

HOMEM CONFERENCE EVALUATION

June 6, 2009

Total # of registered participants = 66 (5 of them not present)

Total # of evaluations returned = 24

IDENTIFIED PROFESSIONS:

- Professor
- Advocate
- Management
- Teacher
- Social worker
- Community planner and developer
- Student
- MD

IDENTIFIED AGENCY TYPES:

- University
- CHA
- HAWC
- MAPS
- Social services
- BPS
- Municipal planning agency
- U/MASS BOSTON

OF PARTICIPANTS WHO BELIEVED THE CONFERENCE HELPED WITH:

- Referrals = 7
- Job Search = 1
- Networking = 15
- Research = 6
- Own profession = 8
- Other = 3 (knowledge, self-development)

WHAT YOU LIKED BEST ABOUT THE CONFERENCE?

1. The organization [of the conference]. The great agenda that MAPS had put together.
2. All the themes
3. Excellent overall

4. To learn about what Portuguese-speaking professionals are doing in different areas and their contribution to our community.
5. Very well-rounded (many different topics) and open (covering uncomfortable topics of sex, etc).
6. The morning panels. The work of Percy Andreazzi was good to see, much needed.
7. The diverse subject content and personal experiences.
8. The experience of immigration.
9. The opportunity to meet people associated with the Portuguese-speaking community.
10. Being together!
11. Topic which included both achievements and challenges. Also the fact that the subject was men, which are sometimes rejected. Location was great as well.
12. Great deal of information and network
13. Understanding more about diverse debates and topics
14. Get to know better the Portuguese as language and the different people that speak it.
15. They say that the last will be the first and it is true. The last presentation about sexism in the Portuguese language was an eye opener.
16. Panels II and III – Marvelous!!!!
17. All.
18. Topics.
19. Speakers. Content.

HOW CAN THE CONFERENCE BE IMPROVED?

1. Have handouts of the presentation would be very good!
2. Provide simultaneous workshops.
3. Make it during the week.
4. Advertise more. Next year the conference could be about gays and lesbians. What are their difficulties?
5. Timing
6. Directions/directions/directions.
7. Give clear directions about location.
8. Panel I should include data of the Brazilian community. On each panel there should be a speaker that represents each community of a Portuguese speaking country.
9. Involve young people in some of these panels. Market to youth so they can join in these discussions.
10. Too much from MAPS about problems with no solutions.
11. Improve the quality of the content of the presentations. Avoid popular psychology themes. Increase the information value of the presentations.
12. Maybe having it in early spring – June may be too busy for people. Economy is also a problem – maybe another year it will be better. Keep doing this!
13. Label food properly.
14. Better advertising to reach out to a larger audience and more specific topic. Today the topic was men, but something went wrong because they didn't show up.
15. More focused content on violence, more male demystification on the community. More interventions.

OVERALL QUALITY*

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	TECHNOLOGY	AGENDA	CONTENT
Excellent = 15 Good = 2	Excellent =9 Good =5 Fair = 3	Excellent = 13 Good = 4	Excellent = 14 Good = 3	Excellent =13 Good = 3 Fair = 1

LEARNING OBJECTIVES*

CONFERENCE IN GENERAL	KNOWLEDGE	INFORMATION	DELIVERY OF PRESENTATIONS
Current themes influencing Portuguese-speaking men	Excellent = 13 Good = 3 Fair = 1	Excellent = 15 Good = 2 Fair =1	Excellent = 12 Good = 6
Gain knowledge about Brazilian, Cape Verdean and Portuguese cultures and language	Excellent = 13 Good = 3 Fair = 1	Excellent = 15 Good = 2 Fair = 1	Excellent = 13 Good = 4 Fair = 1
Increase awareness of the Portuguese-speaking immigrant communities	Excellent = 12 Good = 4 Fair = 1	Excellent = 14 Good = 3 Fair = 1	Excellent = 12 Good = 5 Fair = 1

*No percentages calculated due to the small numbers—would have made these misleading.