

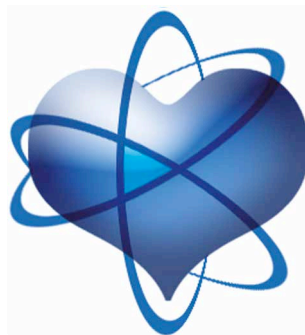
# Schools Science conference 2008

Chairman's Report  
& Evaluation 2008

**Science in Health and Life**

*Professional Scientists and Health Professionals*

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## Science in Health and Life

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Schools Science Conference  
National Science and Engineering Week

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008, Kensington Town Hall, London, 9.45am-3.30pm

### Review of Questionnaire Responses

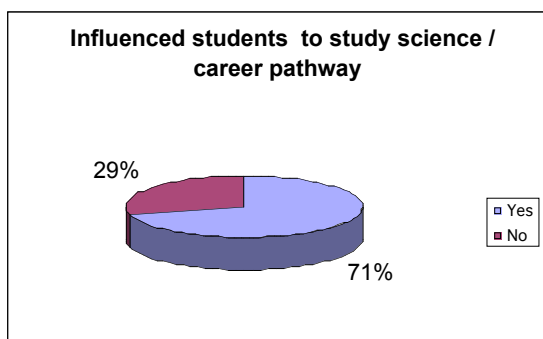
Teachers and students from 28 Schools, Academies and Community Colleges from London participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Schools Science Conference – *Science in Health and Life* - presented by scientists and health professionals. Over 400 students from years 10 to 12 and their teachers (approximately 50) attended.

#### Teachers' Evaluation

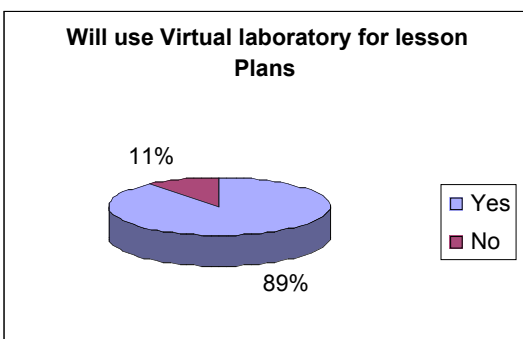
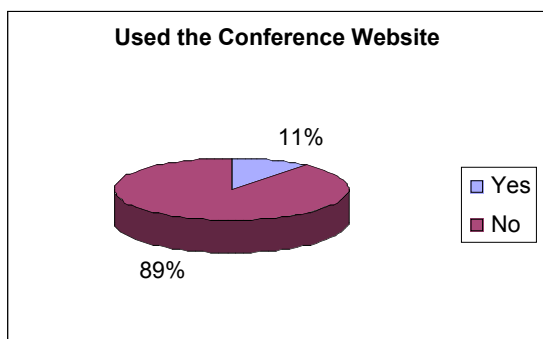
All of the teachers found the event useful and of benefit to their students. They reported that the conference made science exciting for their students influencing subject choices and career aspirations. Importantly, students were using attendance at one of the conferences to support their applications to university and for jobs. The teachers particularly liked the hands on activities and informal interaction with the presenters and exhibitors. They reported that the range of topics and depth of coverage complemented what they had been teaching the students. All aspects of the conference were praised. Some stated that this year's event was slicker and smoother running and that the talks, exhibits etc were of a higher standard. Things to improve for next year include a greater choice to attend sessions of particular interest, more space and a longer time for the discussion groups, and a larger area in which to eat lunch.

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- Specific comments**
- This is an excellent event
  - The students were well enthused with the presentations and interactive stands
  - The students will go away pretty well informed about science and health
  - Great benefit from overlap with content of present module
  - Definitely will bring students again



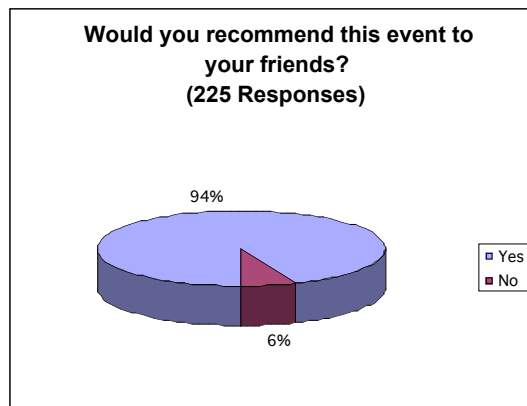
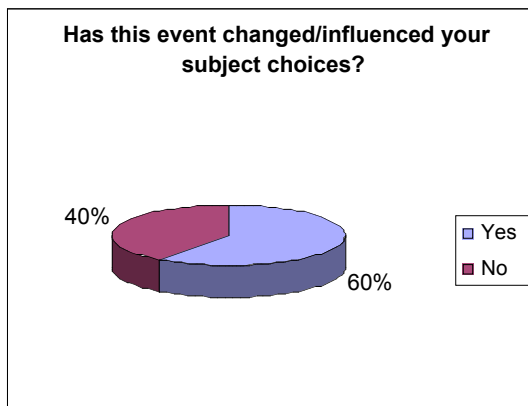
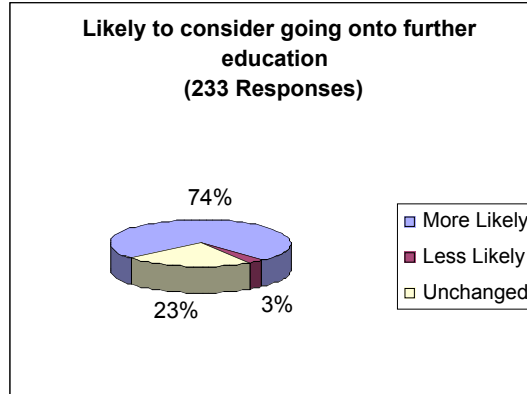
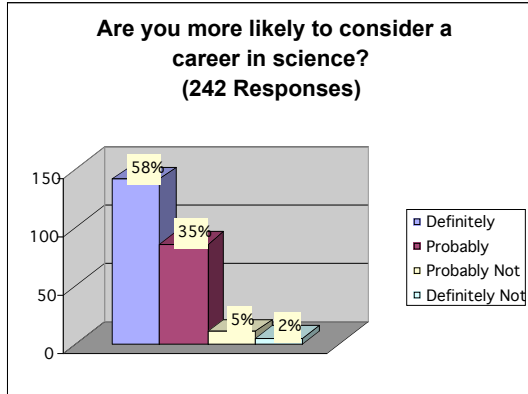
## Students' Evaluation

Universally, the students enjoyed the conference reporting that it was very exciting, educational and motivating. Many said that it had inspired them and helped with their career choice. They enjoyed meeting the professional scientists and healthcare workers and being able to quiz them about their jobs, the science, and the qualifications required for the different careers. The students welcomed the opportunity to try out some of the techniques and procedures. The competitions and quizzes were very popular. The presentations from the Everest explorers, especially the experiments into the importance of oxygen stimulated many to follow in their footsteps as scientists and explorers. The Chemistry presentation had the students enthralled. After the event 74% of the students were more likely to go onto further education and to consider a greater breadth of scientific careers.

After attending the Conference the students said:-

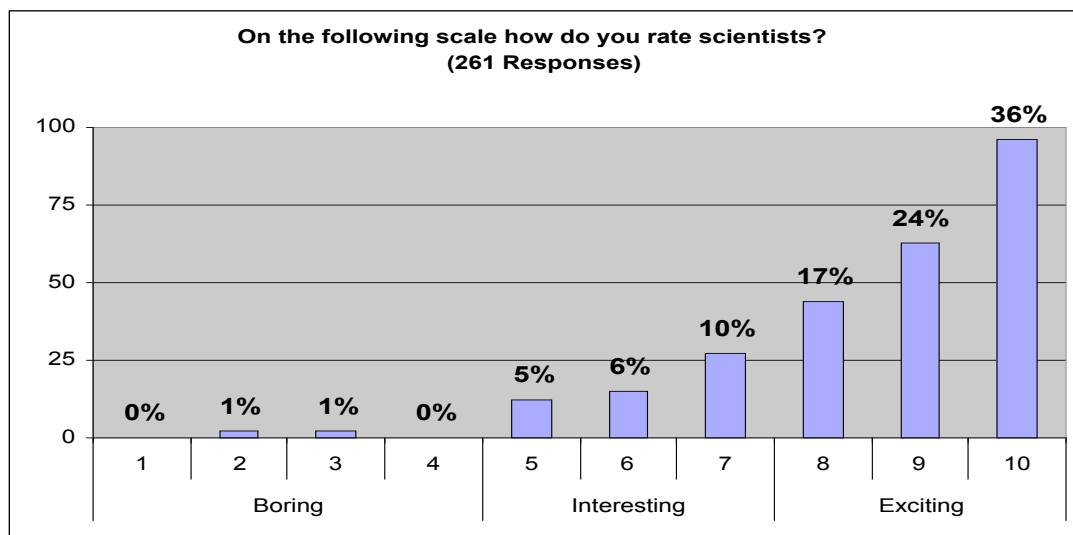
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### Specific comments

- Scientists and health professionals are really good at what they do and seem interesting
- Scientists are needed to research and develop new techniques for medicine as well as other subjects
- Scientists and health professionals are motivating and helpful
- I would like to be one
- Scientists and health professionals love their jobs and that's why they are doing it



## About the day

- A good event for people who have an interest in science and to change those who don't like science
- Phenomenal and motivating
- This event has been great and it has added a lot of knowledge to the knowledge I already have about science
- The scientists and health professionals are good at explaining their profession
- A fantastic day that really helped with my career choices
- This event has inspired me and influenced me greatly
- Do it again and invite me!

**Don Henderson**

Chairman of the Organising Group

June 2008

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### Schools Science Conference Organising Group:

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