

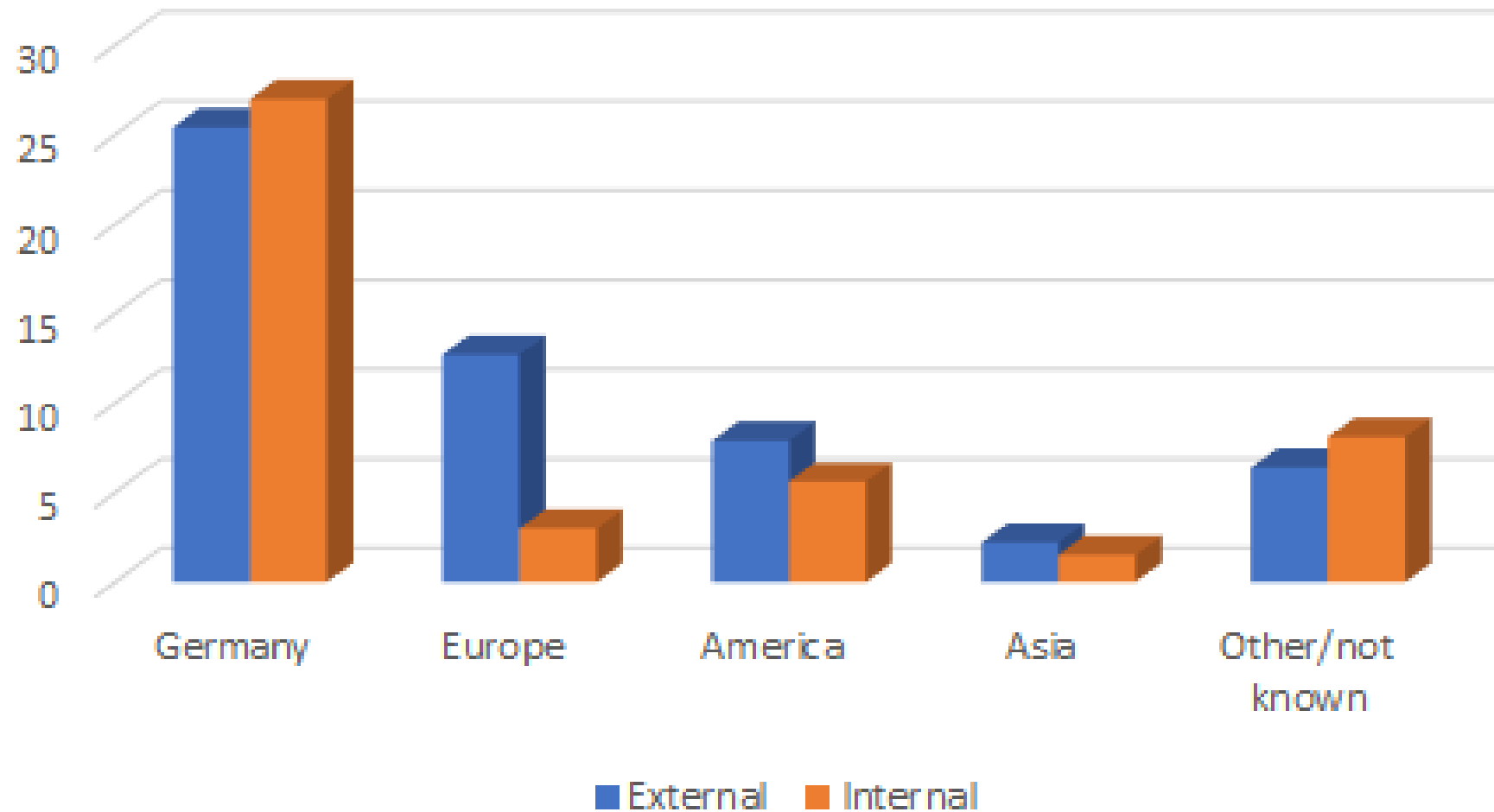
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**CURIOUS2018**  
FUTURE INSIGHT CONFERENCE

# Curious2018 Key Facts

- **36 keynote speakers**
- **20 panelists**
- **32 barcamp presenters**
- **60 electronic poster presenters**
- **1293 attendees in total**
- **45 official Merck partnering meetings**
- **40 press interviews**

# Participants



# Participants Survey

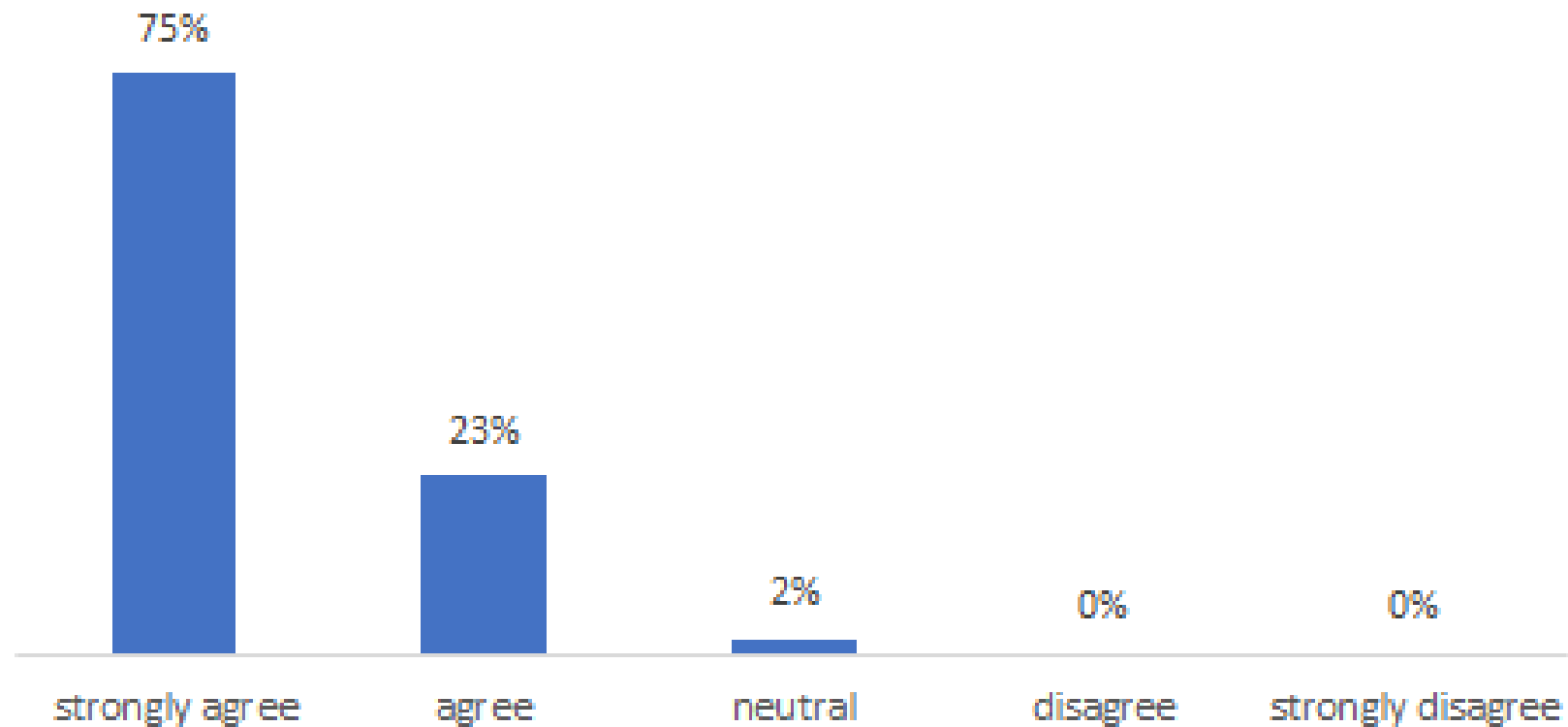
Please rate the overall experience of the conference

<b>Excellent/very good:</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Good:</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Poor:</b>	<b>0%</b>

~200 respondents in feedback survey

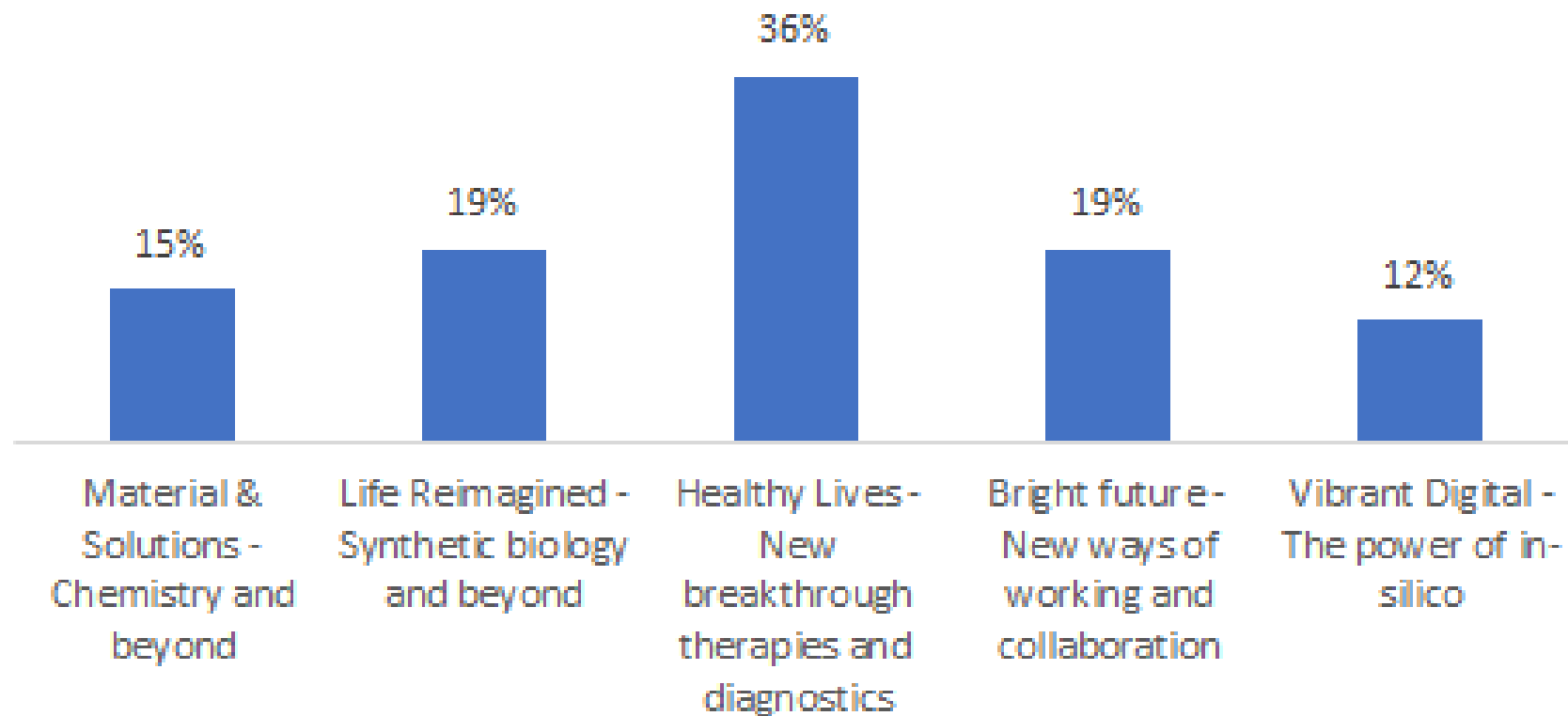
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Curious2018 has increased Merck's reputation as leading science & technology company.



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Which key conference topics have been most relevant for you?



# Participant statements

**“I will never see such a line-up of speakers anymore in my entire life”**

**Iuliia Myrgorodska, Oxford University**

**“This was the Woodstock of science. Thank you Merck.”**

**Tim Cernak, University of Michigan**

**“The Future Insight prize will leave a lasting legacy.”**

**Roger Goncalves, Science**

# Participant statements

**“The quality of the program was outstanding.”**

Statement participants survey

**“Impressive inspiring scientific community and talks. Perfect organization and ideal venue.”**

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**“One of the best Conferences I have ever participated! Should become an annual event..”**

Statement participants survey



# Participant statements

**“Probably the next step up in quality is the Nobel Price Ceremony!”**

Statement participants survey

**“This conference has shown the world, this 350 years old company has recharged with the future inspiration and driven with curiosity for future success.**

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**“The speaker line-up was unbelievable.”**

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# Participant statements

**“Of the impact that goes beyond the conference: the Darmstadt science declaration, the future insight prize, the plan to do the conference ongoing.**

**Statement participants survey**

**“It is more than a birthday - it is a groundbreaking conference making you feel the love, excitement and potential of science and technology everywhere!”**

**Statement participants survey**

**“Amazing talks. Never visited a comparable conference.”**

**Statement participants survey**

# Participant statements

**“This was the best conference I have ever attended.”**

Feedback received from hundreds of participants

**“Congrats to you and your team for organizing such an amazing, star-packed, thought-provoking and landmark event in history.”**

Yang Shao-Horn, MIT

**“I am seriously thrilled that the event went so well. The feedback has been incredible.”**

David Bull, BBC moderator

**“You were a superstar at Curious2018.”**

Shay Sela, Yeda/Weizmann Institute