

RFC Verification Workshop Evaluation

The survey was filled out at the end of the workshop by the participants. Below are the results and comments from 18 participants.

WORKSHOP CONTENT (Circle your response to each item.)

1. I was well informed about the objectives of this workshop

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			1	6	11

Comments:

Better than most workshops

2. This workshop lived up to my expectations.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			2	7	9

Comments:

Needed more time on more of the topics, or less topics.

I learned a lot. Very impressed with both IVP and EVS. Good example case studies.

I wanted to see how verification would evaluate each step of the river forecasting process to pinpoint where the errors occur if the river forecast is poor.

3. The content is relevant to my job.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			1	4	12

Comments:

A few presentations didn't seem to fit in.

WORKSHOP DESIGN (Circle your response to each item.)

4. The workshop objectives were clear to me.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			3	7	8

Comments:

I'm still a little bit unfamiliar with statistics terminology and need more experience.

5. The workshop activities stimulated my understanding and learning.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			2	6	10

Comments:

IVP exercises seemed rushed.

WORKSHOP PRESENTORS (Circle your response to each item.)

6. The presentors were well prepared.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:				5	13

Comments:

The IVP lab instructions needed more details.

More time on labs.

All very outstanding.

Both Hank Herr and James Brown deserve bronze medals!

7. The presentations were helpful.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			2	7	9

Comments:

More examples of concepts/metrics.

WORKSHOP RESULTS (Circle your response to each item.)

8. I accomplished what I set out to accomplish from this workshop.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			3	8	7

Comments:

To get a basic background in verification.

I really wasn't sure what to expect.

Felt overwhelmed at times, so I'm not sure I really picked up the understanding of all the metrics.

Exceeded.

9. I will be able to use what I learned in this workshop.

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
U	1	2	3	4	5
Answers:			2	8	8

Comments:

Will require more experience.

Provided I don't forget it by the time the software is delivered.

Need follow-up.

I hope so.

I'm very hopeful.

10. How would you improve this workshop? (Check all that apply.)

2__Provide better information before the workshop.

___Clarify the workshop objectives.

3__Reduce the content covered in the workshop.

2__Increase the content covered in the workshop.

1__Update the content covered in the workshop.

2__ Improve the presentation/instructional skills and methods.

1__ Make workshop activities more stimulating.

___ Improve workshop organization.

1__ Make the workshop less difficult.

___ Make the workshop more difficult.

5__ Slow down the pace of the workshop.

___ Speed up the pace of the workshop.

7__ Allot more time for the workshop.

___ Shorten the time for the workshop.

2__ Add more visualization to the workshop.

5__ Provide beverages and snacks.

11. What other improvements would you recommend in this workshop?

Excellent workshop, you need to do this again.

Would like to see it every year.

Labs could have been a little bit simpler and more tested in advance.

Longer exercises.

A lot more time using the software.

More hands-on lab exercises (2).

Make sure each group has a "sort of expert" on it, otherwise some groups end up all being newbie's.

Maybe stretch to Friday morning to be less rushed.

I would like to see short learning modules that just cover the various metrics/measures and some very basic information on how to interpret each metric.

More discussions and evaluation of case studies.

More time on scientific principles, less on general concepts (not to say general topics are not useful).

Infer examples on metrics.

Provide quiz on metrics to ensure there is an understanding of concepts.

Provide copies of presentations in advance.

Handouts for all presentations, and in color as needed (some graphics are essentially useless in black and white and xeroxed).

Provide larger room (4); difficult to see screen at times (2).

IT issues need to be well tested prior to workshop.

Better keyboard and mouse.

12. What is least valuable about this workshop?

A few of the presentations seemed out of place.

Need more time to expand on some subjects.

The amount of technical explanations. Make it short and to the point.

Will not be able to use the software tools at the WFO.

13. What is most valuable about this workshop?

Everything was worthwhile. Would be grossly unfair to apply a least to anything.

All as introduction (on verification).

Presentations, but especially the discussions.

Discussions about concepts and new tools.

I found some of the discussions very exciting and interesting.

The discussions on how verification is going to help improve the river forecasts.

Stimulating ideas of ways to verify forecasts at the office.

Exposure to new statistical methods and their application.

Basic explanation of statistical concepts and the provided glossary.

The more basic explanations are great to start with (glossary, etc.). Could use a lot more basic info since not everyone has a real background in statistics.

Exercises.

Hands on with software.

Seeing the authors of software and interacting with them.

Hope for the future!