

## Survey concerning triple sessions

This survey was conducted in the Fall of 2006.

Our fast survey of preferences concerning triple sessions at DPS meetings is closed. We received 150 replies—thanks!—and (perhaps not surprisingly) the results were not particularly strong in any direction. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 strongly favored triple sessions, 3 was neutral, and 5 strongly opposed them, the average score was 2.9!

Did you attend the 2006 DPS Meeting in Pasadena?

	Response Total
Yes	125
No	25
Total Respondents	150
(skipped this question)	0

Did you attend the 2005 DPS Meeting in Cambridge?

	Response Total
Yes	91
No	57
Total Respondents	148
(skipped this question)	2

Did you attend the 2004 DPS Meeting in Louisville?

	Response Total
Yes	90
No	57
Total Respondents	147
(skipped this question)	3

Did you attend the 1999 DPS Meeting in Padua (the last one before Pasadena that had triple sessions)?

	Response Total
Yes	67
No	83
Total Respondents	150
(skipped this question)	0

Triple Sessions or Less Free Time?

Would you rather have triple oral sessions or double oral sessions with less time for other activities? This might include shorter poster sessions, starting earlier, shorter lunches (one hour), no plenary talks except prizes, or evening oral sessions.

	Response Total
Strongly prefer triple (1)	35
Weakly prefer triple (2)	35
Neutral (3)	11
Weakly prefer less free time (4)	32
Strongly prefer less free time (5)	29
Response Average	2.89
Total Respondents	142
(skipped this question)	8

If we do choose to have double oral sessions which of those options are to be preferred and which to be avoided?

	Strongly prefer (1)	Mildly prefer (2)	Neutral (3)	Try to avoid (4)	Never (5)	Response Average
Start earlier (8 am or before)	18	22	14	51	35	3.45
Shorter lunches (one hour)	12	34	23	56	18	3.24
No plenary talks (except prize lectures)	14	29	27	38	32	3.32
Evening plenary talks	25	52	24	28	12	2.65
Evening oral sessions	5	25	20	54	38	3.67
Less time for posters (two sessions instead of four)	21	31	19	50	19	3.11
Extend meeting to six days	15	21	24	45	38	3.49
Total Respondents (skipped this question)	143					

Triple oral sessions or more posters?

Would you prefer triple oral sessions or double oral sessions with a strong chance that your paper will be "pushed" to poster?

	Response Total
Strongly prefer triple (1)	36
Weakly prefer triple (2)	32
Neutral (3)	12
Weakly prefer being pushed to poster (4)	34
Strongly prefer being pushed to poster (5)	29
Response Average	2.92
Total Respondents (skipped this question)	143 7

If it means avoiding triple sessions I would accept these odds of being pushed to poster

Given that double oral sessions might mean increasing your odds that your preferred oral talk is pushed to a poster session what odds are you willing to risk?

	Response Total
Far better triple sessions than push-to-poster (1)	38
I accept a 25% chance of being pushed to poster (2)	30
I accept a 50% chance of being pushed to poster (3)	42



I accept a 75% chance of being pushed to poster (4)	13
I would rather be pushed to poster than accept triple oral sessions (5)	19
Response Average	2.61
Total Respondents	142
(skipped this question)	8

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