

Oxford Round Table Evaluation Centre



2007 Evaluation #1

- The general clarity of the invitation was excellent.
- Information for my Institution was not received.
- The Round Table academic theme was misleading. I first received a letter ESL, then it aid bilingualism.
- Overall rating of the Pre-conference communication was excellent.
- The Round Table format was appropriate. As we became more familiar with each other, we became more informal. But I think the formality helped us to get to know each other because we knew what the “rules” of the event were. As the week went on, we kind of made our own exceptions to the formality, which also seemed appropriate. The informality during the Round Table was good. I appreciate the many opportunities to talk with my colleagues during these informal times. Staying at Lincoln College certainly helped me to find opportunities to run into others. The tours and other afternoon events were good to help us bond as a group. I really liked the round table format.
- The opportunity to present your ideas was disappointing in that it was at 9:00 and poorly attended.
- The presentations were for the most part excellent.
- College accommodations were nice. I was happy to have a private bath and was perfectly happy in my dorm room.
- The formal academic pace of the conference was good. The evening sessions were a little ambitious, but I think they were appropriate to get us going at the beginning of the Round Table. The intense format worked early, and then I was glad we only did that for the first two evenings. Having Wednesday afternoon free was a good opportunity for us to explore, run into our colleagues around town, and to even do some outside study or preparation for the sessions. I appreciated the timing of the sessions and events.
- Overall rating of On-site Substance and Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #2

- The general clarity of the invitation was wonderful.
- Information for my Institution was correct and accurate.
- The Round Table academic theme was great!
- Overall rating of the Pre-conference communication was excellent.
- The Round Table format was fabulous!
- The opportunity to present your ideas was wonderful!
- The presentations were great!
- College accommodations were very nice, but cold, and shower too small!
- The formal academic pace of the conference was good!
- Overall rating of On-site Substance and Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #3

- The general clarity of the invitation was quite satisfactory.
- Information for my Institution was adequate. My institution was satisfied with the information provided. The accountants in the budget office would have preferred a breakdown of the fee into per night room charges and per day meal charges with any extra costs going to conference registration fee, but we were able to work out an alternative way of documenting these using the invitation letter you sent.
- The Round Table academic theme was relevant and timely.
- Overall rating of the Pre-conference communication was excellent.
- The Round Table format was highly effective. The structure that provided for a paper presentation followed by discussion led by an assigned discussant worked very well. The only drawback was that the large number of papers limited the amount of time we had for the follow-up discussion. Participants' talks over lunch and dinner often included lamentations that the follow-up discussion time was too brief.
- The opportunity to present your ideas was quite satisfactory except for the fact that, as I mentioned above, there was not enough time for everyone who had a comment or point to make in the follow-up discussion periods to air their views or for the rest of us to follow up on comments that were made during these periods. I felt that we may have missed some interesting and intriguing ideas for lack of time to hear them.
- The presentations were fascinating, thrilling on occasion, full of wonderful ideas, intriguing, diverse, and intellectually stimulating. Thanks ever so much for this opportunity!
- College accommodations were just what I wanted – a taste of the college student's life at Oxford. I enjoyed the historical flavor of the accommodations, and the tea provisions in the rooms gave us the brief respite in front of the fireplace that was just the right touch in a moment of calm between busy sessions.
- The formal academic pace of the conference was a bit rushed during the actual meeting times, due to the large number of papers being presented. But the planning of each day's schedule to include two meeting periods and one excursion period was well done – a great way to mix hard work and fascinating diversion.
- Overall rating of On-site Substance and Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #4

- The Round Table format was appropriate. As we became more familiar with each other, we became more informal. But I think the formality helped us to get to know each other because we knew what the "rules" of the event were. As the week went on, we kind of made our own exceptions to the formality, which also seemed appropriate. The informality during the Round Table was good. I appreciate the many opportunities to talk with my colleagues during these informal times. Staying at Lincoln College certainly helped me to find opportunities to run into others. The tours and other afternoon events were good to help us bond as a group. I really liked the round table format.
- The opportunity to present your ideas was good, although we had to cut some discussions short because of time. We could have gone on for longer periods, but I know that we had a schedule we needed to keep.
- The presentations were good overall. Quality of papers was good and quality of presentations was also good.
- College accommodations were nice. I was happy to have a private bath and was perfectly happy in my dorm room.
- The formal academic pace of the conference was good. The evening sessions were a little ambitious, but I think they were appropriate to get us going at the beginning of the Round Table. The intense format worked early, and then I was glad we only did that for the first two evenings. Having Wednesday afternoon free was a good opportunity for us to explore, run into our colleagues around town, and to even do some outside study or preparation for the sessions. I appreciated the timing of the sessions and events.
- Overall rating of On-site Substance and Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #5

- College accommodations were fine.
- The formal academic pace of the conference was good, although I would have preferred more discussion time for the presentations.
- Overall rating of On-site Substance and Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #6

- College accommodations were very good.
- The pace of the conference was right.
- Overall rating of On-site Substance and Organization was excellent. I greatly valued the intellectual discussions, congeniality of participants, meals, university environment, the facilitators' expertise and attitude, the coordinator's efficiency.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #7

- The College accommodations were: View was beautiful, room was satisfactory, sink area a bit soiled.
- The pace of the conference was rapid.
- Overall rating of On-site Organization was: Excellent
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #8

- College accommodations were far better than anticipated.
- The pace of the conference was a little too fast. More time for discussion would help.
- Overall rating of On-site Organization was: Excellent
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.
- College accommodations were lacking basic amenities – TV, WiFi, hair dryer, etc.
- The pace of the conference was too much touring, not enough conferencing.
- Overall rating of On-site Organization was good.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was good. Strengths were post presentation discussion debate. Food was wonderful.
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2007 Evaluation #9

- College accommodations were very good for me and my guests.
- The pace of the conference was excellent.
- Overall rating of On-site Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.

2007 Evaluation #10

- Some presentations were weak. Discussion leaders needed more guidance about their roles – ask the questions and provide more time to discuss.
- College accommodations were good.
- The pace of the conference was okay. Better to select fewer presentations and allow more time for discussion.
- Overall rating of On-site Organization was excellent.
- Overall Rating of the Round Table experience was excellent.