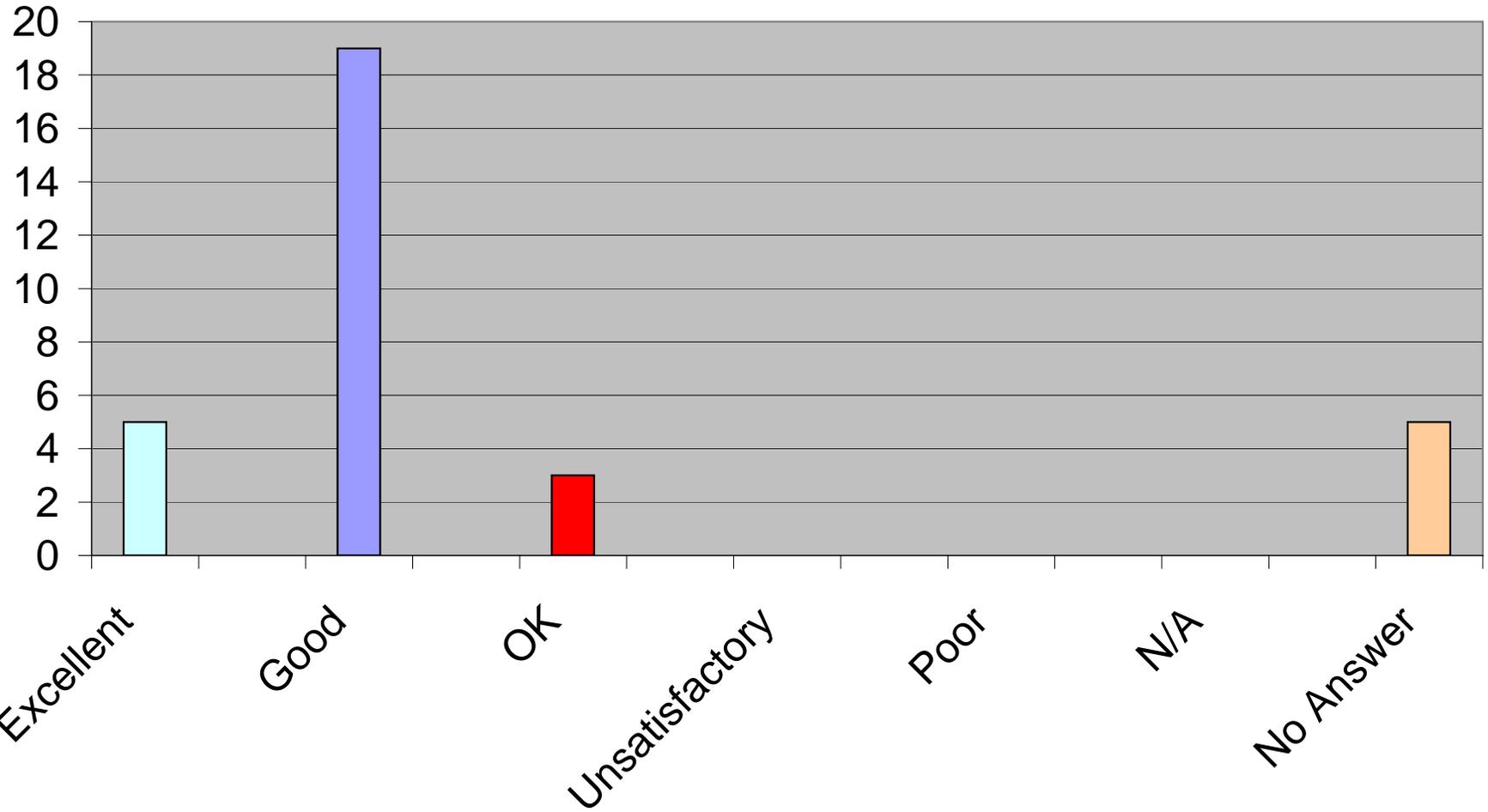
Comments on Strand Sessions



Question 5) Please comment on the Panel Sessions

Excellent	5
Good	19
OK	3
Unsatisfactory	0
Poor	0
N/A	0
No Answer	5

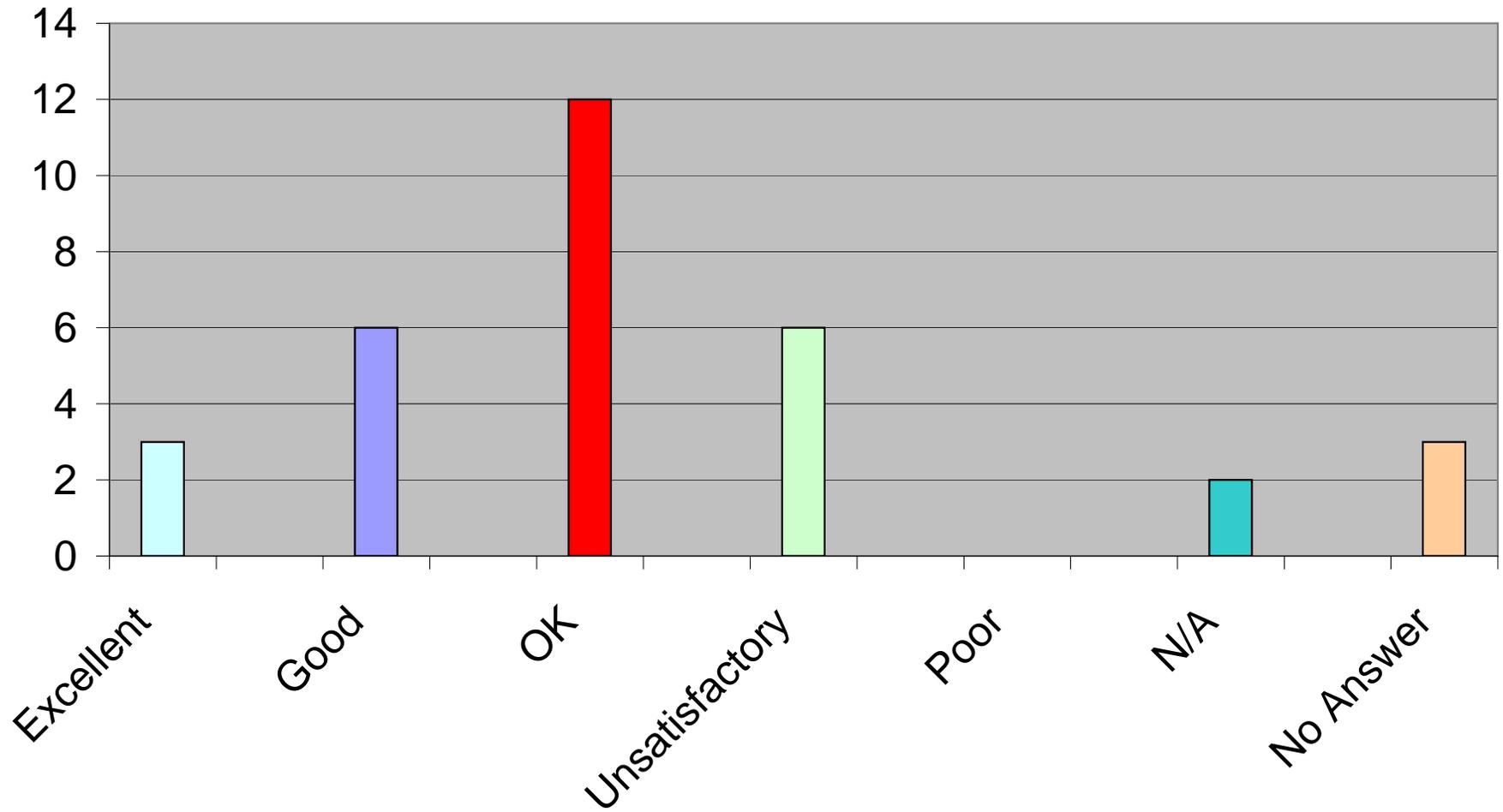
Comments on the Panel Session



Question 6) Please comment on the Conference Dinner

Excellent	3
Good	6
OK	12
Unsatisfactory	6
Poor	0
N/A	2
No Answer	3

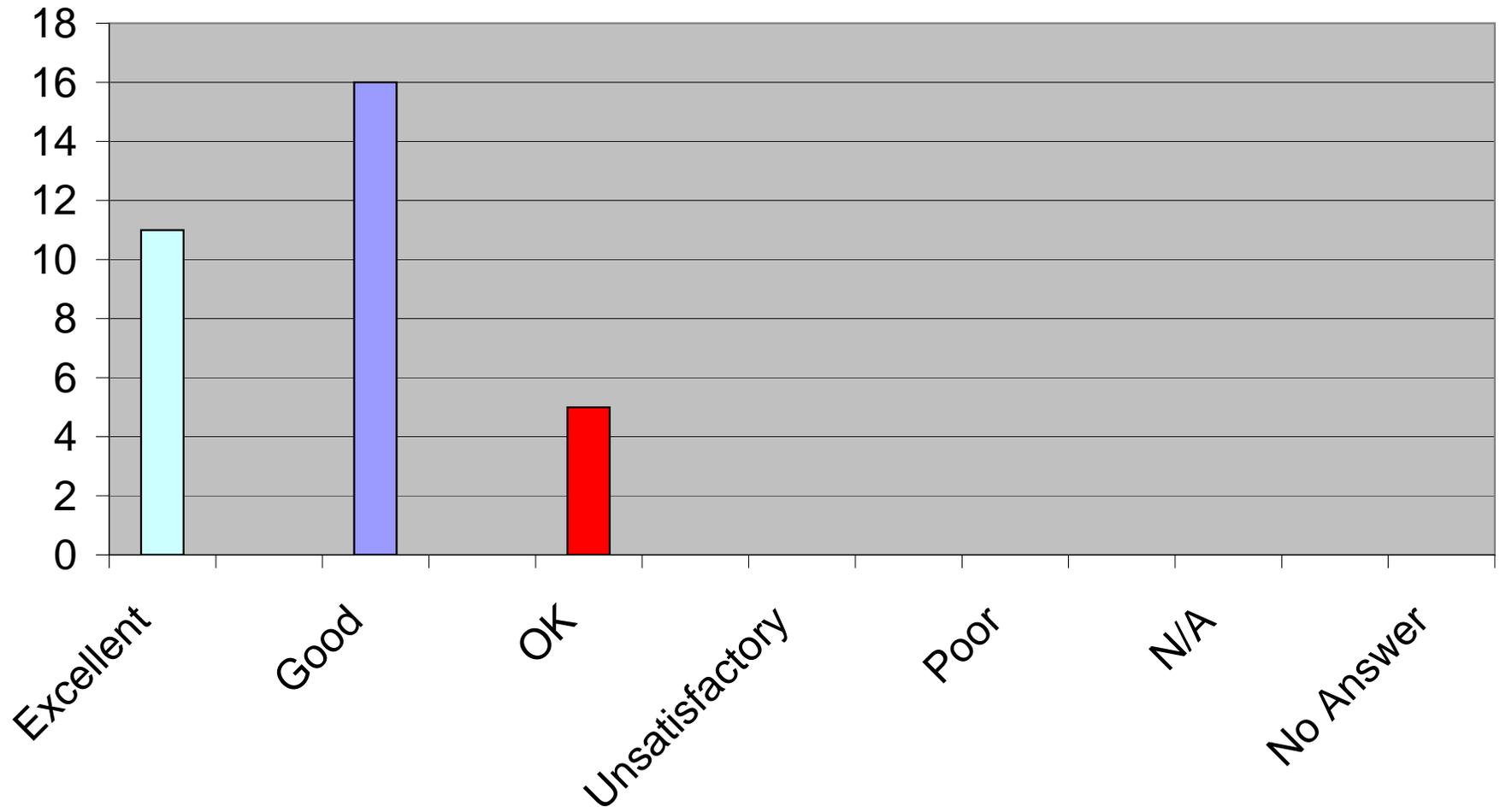
Comments on the Conference Dinner



Question 7) Please comment on the Venue

Excellent	11
Good	16
OK	5
Unsatisfactory	0
Poor	0
N/A	0
No Answer	0

Comments on the Venue



Question 8) Please comment on the Administration

Excellent	10
Good	18
OK	4
Unsatisfactory	0
Poor	0
N/A	0
No Answer	0

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Please expand:

One thing about admin: several arrived at 9.30am on the first day. The registration desk was set out, the lady was there but she said "Registration doesn't open until 10 o'clock". Wasn't this a bit oddly over-bureaucratic? She stood there saying that for half an hour! Better to say 'Registration is up to 11am or similar'.

It would have been useful to hear short reports back in plenary, from each of the strands, and to allow for general discussion.

Main course at conference dinner was strange! Roast beef and coleslaw! No coffee? Quality of strand session was mixed.

Did not cater for vegetarians.

Too many short sharp presentations.

Could have had more time for each element to allow 1) q's & a's 2) time for reflection. Programme meant that had to forego some sessions because they were parallel.

Venue good but menu "odd" with XX meat and salad. Could have done with coffee after.

Q1. Despite a fair amount of investing material, I'm not yet able to discern much that I regard as "actionable".

Conf dinner - stylish venue, lack laste catering. Catering at MCC, excellent.

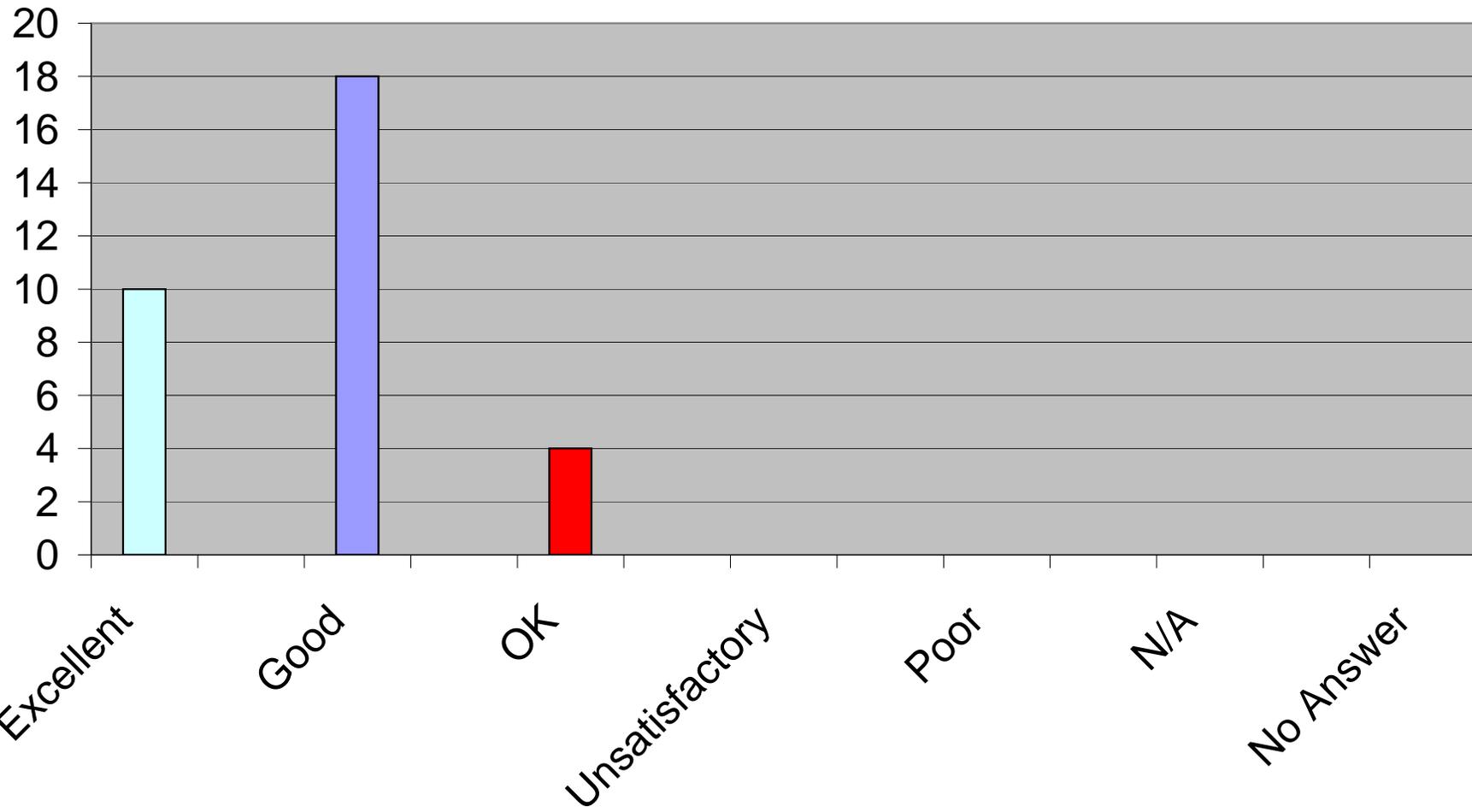
Menu for conference dinner was a littl estrange with no adequate vegetarian option. Strand sessions useful in identifying areas to concertrate on.

Booking - email confirmation didn't arrive. Chased info several times before receiving it several weeks after booking. Food - lunch -everything for vegetarians had wheat - not a complaint just an observation that more variety would be better- batter, pasta salads and sandwiches all have wheat. dinner - Vegetarian option was pasta shells - an afterthought compared to Salmon and Roast Beef for the others.

Pre-conference arrangements for speakers were poor but got better once we were actually here. Too many strands with overlap of issues, felt confusing could only scratch the surface of things. Need a good follow up website. The conference dinner menu was bonkers.

Strand panel session good, Plenary panel less helpful. Plenary speakers were poorly matched to my interests

Comments on the Administration



Question 9) What did you most like about the whole event?

Opportunity to meet other repository practitioners.

E-thesis breakout session.

Conference room session - each with three speakers gave a lot of information in a short time.

Opportunities to find out what assistance is available in setting up repositories, networking opportunities.

People met - good cross section of participants.

The breakout sessions - good speakers on the whole.

Some interesting & provocative presentations.

The discussions and new points coming across raising debate.

Ability to hear from so many people in such a short time - very practical. Plenary speakers - particularly good.

Venue good.

Useful to hear about such a broad range of projects through the break-out sessions.

Strand sessions.

Networking possibilities.

Panels.

Feedback on the other people's experience.

Opportunity for cross-matching with others in parallel fields.

Keynotes.

Strand sessions very useful.

Coverage of issues v.good.

Breadth of coverage, richness of themes.

Keith Jeffrey.

Focused and informative.

Issues discussed in-depth.

Strand sessions.

The ability to attend differing strands and the range of speakers.

Range of themes and ease with which it was possible to move between strands

Every presentation in the strands of interest was very stimulating and v.relevant.

The opportunity to network with my peers and like minded people.

Whole conference programme but particularly sessions on legal aspects.

The venue for the conference dinner.

Very thorough coverage in Strand Sessions

10) What did you like the least?

Lack of coherence and general feel that this was for projects coming to an end. I work on RSP project and this would have been an ideal opportunity for us to promote/further our work via various means.

Dinner - cold food, no vegetables, no coffee.

Demo session - seemed "hit and miss" - were talks which you could miss by going between rooms

All OK.

Conference dinner selections - too much cheese, no green veg.

Poor abstracts about programmes sessions in the programme guide.

Conference dinner - the menu provided was ill - conceived.

Nothing in particular - all sessions had something useful.

Not enough time for everything.

Lunch on day one!

Some rooms too hot.

Lack of representation by senior management and researchers. Too many insiders. Not balanced.

One or two of the strand sessions.

Directions to the venue were inadequate.

Hotel! Tendency to preach to the converted - although I fully appreciate the difficulty of getting participants for the key stakeholder comments, ie researchers themselves.

I like it all. It was very useful for me. Well done.

Quality of food and wine at conference dinner.

Too many choices of things I couldn't attend.

The conference dinner - venue was stunning but food/menu seemed rather hastily constructed.

Impossibility of benefiting from ALL that was offered, i.e. can only be in one place at one time!

Nothing - excellent event - content, organisation, pace and structure.

Parallel breakout sessions - too many choices - missing stuff.

None.

Some of the group rooms were a bit cramped.

Lack of substantial mention of elearning issues in plenary presentations

11) What do you think are the key things that need to be done to make repositories more effective?

Higher profile with researchers & other users. Use of Web 2 & emerging technologies to assist use. More cooperation between repositories managers. Move from technical to a user-led approach.

Definition of success/effectiveness – is it nos of deposits/downloads? Evidence of value to research community

Engage institutional senior managers, look at partnership initiatives harnessing JISC support available

Push them up the national agenda (UUK, Government etc).

1. Make them relevant & easy for those who will populate them. Especially metadata. 2. Also, Keith Jeffreys point: incremental accumulation of mediation. 3. Framework for domain-specific metadata ("not just DC"). 4. Clarity of permitted re-use. 5. Simplify! Avoid un-needed complexity, procedural and technical Institutional strategy.

Tackle to IPR issues and enable people to deposit, use & reuse with confidence & trust

More communication and connection between repositories.

More reassurance on legal aspects facing candidates to help support IR people in institutions to spread the word

University mandates – deposit.

Building relationships between providers, funding agencies, regulations and stakeholders, rather than applications

Training of repositories managers.

Fund responsive initiatives – what people want.

They need buy-in from university management. Need to be part of institution strategies.

Clarify all the legal issues so that people are clearer about what they can safely expose

Encourage changes in cultural practice of teachers to incorporate preservation of learning materials to share and re-use.

Include research staff.

Engineer cultural change within the research community and within institutions. Establish clear lines of responsibility in relation to the management and populating of repositories.

Increase their content. They're almost all nearly empty.

1. Sort out IPR & copyright. 2. Develop systems for discovering unstructured non-textual data.

Integration into research/teaching/learning process.

Better expression of benefits. More focused (subject based) approach.

Standardize the metadata required, to improve a) interoperability between IR's b) searchability by external applications eg search services

Change of senior management practice/priorities; better funding, support etc. internally within institutions for repositories projects. To be seen as a part of research process, contributing to competitiveness of university, enhancing the research process for generation of new knowledge...

Mediated deposition. Improved usability – if self archiving. Addressing the problem of pdf creation (do we really read pdf's). Advocacy to audiences and

Winning the buy-in of organisation. Resolving IPR issues/models for IPR.

Focus on user benefits of usability.

12) What are the key repositories issues that JISC should be addressing?

Interoperability. Usability. Advocacy. Increase focus on what institutions can do now - lists of outstanding issues etc can hinder practical actions?

Sustainability of IR's. Since organisations have appointed temporary IR personnel and people take responsibility after the project might not be committed

Long-term funding of core shared resources used by repositories such as SHERMA/RoMEO, Open DOAR, ROAR, DOAJ etc. Adequate staffing of repository admin

Advocacy tools/data citation tools/[in] research data both to output but also investigating 'big science' data storage/dissemination/analysis.

Structure of support, resources etc and culture/praxis change across HE's.

Subject repositories & how institutional repositories (IR) should feed into them.

Preservation. Repository Assessment.

1. IPR 2. Existing unstructured non textual information.

Content acquisition. Interoperability. IPR issues.

Help aid the bringing together of cross-disciplinary teams. Encourage teaching staff to attend to find out about developments

Advocacy! Relevance. Identify added value and proselytise.

IPR. Metadata. Availability.

Preservation.

IPR.

IPR.

Continue supporting projects which support repository development.

IPR copyright for retrospective digitalisation. A 1 day workshop/showcase featuring all the different systems/methods available (software/hardware) to which several members of an institution can come.

Themes are identified - need to monitor & disseminate changes as result of projects etc.

Providing a supportive & enabling framework for people to build, populate and use repositories

Involvement of library schools in the dA agenda.

Educating institutional managers, getting issues such as IPR more prominence at institutional level, enhancing information management. Use web 2.0

Defining and disseminating best practice. Stopping duplication of effort and spending.

Use for teaching & learning. Advice with policies etc and with legal issues.

Ploughing a 'plain english' practical path through the masses of info out there about repositories.

User needs, personalisation, trying strategy and policy

13) What would you like to see JISC do as a result of this event?

Streamline the focus/structure of future rep. events.

Work on pro-formas etc for theses. Promote repositories and open access to academics.

Set out success factors and examples of them.

develop web 2.0 aspects. In teaching and learning address how students learn to enable repositories to be more accessible.

Support vital services emerging from projects (Eg RoMEO and Open DOAR) on an ongoing basis.

Engage with academics/researchers.

Run follow up event to review progress - lots of useful contacts & information. Format of event worked well

Continue the good work especially toolkits and support

Update the roadmap.

Roadshow with projects to UK universities.

Provide vehicles to move materials from one repository to another easily & with appropriate metadata

Devise a synthesis of news from the event.

Find ways of raising awareness in the research community (as a whole) about repositories and IPR. Help IR managers

1. Establish a copyright clearance agency for images sound and video. 2. Develop software tools for indexing and

1. Find work into data repository development alongside article IR development in Wales. 2. Engage library schools in providing training in the skills necessary to support IR

Produce report demonstrating all proceedings of conference

More of the same.

Address long term funding. Formulate recommendations for staffing of repositories and related resourcing

Helping IR managers to achieve the mandate of organisation.

Find ways of encouraging culture of sharing in T & L by making university senior manager remember that T & L is part of

14) List some things you are planning to do as a result of this event?

Share information/insights gained with colleagues

Implement six stage model for the policies.

Maintaining the high standard of my work.

Write report to apply knowledge gained from the event to see how it a) can be applied institutionally b) applied to specific JISC funded Datashare project

Communicate range of points to colleagues etc. and devise better advocacy strategy.

Look at whether we can use Dspace to store data. Run a session for academics on theses (benefits etc).

Tailor the roll-out of UWIC's IR to the suggestions made during the advocacy sessions.

1. Implement e-prints]. 2. Canvas on behalf of ADHS. 3. Examine Fedora for suitability.

Within the data strand there were some useful ideas/initiatives that will be taken on board as part of our current project work on desk publication.

Help take decisions in project documents.

Provide vehicles to move materials from one repository to another easily and with appropriate metadata.

Go back and look at object structures again. Think about how we store so that objects are useful at (readable by) us and others who may not have custom interfaces.

Develop collaborative projects to enhance own product.

Report back to IT & VLE staff.

Get a better relationship with our researchers.

Lobby back at home institution - embed repository in work flows. Link repository - VLE; provide appropriate tools at point of use.

1. Have to write a report on this. 2. Evangelise! 3. More from pilot to establish real service.

Apply much of what has been covered. Application of advice gives in new repository project.

Engage with academics/researchers.

Reflect on talks, disseminate key issues to partners in projects. Lobby our senior management & invest real resource in our repository.

Highlight issues with senior management, research & enterprise office.

Follow up links (internet), follow up contacts made, look for successful repositories to be guided by.

Devise policies and procedures for injecting e-theses.

Get copies of more of the presentation/content from the other strands.

Apply for more money/jobs.

15) Are there topics you would like to see covered at future events?

More on new web 2.0 etc technology & technologies.

What is being done, that can be learned from overseas?

More discussion/presentation of how the many individual projects fit into the overall roadmap, maybe.

Follow up on the strands with reports online to allow other staff access to information.

More on copyright, legal issues, presentation of evidence and case studies which can be used to counter negativity.

Role of commercial providers of IR service.

Supporting teaching staff and students through change processes to allow all we are discussing to happen.

Further discussion on how, in practice, to effect cultural change.

Dealing with unstructured non-textual files. (image, sound, video)

Some specific technical issues - e.g systems for facilitating download/unpacking/reassembly of complex learning projects.

Case studies of successful (and failing) repositories.

Preliminary data linking for e-theses.

An event looking at prosoect for change in HE/FF; there is little use in my work on innovation if static cultures mean this is not taken up.

Any other feedback?

Excellent event!

The conference was good for fielding out what others & JISC have been doing

Listing people by name on the attendance list is useful but grouping them together from institutions they came from can also be helpful to aid identification of similar projects

When's the next event! :0)

All Plenary speakers were excellent - well done

The multiplicity of strands meant I had exposure to fewer of the programme projects than I would have liked

Air conditioning a bit fierce in some areas!

Thanks for organising a particularly useful event.