

TESTIMONIALS FROM WOMEN WHO ATTENDED ICWES CONFERENCES

GENERAL QUESTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

1. How did you hear about ICWES?
2. What made you decide to attend these conferences?
3. Did you attend more than one ICWES? If yes, which ones?
4. Did you get some form of support to attend?
5. Did you have any difficulties in planning your attendance?
6. Did you participate in pre-conference and post-conference tours, and if so, what were they? Were they sponsored by the conference coordinators? Were they planned in detail in advance?
7. Was it easy to travel to these countries (for example, visa required?).
8. Did you have problems with currency in travelling to these countries?
9. If you missed some conferences or stopped attending, explain why.

IMPRESSIONS OF PARTICIPANTS DURING THE CONFERENCES:

10. What were your impressions of ICWES? For example: What did you like the most about this conference? Did you like the program? The activities?
11. Were these conferences different than most in your field? And how?
12. In what proportion did you attend the technical and the gender sessions? Why?
13. Did you attend alone, or did you attend with other people? In the affirmative, can you tell us who they were?
14. Did you meet and interact with people from other countries?
15. Did men attend the conferences?
16. Did you have issues with some parts of the conferences?
17. Did you make presentations, participate in panels? Was it multi-country presentations and how/why those came about? How might this have developed over the years as attendees got to know one another and continued their contacts with one another?

IMPACT:

18. Overall, did these ICWES conferences meet your expectations? Explain.
19. Did the conferences have an impact on your career and professional development?

FOR THE ORGANISERS:

20. Did you offer financial support for women from developing countries? In the affirmative, how was it distributed?
21. Did your participants have problems to get visa and how did you deal with this issue?
22. In your view, did the conference have an impact on the women in STEM movement in your region?
23. How did geopolitics impact organizers and participants over the years? How might this impact the planning for future conferences?
24. Were you successful in obtaining funding from governments, industries, associations, or others?

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25. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE HAVEN'T ASKED YOU AND YOU WOULD LIKET TO ADD?