## Rocky 13 Evaluation Summary

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### Comments - What would you do to improve the program format?

1. Have conference start on Friday
2. Timing only works because Hunter is so good at keeping to time. Color on projector was relatively poor - many talks had way too small fonts. Perhaps better projector AND give recommendations on font size appropriate for room.
3. The format is great for the purposes at the conference. There is a good balance between variety and depth.
4. Feel strongly sessions need to be themed. Theme sessions (group by topic), also including keynotes. Quality of talks lagged a little this year. More selective 15 minute presentations perhaps?
5. 10-minute talks a little too short
6. Increase presentation time by at least 5 minutes
7. Not enough presenters with interests similar to mine.
8. More metagenomics. Poster session on the last day after all the talks.
10. 10 minutes some times quite short. But increasing time would make fewer talks!
11. I like the randomness of talks, could try to loosely couple related talks. I think the format is good as it is.
12. The program format is very well put together.
13. Start the afternoon session at 4:30 to allow time to get off slope
14. Longer breaks for skiing/snowboarding
15. Nothing to change, perfect as is.
16  Travel incentives for European attendees would be appreciated! Excellent conference overall, will be back.
17  Poster session at end so everyone can advertise projects first

**Additional Comments**

1  The dates are creeping closer to Christmas. Especially travelling from Europe, would be easier end of November, Beginning of December
2  Provide mechanism for onsite collaboration or BOF meetings - perhaps via pinup board with announcements. Are there nearby hiking options for non-skiing folks?
3  Great conference
4  This is a very intimate conference. I enjoy it greatly. It was both productive and fun for me. Thanks!
5  Would love to see conference moved somewhere closer to DIA/Denver. Thanks for a good conference overall.
6  Location closer to Denver would be more convenient. Also how about changing to January or February because December is very busy with the holidays.
7  Back up projector not as good as the original
8  Great conference, good snow, good science
9  How can we do something with flatscreens or projectors at the poster sessions - that would be cool!
10  Love the noon time closing
11  First time attending Rocky, previously attended ISMB. Great organizing and support team