

Evaluation of the ICR Conference by Participants

Thirty-seven of the 55 registered participants completed the post-Conference online Evaluation.

#1. Initiate an international network of Catholic research centers with interest and experience in studying religious life.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The conference assisted in initiating an international network of Catholic researchers.	92%	8%	0%	0%
The Attendee Biography and Contact List is a useful tool for me to utilize in the future.	94%	6%	0%	0%

All participants agree that the Conference initiated an international network of researchers and provided a contact list for future efforts.

#2. Establish what research, related to sisters, their life, and ministry, conference attendees have previously and are currently studying.

The conference allowed for the sharing of research related to women religious around the world.	95%	5%	0%	0%
I found the research presentations and discussions on Day 1 to be informative.	91%	9%	0%	0%
I found the research presentations and discussions on Day 2 to be informative.	85%	15%	0%	0%
The Conference allowed for the sharing of research particularly related to women religious in Africa (Day 4)	89%	9%	0%	3%
The small group discussion (Day 5)	81%	16%	3%	0%

All participants agree that the Conference allowed for a sharing of research from around the world and that the presentations on Days 1 and 2 were informative. One participant (3%) was not satisfied with the Small Group discussions though that may be due to internet connection difficulties.

#3. Identify and prioritize areas of research still needed regarding religious life.

I had sufficient opportunity to share common challenges and areas of need regarding research related to Catholic sisters (Day 3).	53%	38%	9%	0%
The interaction with Catholic sisters across Africa increased my awareness of areas needing increased research attention	94%	6%	0%	0%
The panel discussion: "What We Have Heard" (Day 6)	85%	15%	0%	0%

Practically all participants (91%) agree they had sufficient opportunity to share common challenges and areas of need and three (9%) did not agree. All participants agreed that their interaction with Sisters across Africa and the panel discussion on “What We Have Heard” were valuable.

#4. Brainstorm best methods for research funding procurement, implementation, and dissemination of findings.

As a result of the presentation, I can see how helpful the data center in Nairobi can be for future research projects (Day 5)	89%	11%	0%	0%
The discussion on the dissemination of research (Day 3)	76%	24%	0%	0%
The presentation of the Hilton Foundation priorities (Day 6)	91%	9%	0%	0%

All participants agree on the helpfulness of the presentation on the Data Center plans, the discussion on the dissemination of research, and the presentation of the Hilton Foundation priorities.

#5. Explore opportunities for future collaboration and partnership.

There was sufficient opportunity to network with other conference attendees.	22%	61%	17%	0%
11. The discussion on partnership and cooperation (Day 3)	82%	18%	0%	0%

Nearly one in five (17%) of participants did not think there was sufficient opportunity to network with other attendees. This is judged to be the weakest element of the Conference.

All participants agree that the discussion on partnership and cooperation was helpful.