

Evaluation NSD 2021 - Attendee responses

1) Registration process and announcement:



2) The program (number of talks, time for networking, time for poster session etc.):



3) The topics:



4) The speakers:



5) Suggestions for future topics or speakers (selection):

- Emotional avoidance
- More speakers from the early stage career
- Neuroinflammation, Microbiota
- The neuroscience of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- Potassium channels and electrolytes

6) Suggestions for other types of sessions (selection):

- Workshop with process writing in groups involving people's knowledge
- Division of poster-sessions into sub-sessions
- Yes, some Q and A sessions would be also awesome, where you can meet expert people and ask your questions to solve the problems you have faced in your project
- Panel discussions

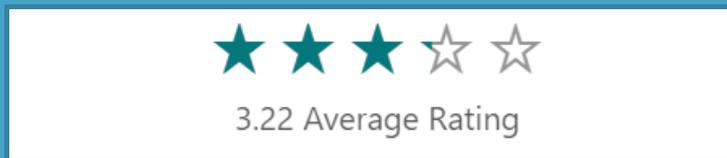
7) Overall gather.town experience:



8) The access from Gather.town to the oral sessions in Zoom:



9) The poster session in Gather.town:



10) Comments on Gather.town experience (selection):

Excellent idea - execution not optimal

All in all, I think it is a good idea. However, it would have been nice to have clearer instructions on how to communicate in Gather town [...] The technical pre-instructions and videos for Gathertown were good and sufficient. So the issues were mostly lacking instruction on how to interact and make the most of the poster session time.

It is a fun and new idea, as well as more interactive, but I faced some technical issues

It was really good! You feel closer, even if virtually, to the conference than if you just enter in a Zoom meeting, for example. The virtual environment help you to feel a little bit that you are in a face-to-face conference.

11) Technical challenges in Gather.town (selection):

Yes. I could not see or hear other participants although they could see and hear me. Was fixed after reloading the browser, but caused some confusion in the start

Doors from the main area to poster rooms and auditorium were invisible on Mac/Safari browser. Lots of work identifying the right paths.

Connection unstable