

Hecse Autumn School 2009: Feedback

Comments on invited lectures (1. Immaterial rights, 2. Future Internet, 3. Software engineering)

- Very interesting stuff about trendy and important topics. Good speakers
- All of the topics were interesting and the presentations were good.
- Very/Most interesting. A view of practical issues. And with clear English.
- Topics were interesting and general enough.
- Interesting and relevant topics.
- Eivät kovin lähellä omaa tutkimusta [Not too close to my own research].
- Very good and interesting ones, however outside my own field. Makes me think what their main purpose is? General education? Wider views? Start for ?
- Interesting topics.
- 1. Immaterial rights
 - Useful area to know! Most didn't have any experience beforehand
 - 1 & 2 were not so interesting. Group work was still a good idea in 1.
 - Lectures was in a bad place – hard to hear and see all.
 - Space really bad.
 - First talk suffered a bit from bad acoustics in gymnastic hall.
 - A talk on this subject was a very good idea, although the assignment at the end could have benefited from more guiding.
- 2. Future Internet
 - Presented the current problems in the Internet well
 - Did not attend
 - Interesting but ? and long
 - 2 & 3: Very good choice of subjects and speakers
- 3. Software engineering
 - Good insights to real coding
 - Nice guy, but how the pictures were related to the presentation! Strangest was that the presenter himself looked at them like following the presentation (a psychological touch which makes also the audience look at them).
 - Hyvin ammattimainen uusteknologiaytylinen esitys, tosin hieman mainosmainen. Mutta hyvä puhuja softan kehityksestä [Very good professional presentation in new media style, although a bit commercial. But a good speaker on software development.
 - Worked ok.

Comments on student presentations

- Impressive, mature students
- These were nice. Helped to know what others are doing
- If the students can raise some questions that they would like to get comments [on], it would be

more useful for themselves

- Good. Maybe it is better to have more topics.
- OK.
- Well prepared, interesting.
- Good introduction to the students' topics – understandable from the ground up.
- The students seemed to be experienced presenters
- OK. Valikoimaa voisi olla enemmän. Esim. yhtäaikaisia esityksiä eri paikoissa. [OK. There could be a larger selection. For example, simultaneous presentations in different locations.]
- Good presentations from wide areas.
- Good presentations, good idea to have just a few talks.
- Difficult to create good presentations for this event since topics are so diverse, but this time it worked quite well.
- Maybe we need more?

Comments on poster exhibition

- We need more powerful tape. Jeesusteippi, OK!
- This was the most useful part. I had many useful discussions
- If more professors can come to see the posters and make comments that would be nice. Most of the posters are about machine learning and data modeling. If [there were] more posters from other areas like software engineering and networking would be better.
- Good. But it is better that we can have mentors there.
- I was hoping more supervisors could have been present in the exhibition. Also more time could've been spent on the exhibition.
- Bad methods of hanging a poster may have destroyed a few posters made specifically for this session – expensive! Support team members' absence shows example of how students should think of doing as well - the talk with the support team is supposed to be a big part of the session, right?
- Nice. It raised questions. The only problem was to stand at your own poster when people wanted to ask you but still see the other people's posters and discuss them.
- Two hours went surprisingly quick – there was little time to look at the other posters
- Not the most inspiring atmosphere.
- At least there was plenty of room and the disussing groups were far enough from each other to minimize the interference.
- Johtoryhmä tulee ja menee. Onko tarkoitus esitellä omaa posteria vai tustuta muihin? Mahdollisuus useisiin sessioihin, joissa vain osa esittelee, loput tutustuvat [The board comes and leaves. Is the intention that we present our own poster or that we get to know other posters? A possibility for several sessions, where only a part is presenting and the rest get to know the other posters.]
- This is very important. Please preserve in program. It is an opportunity to get comments and discuss with other people. Could even do more such activities.
- Somehow try to get more supervisors involved.
- I got feedback.

- Interesting to see what others are working on; well organised; could have been longer.
- A bit short, otherwise good. The one minute per poster presenter motivation talk we had last year was quite useful.

Comments on social programme (saunas, quadruthlon)

- Nice outdoor activities, better than last year's bumpy boat ride.
- Fine!
- It's fine except the temperature. A bit too cold.
- It is very cold to do activities outside. Maybe indoor is a good option. Or hold this school in summer.
- OK. A little less time could have been spent on the quadruthlon. I enjoyed last year's quadruthlon more.
- Good to have some exercises outside, also did good for the [community spirit].
- ++ for swimming possibility! Esterata oli hauska [The "obstacle track" was fun.]
- Too little time for sauna!
- Too small a sauna. I liked quadruthlon.
- Isompi sauna [Bigger sauna]
- Sauna could have lasted a little longer. Otherwise the social programme was good and fun.
- Juomavalikoima jätti toivomisen varaa. Sauna-aika mielellään pidempi ja paremmin ajoitettuna, nyt ruokailu vs. sauna. Ryhmäpuuhailu hyvä. [The drink selection could have been better. There should have been more time for sauna and the scheduling was not good, compare sauna vs. dinner. The team business [team work and/or quadruthlon] was good.
- Nice.
- Sauna stopped early. Outside is cold.
- Good idea. Better than last year.
- Good

Comments on Solvalla (accommodation, food, venue, location)

- Very good or good in all respects
- Everything was good. Nice place.
- There is no Internet available. That's the biggest problem.
- OK. It was nice to have your own rooms.
- Dirty bathroom. No hand towels in rooms.
- Nice thank you. Nothing to complain.
- Good basic, honest food.
- Nice place not too far, ok food & accommodation.
- Good food!
- Excellent!
- Ei moitteita! [Nothing to complain about].

- Nice place. I could have walked outside more.
- Good accommodation, good food, great sauna.
- Good

Other comments (e.g., suggestions for next year)

- More happenings. This was the first in this year.
- 8.30 is a little bit too early to start the program. Overall, I feel like last year's autumn school was slightly better, but maybe it was mainly because there were more people present.
- Get support teams to participate as well. Organize in a place suited for a poster presentation. And if this school is necessary for students to participate as well, why were half of them absent as well? Organize the presentations in places of better acoustic properties.
- Those could be lectures where we could practise useful metaskills like how to write papers and get them published. It would also be nice to get our support teams here, but it can be difficult. Greger has done excellent work again!
- Kaksi päivää oli parempi kuin kolme [Two days were better than three].
- Even the timing was good: The exam week at the university provides a suitable slot in the calendar. The event should be at least two days!
- Palautelomakkeiden täyttämiseksi enemmän aikaa: nyt porukka kiirehtii jos seuraavaan aktiviteettiin. Kahdenpäiväinen tapahtuma on hyvä. Tukiryhmän osallistuminen useiden kohdalla kehnoa. [There should have been more time to fill in the feedback from: now the group left in a hurry for the next activity. A two day event is good. Support team participation was lousy of most students.]
- One day might be ok.
- Definitely have a sauna & evening session. Only having dinner will not result in true networking.
- Two day event works well.
- Longer poster session