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Electronic networking among HIV/AIDS organisations in Asia Pacific

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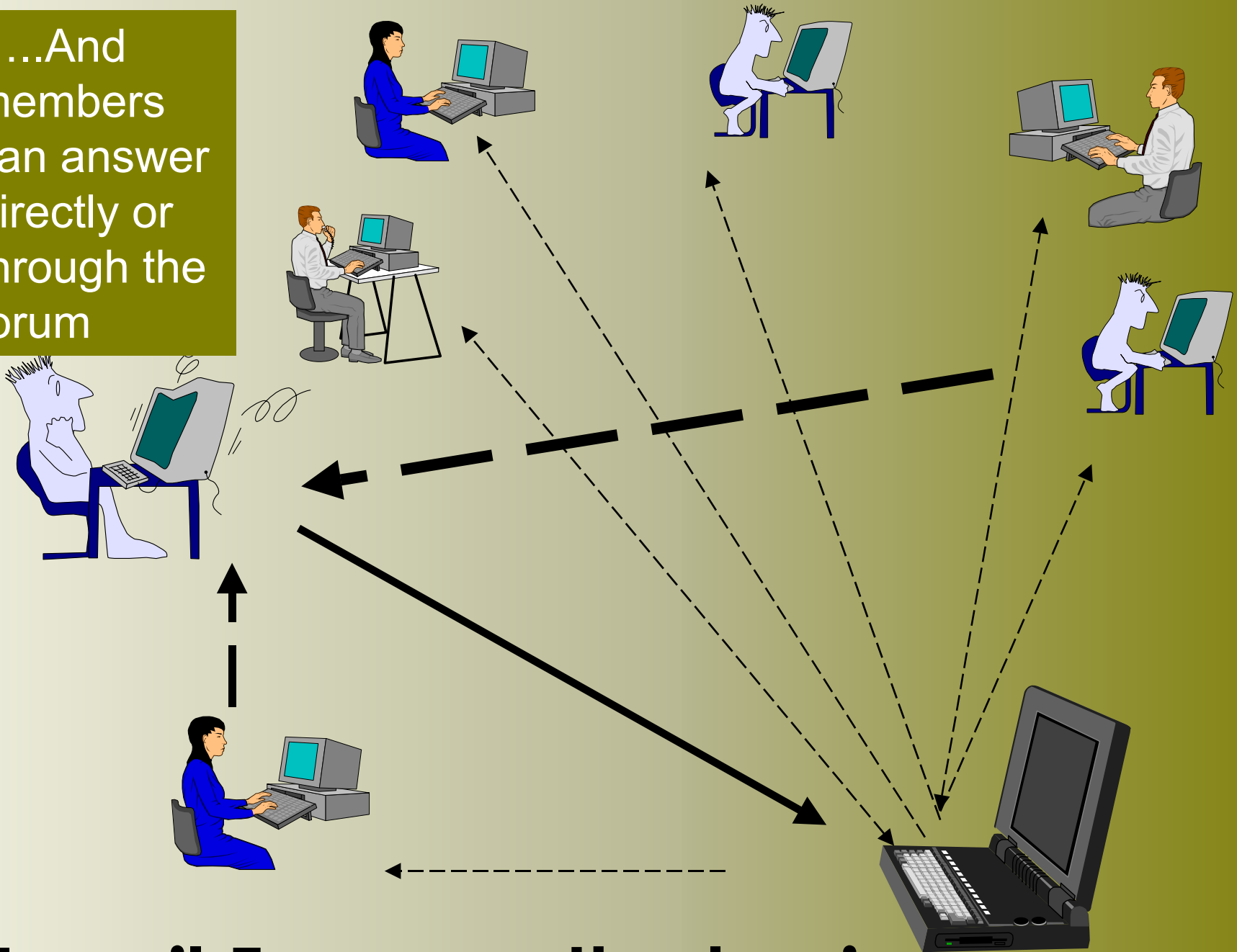


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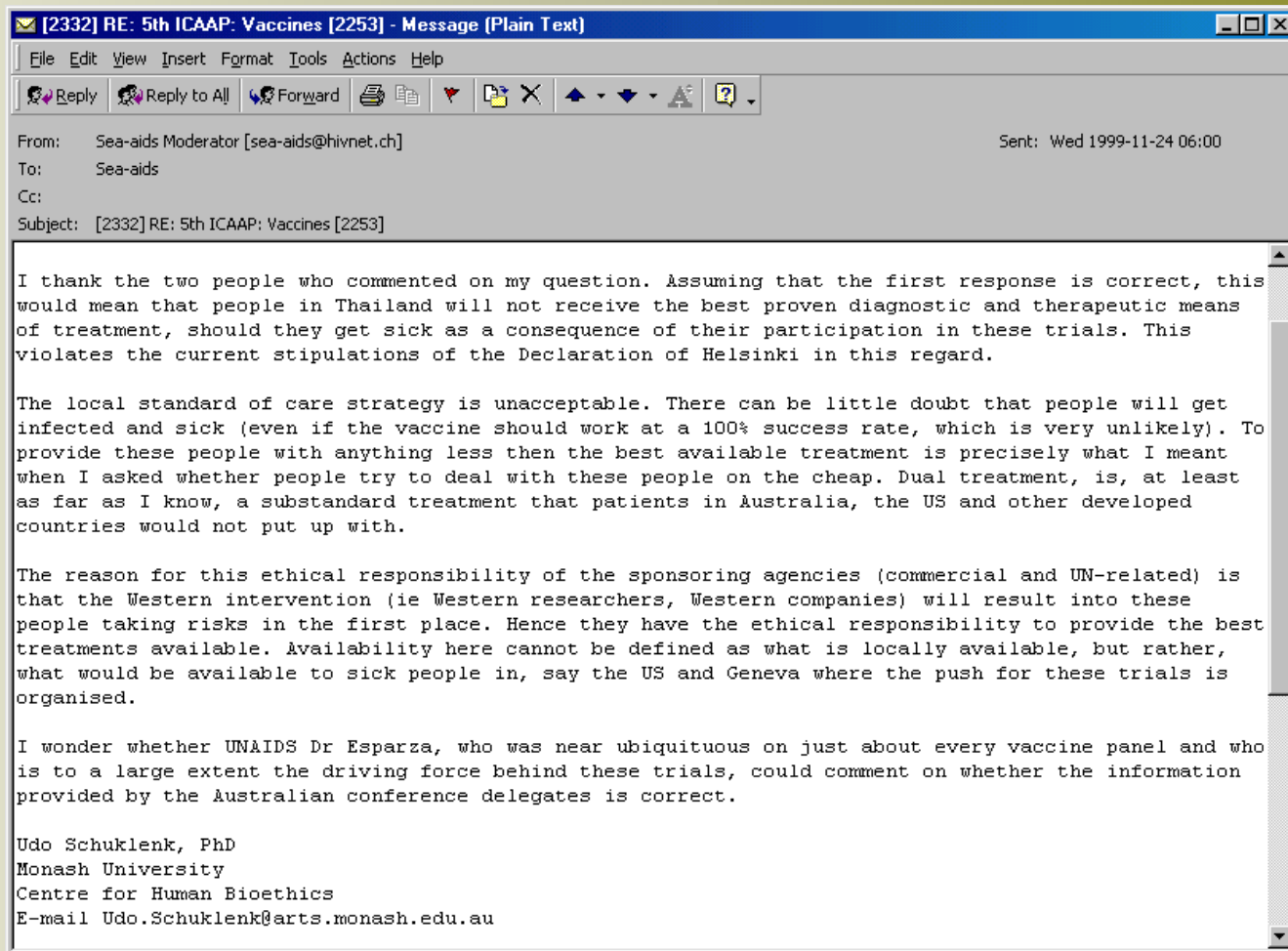


- 1996 – 2002
- Demonstrated the potential of electronic networks to strengthen exchange and partnerships on a previously unimagined scale
- >2,500 forum participants
- Cost-effective
- Training is cheap
- Access rapidly expanding – among key players

.....And members can answer directly or through the forum



E-mail Forums - the basics



This is how postings appear in your email inbox

http://www.hivnet.ch:8000/asia/sea-aids/ - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by SPAN

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2332.	RE: 5th ICAAP: Vaccines	Udo Schuklenk	24 Nov
2331.	Essential AIDS medications and Patents in India	Joe Thomas	22 Nov
2330.	RE: 5th ICAAP: PWhA Issues	Ann Gavaghan & Gordon Youngman	22 Nov
2329.	Veitnam - List of jobs forbidden for plwhiv	Jamie Uhrig	22 Nov
2328.	RE: 5th ICAAP - Plenaries - replication at any cost?	Szilard Friczka	22 Nov
2327.	WHO/WPRO Press Kit for World AIDS Campaign	WHO/WPRO	21 Nov
2326.	RE: 5th ICAAP: Vaccines	Andy Quan & Andy Tucker	21 Nov
2325.	Evidence for impact of safe sex education?	Steven Ribet	21 Nov
2324.	5th ICAAP - Chair's Closing Address	5th ICAAP & SEA-AIDS	28 Nov
2323.	5th ICAAP - Community Speech - Closing Ceremony	5th ICAAP & SEA-AIDS	23 Nov
2322.	5th ICAAP - Tracks C & D Report	5th ICAAP & SEA-AIDS	20 Nov
2321.	5th ICAAP - Tracks A & B Report	5th ICAAP & SEA-AIDS	20 Nov
2320.	RE: 5th ICAAP - Young People	Azrul Mohd Khahb	18 Nov
2319.	RE: 5th ICAAP: PWhA Issues	Bill O'Loughlin	18 Nov
2318.	HIV spread in Indonesia uncontrolled: Official	Chris W. Green	17 Nov
2317.	RE: 5th ICAAP - Plenaries 3 - replication at any cost?	Lester Coutinho	17 Nov
2316.	RE: 5th ICAAP: structural adjustment and HIV	Dennis Altman	17 Nov
2315.	RE: 5th ICAAP: Vaccines	Udo Schuklenk	17 Nov
2314.	Paris 99 HIV : For a renewed Solidarity on Home and Community Care	Care Forum	17 Nov
2313.	RE: 5th ICAAP - Plenaries 3	Rajan Gupta	12 Nov
2312.	RE: 5th ICAAP: Governments and politics 1	Dennis Altman	12 Nov
2311.	RE: 5th ICAAP: PWhA Issues 1	Jeffrey Grierson	12 Nov
2310.	RE: 5th ICAAP: Myanmar: divided in the face of AIDS	Dr F Nosten	10 Nov
2309.	RE: 5th ICAAP: Gender & Sexuality 4	5th ICAAP & SEA-AIDS	10 Nov

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Internet

... and they can be reviewed through the internet too

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Name	<i>Udo Schuklenk</i>
Subject	<i>RE: 5th ICAAP: Vaccines</i>
E-mail	<i>sea-aids@hivnet.ch</i>
Date	<i>Wed, 24 Nov 1999 05:59:13 MET</i>
Thread	<i>6 messages - oldest</i>

Message I thank the two people who commented on my question. Assuming that the first response is correct, this would mean that people in Thailand will not receive the best proven diagnostic and therapeutic means of treatment, should they get sick as a consequence of their participation in these trials. This violates the current stipulations of the Declaration of Helsinki in this regard.

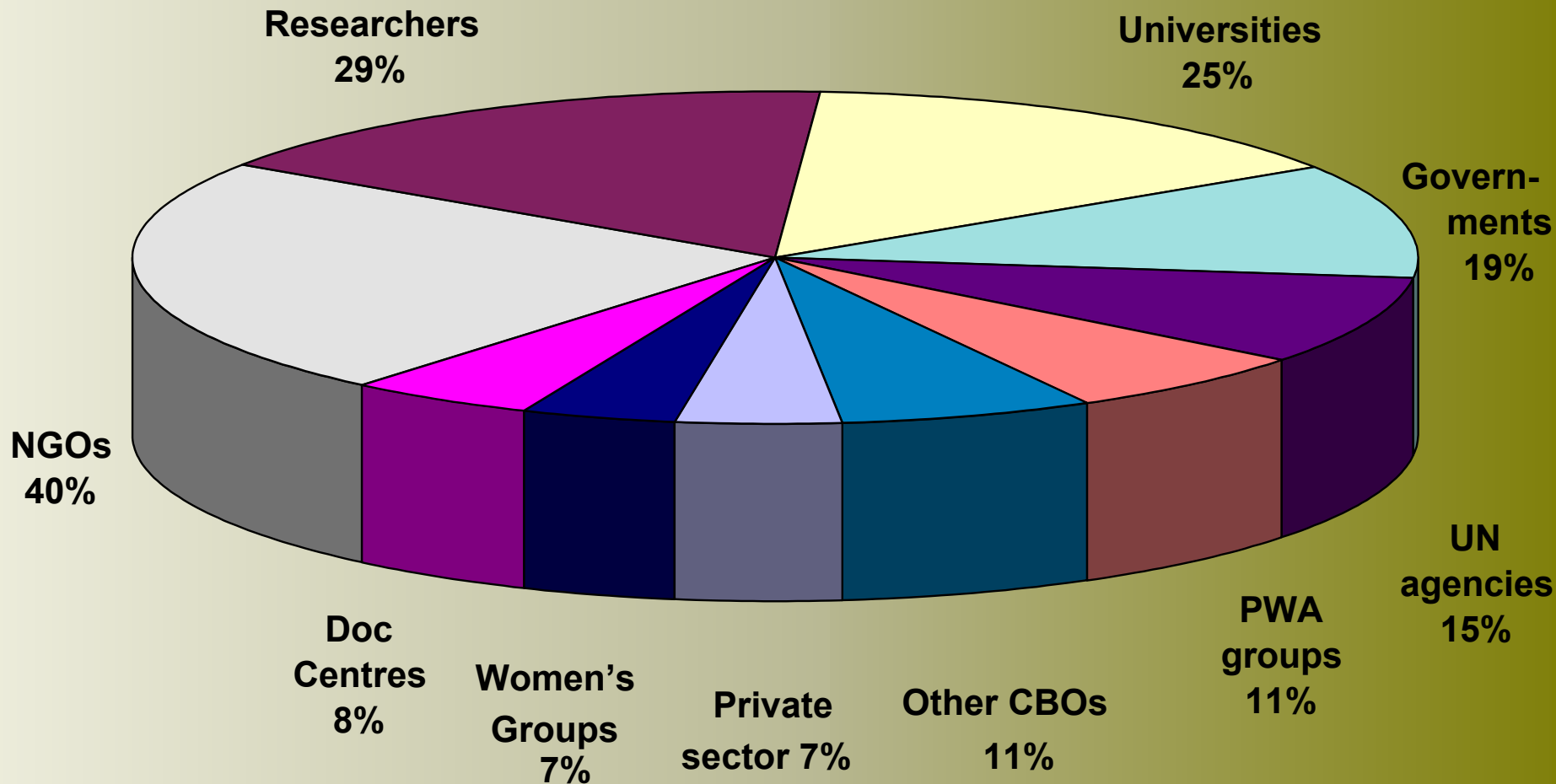
The local standard of care strategy is unacceptable. There can be little doubt that people will get infected and sick (even if the vaccine should work at a 100% success rate, which is very unlikely). To provide these people with anything less than the best available treatment is precisely what I meant when I asked whether people try to deal with these people on the cheap. Dual treatment, is, at least as far as I know, a substandard treatment that patients in Australia, the US and other developed countries would not put up with.

The reason for this ethical responsibility of the sponsoring agencies (commercial and UN-related) is that the Western intervention (ie Western researchers, Western companies) will result into these people taking risks in the first place. Hence they have the ethical responsibility to provide the best treatments available. Availability here cannot be defined as what is locally available, but rather,

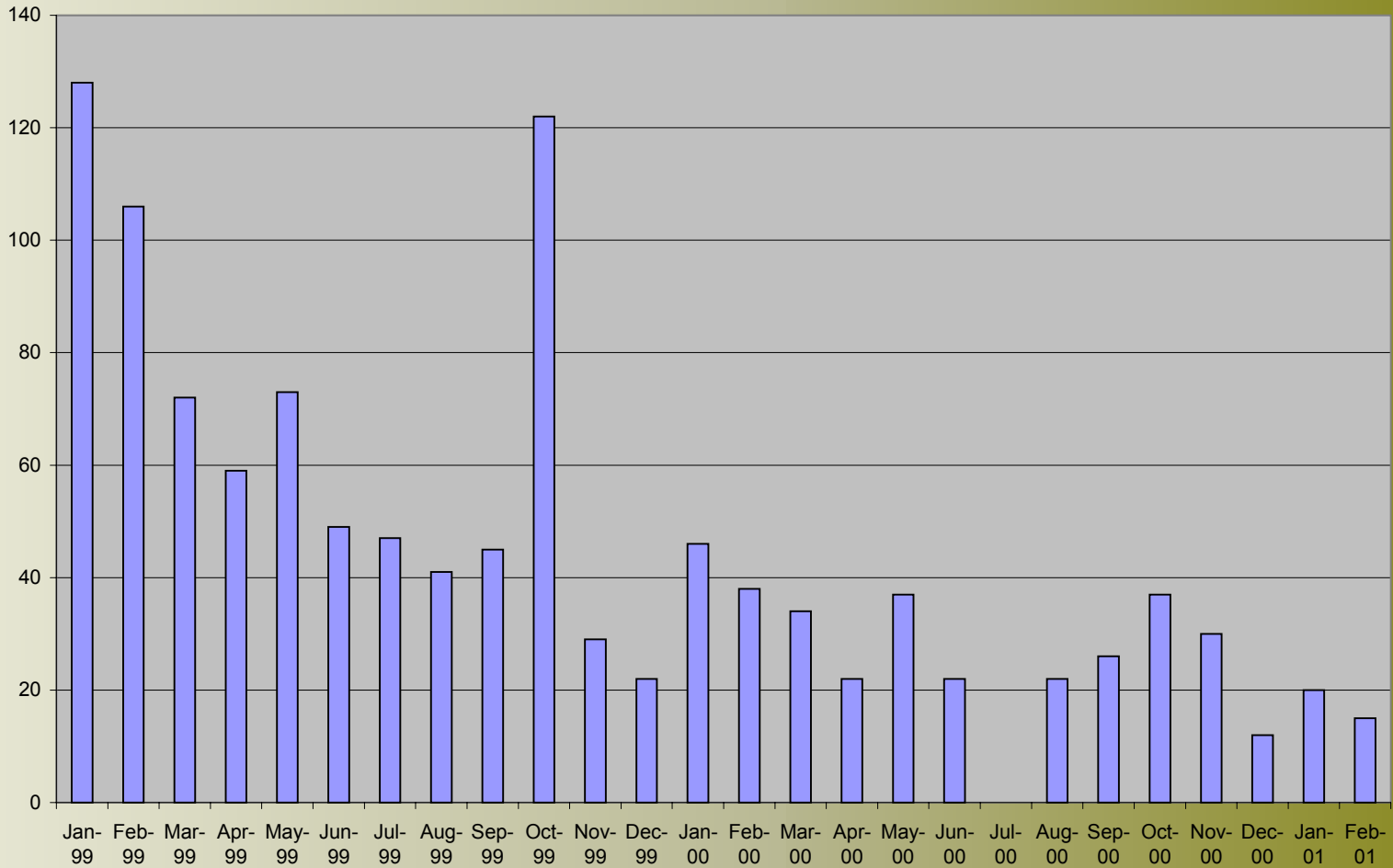
Internet

Through the internet you have options like 'reply', 'forward this message', and 'post a new message' etc.

What do we know about forum members?



Forum activity



What do members discuss?

A – Requests for information or assistance

B - Responses to a specific request

C – Current news/issues

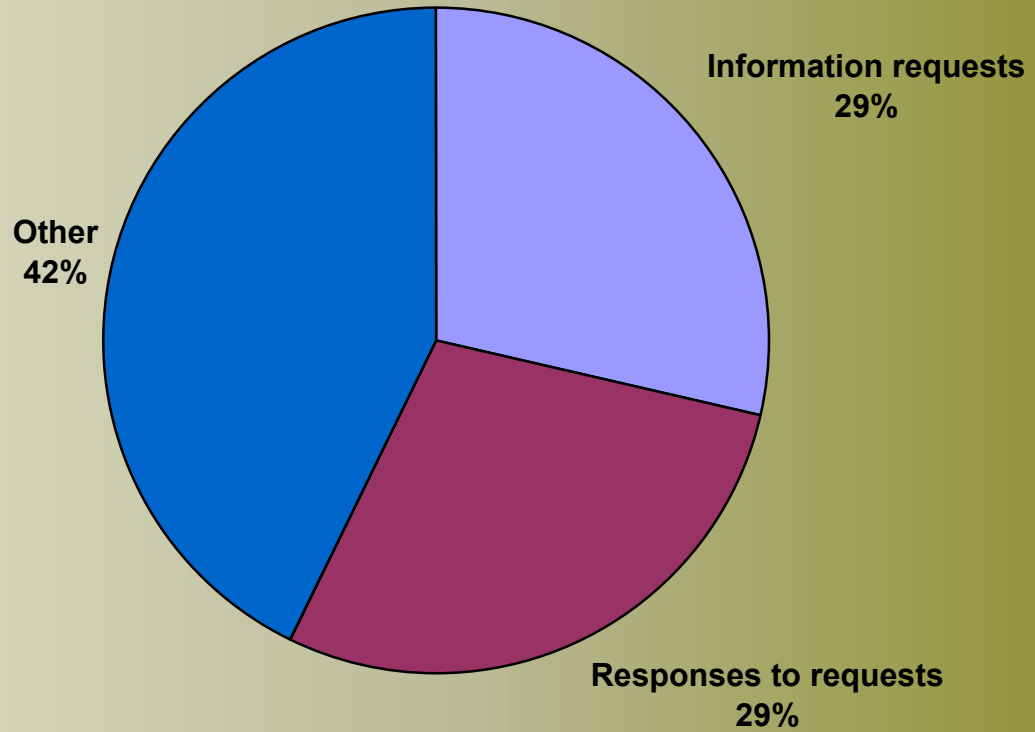
D – Sharing of opinions/ discussions around a specific topic

E – Announcements of resources

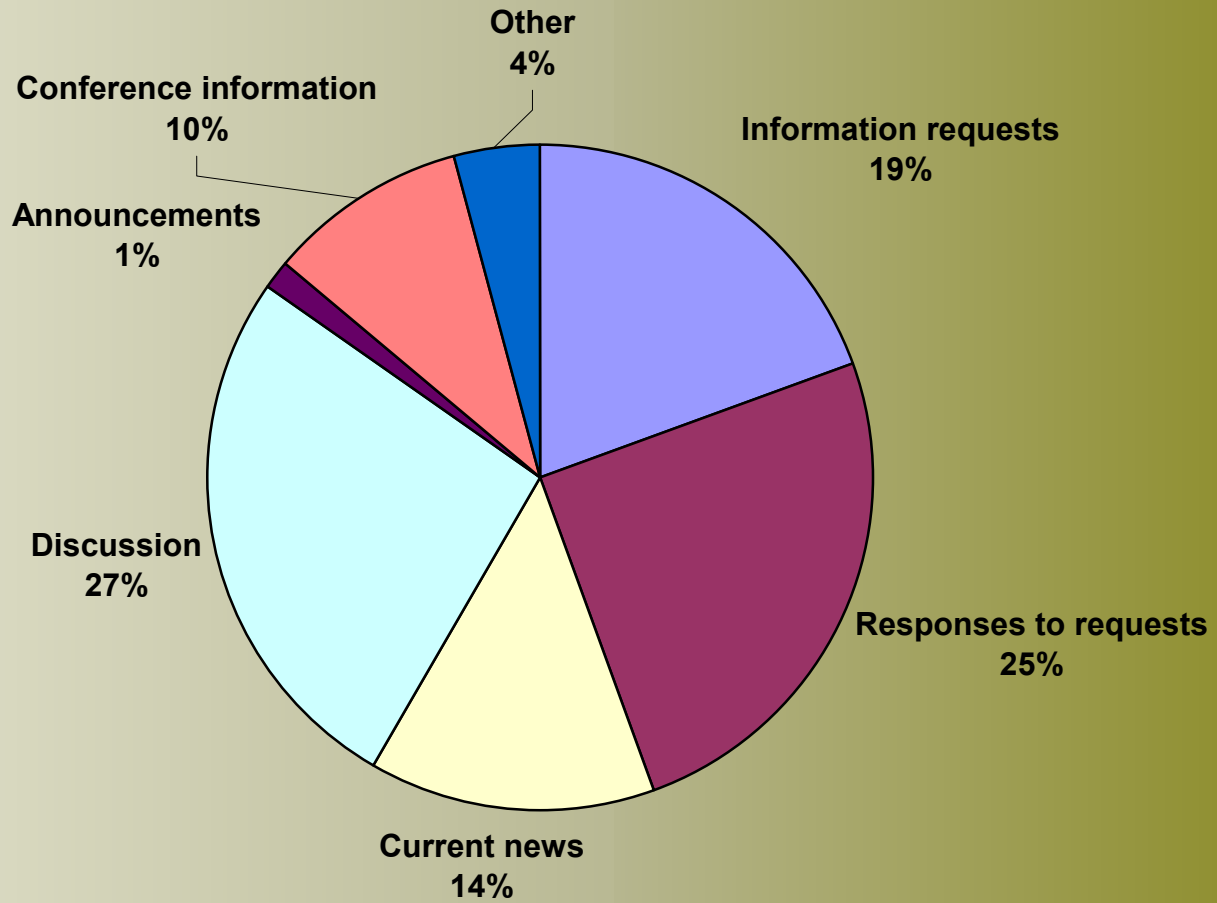
F – Information on on
Conferences/workshops/seminars/events etc

G – Other

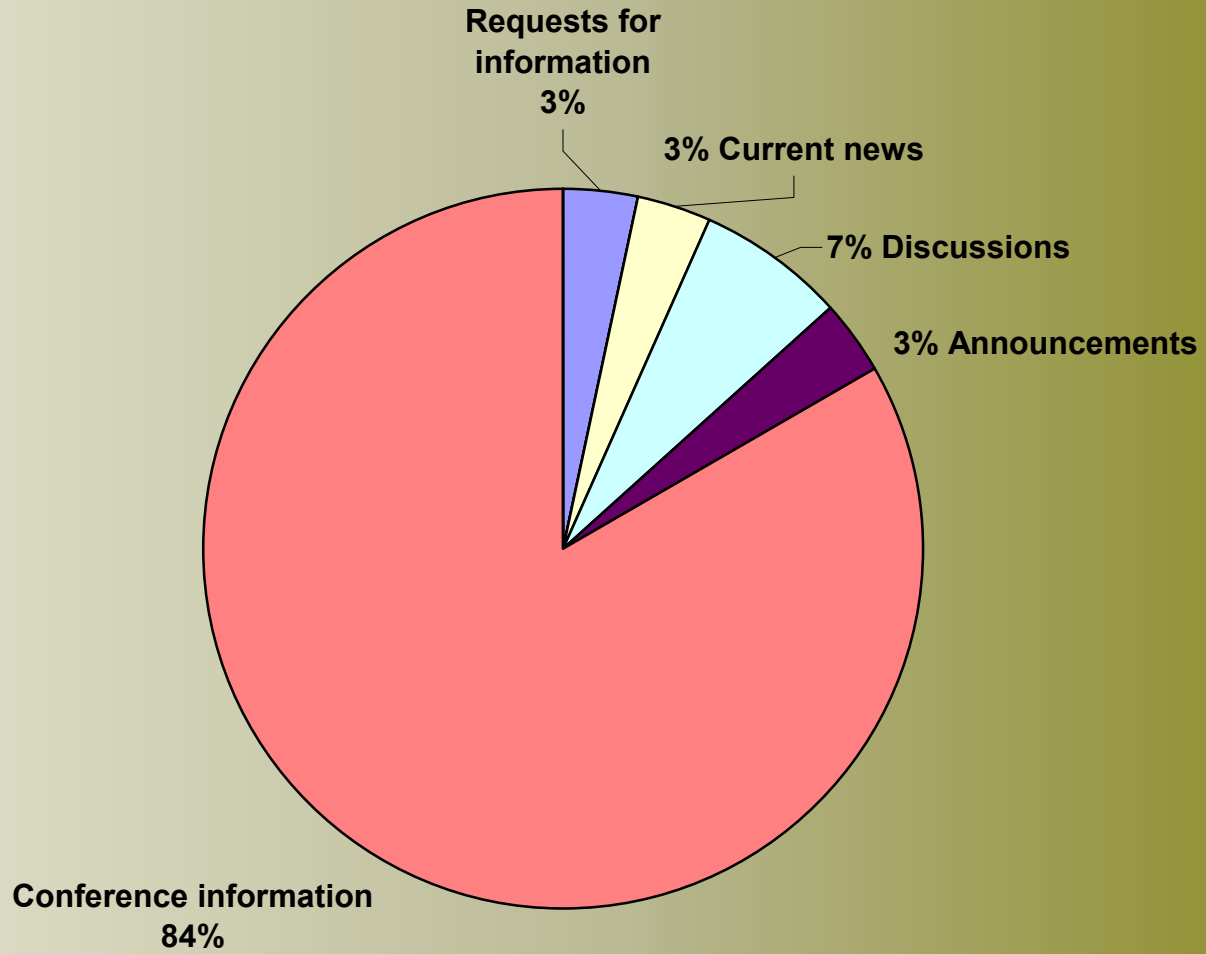
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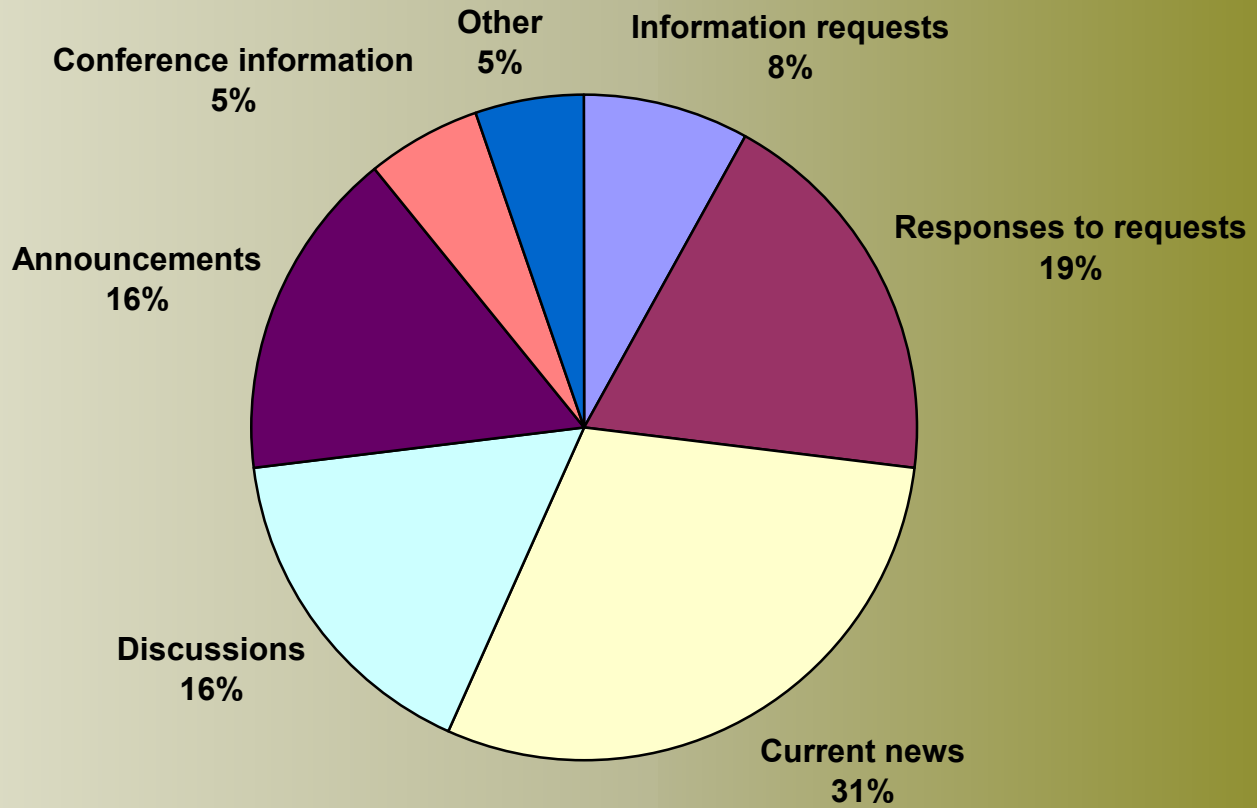
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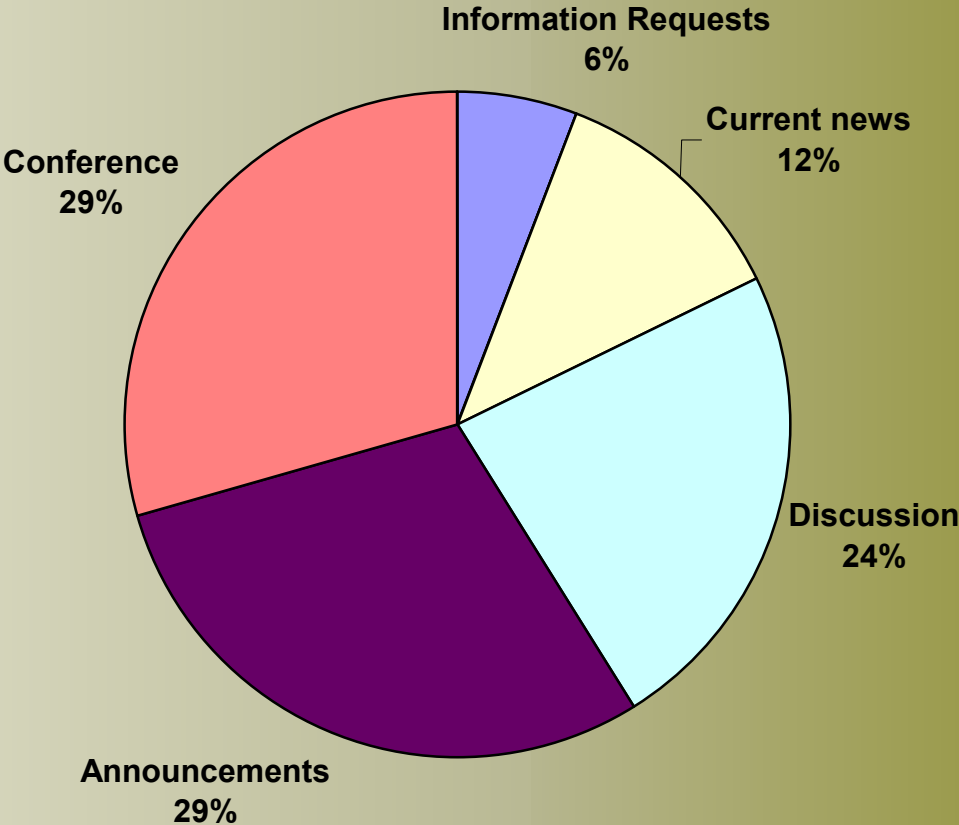
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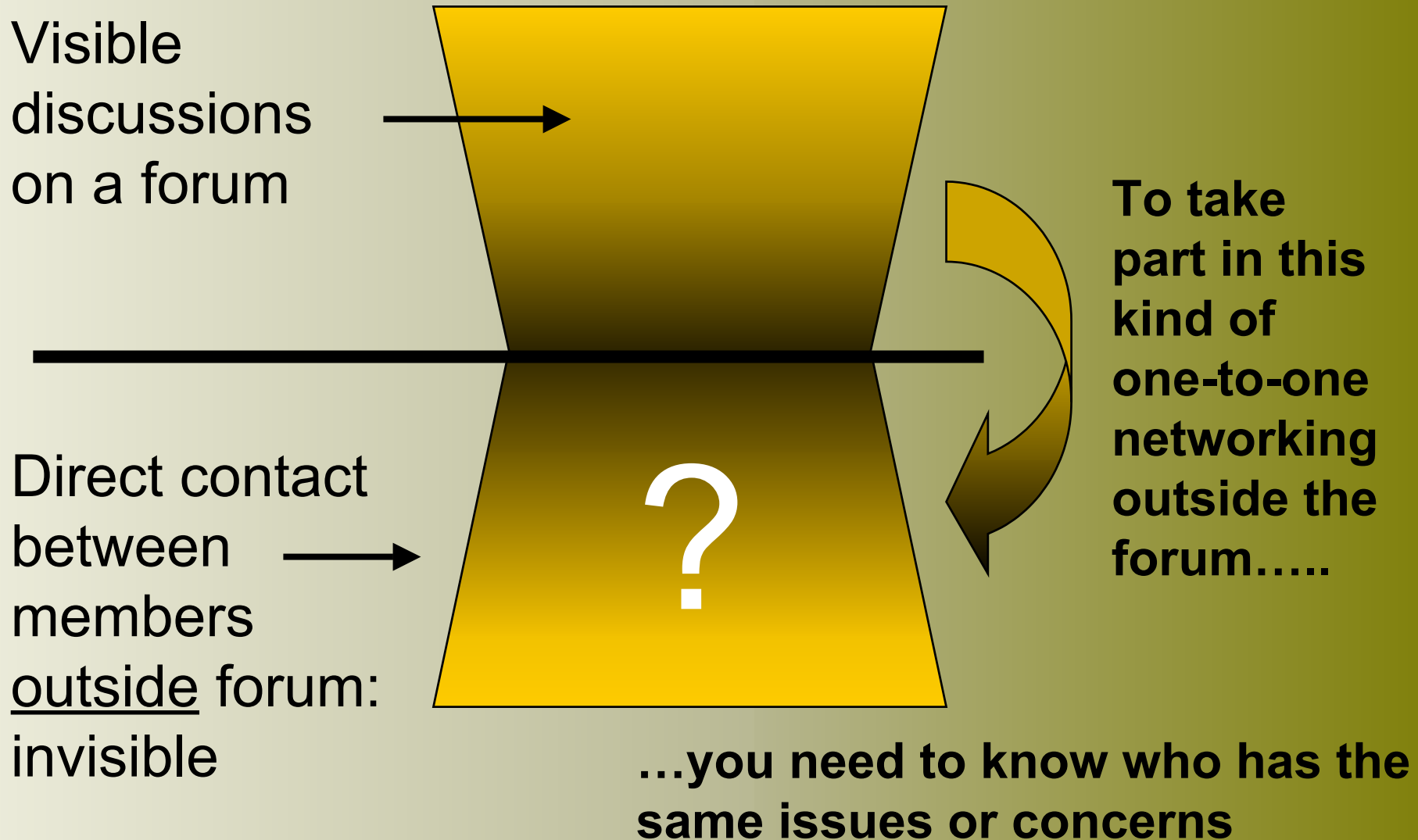
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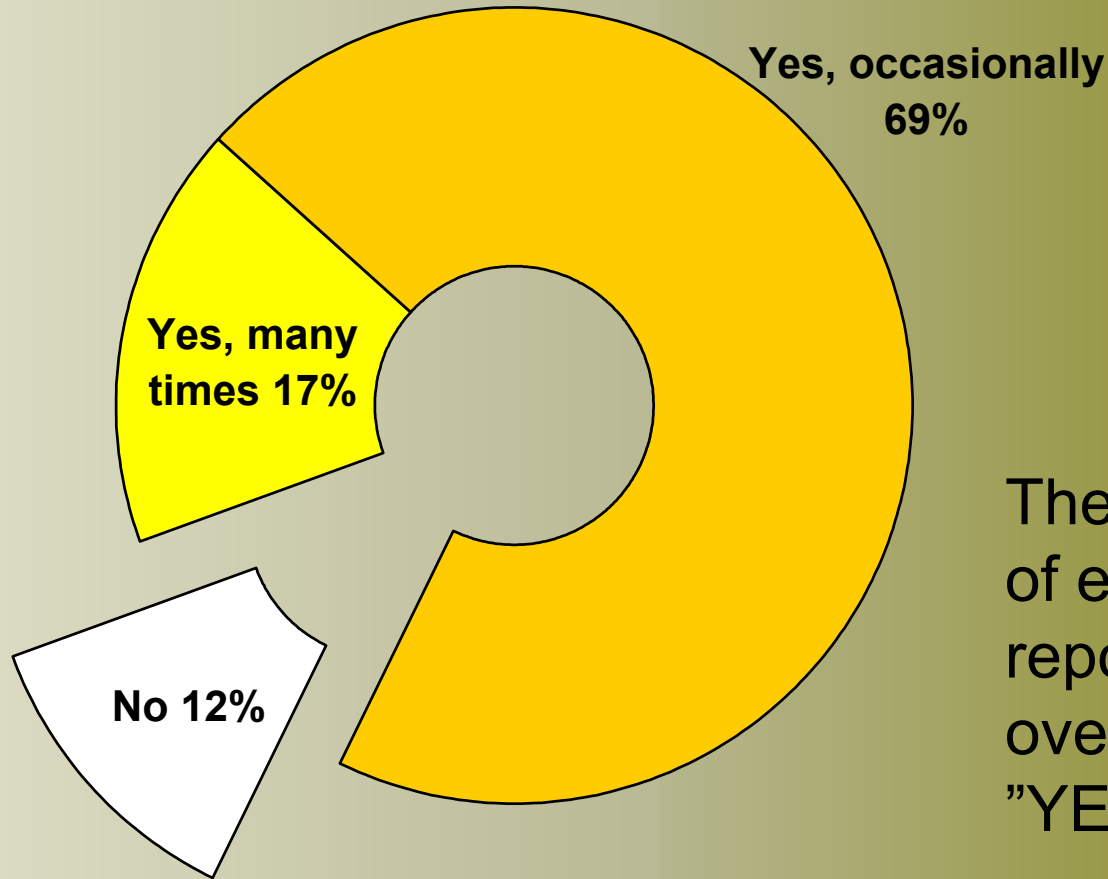
February 2001 (n = 17)



Are discussions visible to other forum members?



We asked forum members: Have e-mail forums helped you find people working on the same issues or topics as you?



The members of e-forums report an overwhelming "YES"

Nice to meet you..



... in person - finally.

Also known as the:

“Oh, so you’re”

“Oh, you’re younger/older than I thought”

“Oh, you’re a man!”

“What did you think I looked like?”

syndrome

So the value of SEA-AIDS...



...lies not so much in the amount of information exchanged.....

..... as the way it **brings people together** to share their own information, opinions and experiences on common objectives and needs

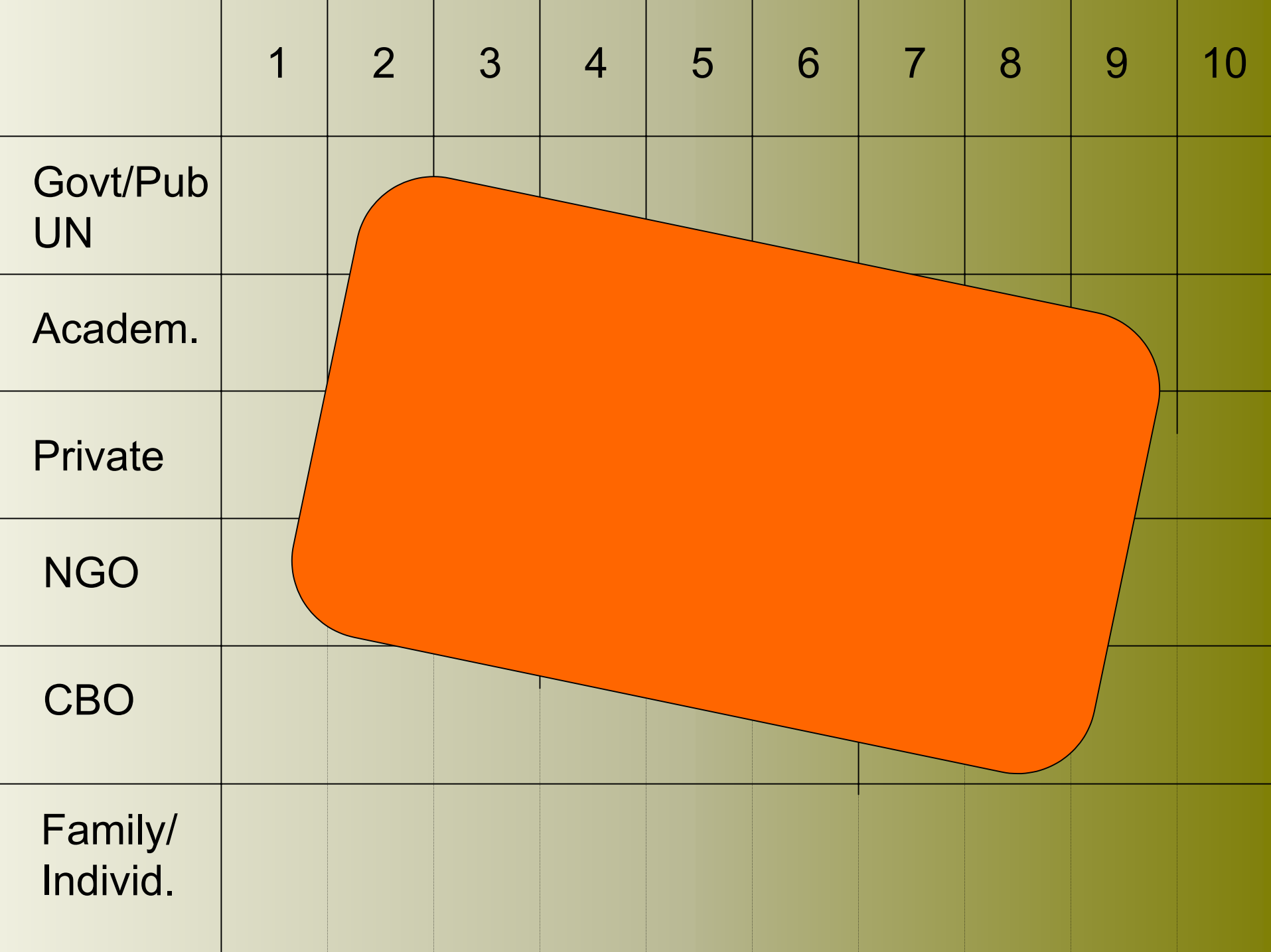
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Biomed

Health/medical

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Activism



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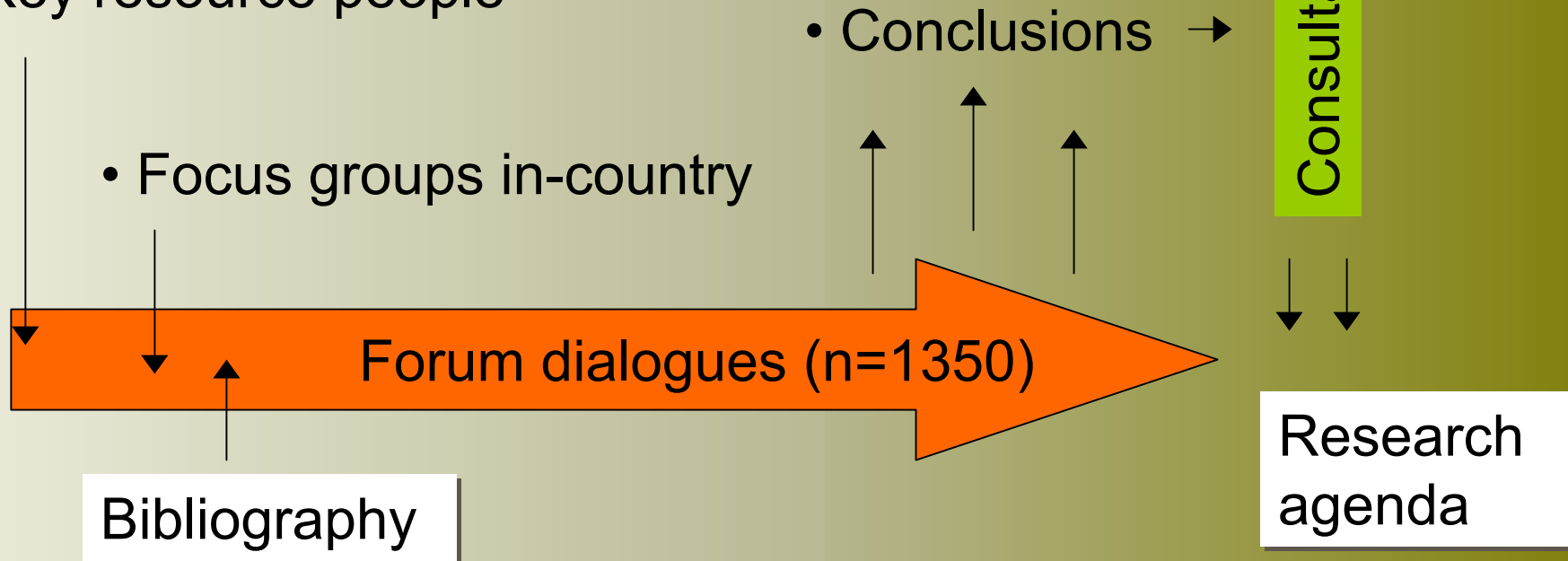
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Stigma and HIV/AIDS in Africa (6 months)

- Desk research
- Forum membership drive
- Key resource people



Who controls the majority of discourses on HIV/AIDS in 2001?



Discourses are mostly channeled through information systems and meetings:

- | Publications, newsletters**

- | Mass media coverage**

- | Conferences and other face-to-face meetings**

- | The internet & web sites**

Publications and newsletters

- | **Writers and editors**
- | **Large international organisations**
- | **Private sector (e.g., pharmaceutical and publishing)**
- | **Industrialised countries?**
- | **A small number of people**



Mass media coverage

- Media organisations (e.g., editors, journalists, advertising managers)
- Large international organisations (e.g., through press releases and high-profile speeches)
- Industrialised countries
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Conferences and other face-to-face meetings

- | **International Advisory Boards**
- | **International/national societies (e.g., IAS, ASAP)**
- | **Local organising committees**
- | **Conference sponsors**
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Who controls the majority of discourses on HIV/AIDS in 1999?



- | Industrialised countries**
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So who sets priority themes for electronic networks on HIV/AIDS?

Benefits



- Information exchange and discussion
- Fostering new partnerships between members
- Raising local and national priority issues
- Input and content from affected communities
- Promoting self-representation;
- Shifting agenda-setting into the hands of communities most affected by the epidemic;

E-networking – To do's



- Most electronic forums are still used for dissemination and not discussion among members – little bottom-up content
- There is still a lot of confusion between:
 - information technology, exchange of content, and networking among people
- National/regional USE, but not MANAGEMENT – so again not fully bottom-up

E-networking – To do's



- Uneven access to e-mail (by country, sector, capital/ provincial & status)
- Single language – (Thai, Chinese)
- Information overload & duplication
- Small number of 'active' participants
- No good 'road map ' of resources;



Sometimes the
simplest tools
can get you
from A to B

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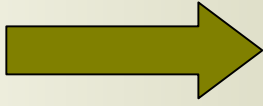


(additional slides just in case I
need them)

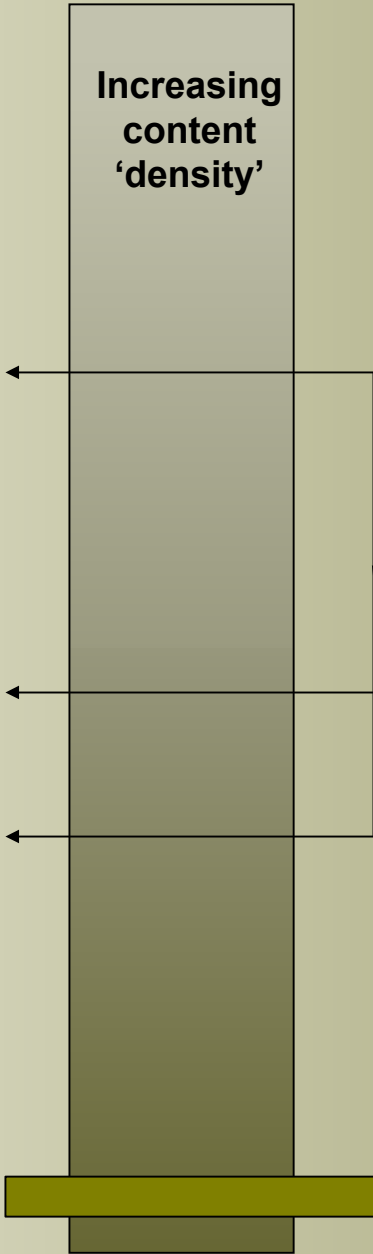
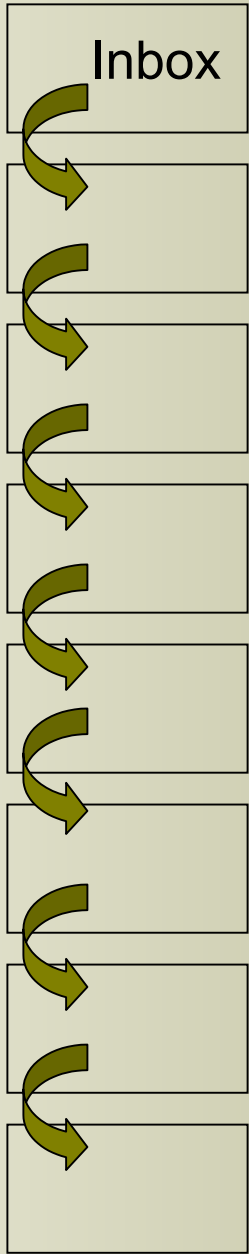
Examples of moderation steps

- Basic member services - simple member questions about forums, refer to archived discussions etc.
- Referral services – refer requests to more appropriate information sources (student projects etc.), suggest suitable institutional contacts, explain confidentiality guidelines, frequently asked questions; pass on replies directly to original authors
- Edit for timeliness, readability, spelling etc., explanation of acronyms, de-jargon, & add contact details of authors
- Reply to authors requesting clarification, further information or reference materials
- Cross-reference to previous postings, discussions or other events/publications – look for consistency of content, contrasting views etc.
- Add moderator comment, analysis, summarise main points, ask public questions

Content moderation → increasing content relevance and 'density'



Moderation steps



Background reading/info

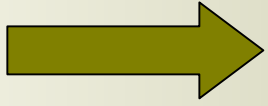
Key Correspondents

Invite comment

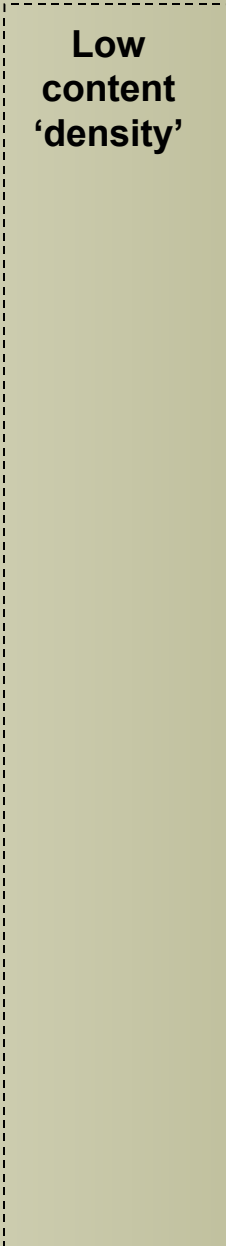
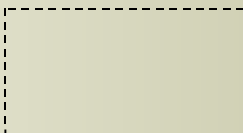
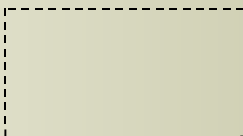
Moderation increases content 'density' and relevance to users



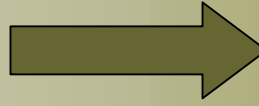
Postings to forum users



Inbox



Low content 'density'



Postings to forum users

(No moderation)

Without moderation, content density and relevance stay at this level