

a	The conference was:	5	4	3	2	1	-	AVG
	Interesting.....Boring	38	37	9				4.35
	Helpful.....Useless	26	43	14	1			4.12
	Well Organized.....Chaotic	62	17	4			1	4.70
b	The speakers were:	5	4	3	2	1		
	Excellent.....Poor	29	42	13				4.19
	Clear.....Unclear	13	57	14				3.99
	Excessively.....Insufficiently detailed	4	21	47	11		1	3.22
c	The topics were:	5	4	3	2	1		
	Pertinent.....Not pertinent	31	41	6			6	4.32
	Understandable...Way over my head	30	41	10	1	1	1	4.18
d	The quality of the contributed papers was:	5	4	3	2	1		
	Excellent.....Poor	30	41	10	1		2	4.22

Which speakers made the best presentations

Tayur	44
Lustig	27
Venkatasubramanian	27
Shah	22
Maranas	13
Sahinidis	10

In what ways would you suggest the conference oral presentation be improved?

Better font colors	5
More technical details	5
Larger Fonts	4
Distribute slides	3
Less math details	3
Better slide quality (general)	2
More Industrial, Industrial/Academic talks	2
More bright screen	1
Less Software marketing	1
Keep time limits	1
Fewer slides	1
Highlight future directions	1
Fewer presenters	1
More presenters	1
Tutorials for certain subjects	1
Post slides on the web-site	1
More time for discussion	1

Overview of the session	1
Better sound quality	1
Shorter presentations	1
More Enthusiasm	1
Include presentations in the CD	1
Mail abstracts earlier	1

What topics were of greatest interest to you?

Optimization	31
Supply Chain Management	30
Scheduling	13
Planning	12
Modeling Techniques	10
Process Operations	6
Uncertainty	5
Safety	4
Design	3
Industrial-Academic collaborations	3
Solution Technologies	3
Overviews	3
Algorithms	2
Software vendors	2
Applications	1
Computer Technologies	1
Data Reconciliation	1
Industrial presentations	1
Control	1

What topics were of least interest to you?

Software vendors	12
Bio & Pharma	9
Process Operations	8
Supply Chain Management	6
Control	6
Safety	3
Planning	2
Scheduling	2
Hybrid Optimization	2
Collaborations	2
Data reconciliation	1
Solution Techniques	1

What topics should have been included or given greater emphasis?

Forecasting	4
Control	4
Uncertainty	4
SCM Dynamics	4
Data analysis, mining, integration	3
Modelling	3
Environmental issues	3
IT issues	3
Industry/academic collaborations	3
Interaction between SCM and operations	2
SCM success stories	2
Scheduling/planning integration	2
Integration of different operation levels	1
Decision making process	1
Techniques	1
Biochemical systems	1
Quality control/management	1
Process operations	1
Education	1
Bioinformatics	1
R&D	1
Life cycle applications	1
Software vendors	1

Did you find the contributed paper session to be helpful?

YES	83
NO	1

Comments on Posters

Give opportunity presenters to see other posters	9
Smaller number of posters	3
Some of the posters could be oral presentations	2
More related to operations and SCM	2
Cocentric configuration so there are no overlooked posters	1
Short talks (5 min) before poster session	1
Poster format better publicized	1
Second session not necessary	1
More detailed review of the posters	1
Have transparencies in the CD	1

The sessions themselves were:

Too long	11
Too short	2

Comments on sessions

Sessions were OK	22
Shorter presentations	3
Afternoons free	2
The talks between the sessions are as interesting as the sessions themselves	1
Too intensive over the day	1
Program too loaded with sessions	1
Longer afternoon breaks	1
Evening session to be reconsidered	1

I would have liked (more/less) time for questions from the audience.

More time	28
Less time	5

How did you benefit from attending the conference?

Networking	30
Overview of the state of the art	16
See new ideas, methods, trends	26

Do you recommend having another FOCAPO again? If so, when?

2004	6
2005	12
2006	25
2007	7
2008	15

What season?

Summer	20
Winter	19
Fall	2
Spring	2

Location?

Rockies	7
California	5
Florida	5
Colorado	4
Europe	3
Hawaii	2
Montreal	1
New England	1
Utah	1
New Mexico	1

What duration do you recommend for the next FOCAPO meeting?

Sunday to Wednesday (like FOCAPO 2003)	46
Sunday to Friday (like previous FOCAPO meetings)	26

Did you participate in the meal plan?

Yes	59
No	23

Comments on meal plan:

Good quality/variety	7
Bad quality/variety for the price	5
Provide more warm meals	2
Good for networking	2
I wish I had participated	2
Plan more expensive than eating in the hotel	1
Expensive	1
Include dinner on Monday	1
Too packed	1
Have an additional lunch plan	1

Please rate the Coral Springs Marriott as a meeting facility

	5	4	3	2	1	-	AVG
Meeting rooms	37	31	13			1	4.30
Audio-Visual	30	39	10	2	1		4.16
Sleeping rooms	32	32	12			6	4.26
Food & Beverage	11	22	34	6	5	4	3.36
Recreation	2	15	17	23	14	10	2.55

Comments on hotel:

Isolated	13
Expensive	2
Better e-mail/internet facility	2
Public phones were broken	2
Bad hotel/restaurant service	2
Bigger projector	2
No recreation	2
Tours to nearby attractions	1
Need for auditorium	1
If you did not play golf, literally nothing to do	1
No public transportation	1
I stayed elsewhere; \$70 to \$194	1

How did you first hear about this conference?

Colleague	47
FOCAPO Brochure	19
CAST mail	18
Website	4
Other:	6
Previous FOCAPO	3
e-mail announcement	2
CACHE Newsletter	2

General comments, suggestions, or feedback

Excellent conference	9
Less tight schedule	4
More time for interaction	3
More PCs for internet connection	3
More participation from industry	2
Merge FOCAPO and FOCAPOD: one week conference, every 4 years	2
Focus on future research, open problems; not on work done	2
Clearer poster instructions	2
Distribute list of participants	2
Have all presentations in one computer	1
Provide presentations in CD	1
Provide power-cord for laptop demos in poster session	1
Hold yearly	1
Too much emphasis on SCM	1
Important to get engaging speaker	1
End final day at noon	1
Post in the web the presentations/papers not in the proceedings	1
Extend to Friday; have half-week fee to attract industrial people	1
Pre-conference sightseeing package	1
Clearer indication whether contributed papers will be posters or talks	1
More software/book vendors	1
Include limited parallel sessions	1
Have a contributed paper in each session	1
Distribute presentations	1