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Re: Re-evaluation survey results of Network of Networks Meeting, Seattle

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share the survey results of the re-evaluation of the APEC Network of Networks Meeting in Seattle, USA, in January 2002, with all of you. The evaluation was aimed to follow the impact of the meeting in participants' current work at 6-month after the meeting.

With your cooperation this summer, we conducted the survey by asking the meeting participants to fill out an anonymous web-based survey form (<http://www.apec.org/infectious/index.html>) or to send a MS-word survey form back to us. We have 24 responses from 12 economies out of 14 economies which attended the meeting. We'd like to highlight some results of the survey below.

According to the survey results, all responders think that the meeting was good – excellent as whole, even 6 months after the meeting. More than 90 % of those also think that we achieved the following goals of the meeting:

- 1) To promote collaboration among existing disease alert and surveillance electronic networks
- 2) To explore potential corporate partnerships

In fact, 71 % of responders report that the meeting increased contacts with other participants, 50% of responders consult about their current or future work, and 26–38 % of them consult about educational resources, with other participants during the 6 months after the meeting. Furthermore, 88 % of them believe that the meeting has made some changes in their current work.

Lastly, 96 % responders show their interest in further involvement of planning and developing an APEC network of networks.

We hope you would find the survey results encouraging our efforts and useful to improve our collaborations among Asia-Pacific economies. We appreciate your time and kind cooperation to help us to hold the meeting and conduct the survey.

Sincerely,

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