



CTERC 2005 Evaluation

The evaluation information provided below is based on evaluations received on the afternoon of the conference and via e-mail. Registration was a major source of problems this year and this must/will be resolved by next year. Based on this evaluation and discussions by the ACTER Board, the Board was very pleased with this year's conference and the decision has been made that no major changes will be made to next year's conference. The timing of the research sessions, length of the breaks, roles of the chairs/discussants/facilitators, overall conference schedule, and other operational features worked very well. The business meeting will be lengthened so that the outgoing President has ample time for the Presidential address and the awards program will be fine tuned. Of course, the 40th Anniversary Celebration will be coordinated with the research conference in Atlanta in 2006. The date for CTERC 2006 is November 29, 2006.

Mean Rating	Item
4.83	Research Paper Sessions
4.76	Pre-Conference Information & Registration
4.73	Conference Luncheon
4.59	Registration Packets
4.47	Conference Reception
4.43	Refreshment Breaks
4.32	On-Site Registration
3.94	Business Meeting
3.51	Keynote Speaker

Note. 1=Poor, 2=Fair, 3=Satisfactory, 4=Good, 5=Excellent.
N = 61 out of approximately 94 participants.

Note: The participant comments below were typed verbatim from the conference evaluation forms. In some cases, comments have been recorded under a heading different from the one used on the form when a different heading was more appropriate for the comments.

OVERALL IMPRESSION OF THIS CONFERENCE:

- CTE research, now, has a future. Joe rocks.
- I was impressed by the organization, the quality & range of topics in the papers, and the strong attendance!
- Enjoyed it – Informative & well organized.
- Very good. A one day action-packed – just the right amount of time and a good number of presentations. Also, the atmosphere was friendly and professional. Well Done!
- Organization was excellent. Good papers, appropriate for the audience.
- Very good Conference.
- Great job – Joe. Let's keep it going!

- Blind review excellent.
- Excellent! I thoroughly enjoyed this conference.
- Great. Strong. Much needed.
- Well planned, worth replication. Exciting.
- Awesome job!
- This is my first time. I was impressed. I would like to find the opportunity to be involved intensely.
- Very well-managed and organized.
- Outstanding Conference. Thank you for raising the bar.
- A Fantastic Job! Especially Considering Circumstances.
- Excellent!
- Excellent – Joe did a great job on communication.
- I thought it was wonderful. It was my first research conference and I enjoyed it so much!
- Thank you for all your efforts on organizing an excellent research conference. I thought the presenters, facilitators, and discussants did an excellent job.
- Thought the conference went well and left a positive impression on those who attended. The timing of the schedule was great - liked the 1/2 hour between sessions - time to switch presenters and visit the facilities.
- What an inaugural experience-well planned, well orchestrated and a definite worthwhile event for presenters, audience and administration. The flexibility that you afforded while still maintaining a tight schedule was impressive- good technological support- awesome room facilitation, excellent food and snacks- closer affiliation with the main CTE conference probably would have facilitated shuttle transportation, a bit of confusion on check-in-people did not pass out the yellow conference folders until my third try with them. Nice to be able to pickup our overall CTE packet at conference- It was great to acknowledge new researchers as well as seasoned professionals with your recognitions and stipends. I experienced a great deal of personal and professional growth as a result of my participation.
- The good planning helped the conf to run very smoothly
- Excellent Conference!
- Thank you for putting this conference together. It was very worthwhile and added value to the ACTE experience.
- Well organized; met my expectations; still small number of manuscripts
- EXCELLENT! FELT FORTUNATE TO HAVE ATTENDED
- From someone who registered but could not attend due to family illness: I heard very positive comments from my staff and hopefully we will be able to become more involved in the future. I hope to come to Atlanta next year as well.
- Excellently run. I had all materials that I needed. The food was FANTASTIC, and the snow was pretty!
- You kept me informed and up to date on all the changes!! Big task under the unique circumstances. Appreciate the scoring guide. This was my first "national" presentation. All others have been regional.
- I enjoyed it. Look forward to participating again.

- The whole event was very well organized. Is there going to be a published review of the conference? I would like to participate if there is the opportunity.
- Thanks to you for all your excellent work in chairing the research conference. Your explicit instructions and attention to detail helped all of us.
- Excellent. I especially enjoyed and benefited from the input of the session discussants and the interaction with audience.
- Good discussions.
- Great conference!! The committee did a wonderful job, in light of extraneous factors.
- Great.
- Well organized. Excellent presentations. Excellent discussants.
- Nice to know what other people are doing.
- Excellent!

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE?

- The aura – very positive.
- Meeting with so many people with CTE research interests.
- Research paper sessions.
- The format of the presentations – structure well for both presenters AND the audience – well carried out. Simple, straight forward and (in my opinion) effective.
- Grouping/Paper Sessions. Good lunch!
- Day long – moved quickly.
- Excellent variety of presentations. Excellent presentations. Networking.
- Discussion formats at end of presentations. Maybe have feedback form that could give immediate feedback to researchers. The 1 ½ hours pushed the need for a break – good break afterward. Glad only 3 sessions. The session chairs seemed to have an expectation of the discussants role that the discussant may not have had. Quizzing the researchers has limited merit – holding a discussion with the researcher is more helpful for researchers & audience.
- The variety of presentations and the quantity/quality of the research.
- Papers. Quality of most research.
- Format worked well this year. More time business meeting.
- Variety.
- Great papers & organization.
- Relaxed.
- The networking & papers.
- Effort of moving ahead with the organization, the enthusiasm!
- Papers and food-
- The research being presented along w/the discussions –
- The way sessions were organized & roles people played.
- I did not attend the business meeting. I did not know it was open.
- I received some great information, but since this was my first time I didn't know what to expect.

- Hearing what other people were doing.
- Connecting with colleagues and learning what others in CTE are doing.
- The line was very slow and the lists were incomplete.
- Very well organized, presenters and discussants were well-prepared and did a very good job in all of the sessions I attended.
- The buffet lunch was tasty, though a bit slow to get through the line.
- (Re: the reception) Too little time. Having this at 3:00, before the business meeting would have been better. The continental breakfast also was very nice.
- Ability to professionally network- time adherence to schedule - well run presentation rooms-a person to handle every need,
- As I'm new to this, getting to meet scholars in the field.
- The paper sessions were top notch.
- I liked that there was a session on teacher preparation or professional development during each time period.
- Paper presentations and meeting colleagues.
- Meeting teacher educators from other disciplines.
- Networking and meeting people across the nation interested in CTE research.
- The "adventure". And adjusting to the weather.
- Just a note to thank you for serving as Session Chair for CTERC 2005. The evaluations documented the fact that all sessions were run on schedule and in a very organized fashion. I know that the excellent evaluations received for the entire conference were in large part due to your contributions and the fact that we did not experience any "glitches" in the conference. Thanks! And I look forward to seeing you at CTERC 2006. Thanks!
- Why the slow moving line? And many people's names (who registered early on) weren't on the list.
- Should serve wine.
- I would like to see more comparative studies.
- The CD is great but since I didn't get it before the conference it was hard not to have handouts with the presentations. Could we get the CD before then we could really look at the research and pick the presentations that fit best. Also, the 20 minutes of questions was good but when someone takes all that time then others didn't get to ask questions.
- Being able to see what research is being done and then having time to question.
- Professionalism and quality of peer discussions of the papers presented. This is the heart of research conferences, and this was exemplary at this conference.
- The diversity of ideas was great. The guest speaker was outstanding!
- Research sessions. Well organized and great papers and discussions.
- Need cash bar at receptions.
- The research presentations. Include membership applications in packets.
- Time available for collegiality (30 min breaks, lunch).
- Convenience of being in the hotel where I stayed.
- Relaxed.

PLEASE LIST WORKSHOPS/ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE:

- Maybe a research workshop.
- Workshop on conducting professional presentations. The paper sessions would be much more enjoyable if the presentations were more well-developed & thought out.
- A keynote speaker focusing on a career/body of research rather than just intro/pilot studies. Maybe a category focusing on follow-up studies from previous meetings. It would be interesting to hear how discussant & audience feedback impacted continued research.
- Format worked well this year. Panel on standards.
- Doing great as is!
- 40th Anniversary Celebration.
- I think it went very well this year. I am not sure I would change anything.
- Career Academy workshop/presentation.
- Dual credit verses escrow credit issues; Teacher certification issues; How you get your staff from a 20th century school to a 21st century schools
- I don't know yet, but I plan on submitting a paper to present!
- Think about some type of mixer at the beginning of the conference to help new attendees begin to meet ACTER members and make connections.
- A themed conference that might highlight one current area of concern for career and technical educators might be a possible addition-I would like to see what the consensus take might be on current trends / concerns / etc in career and tech education.
- A workshop for new scholars to discuss strategies for working across the field - with different departments and schools to address broader issues in CTE and in policy.
- I think the research paper sessions could be enhanced if the discussants would lead the whole room in conversations about potential for future research related to the papers presented. The audience chose their respective rooms because they have interest in the broad topic. Therefore, discussion about future research possibilities would be relevant and could lead to developing topics and collaboration between professionals at different institutions.
It probably would be valuable if at least one session focused on research methods -- featuring different strategies of data collection and why they were used. But please only one, as we all are much more interested in results and implications than we are on the research process.
Also, I am not a member of ACTER, and no one offered me information about joining. That was a missed opportunity for both the association and me. I'm sure I was not the only one in that position.
The rooms were a little cramped. If it doesn't cost more, classroom style with tables and chairs would be more comfortable.
- **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE NOT NEEDED.**
- International CTE issues and trends.
- Longer time for discussion.

- Ethics for publishing.
- Session for graduate students.
- Planned session on program on how to publish in CTER. Improve the quality of research.
- Exchange of Ideas (we dropped this years ago for the poster session with sister professional organizations. I also enjoyed these, and it gave a chance for a presentation for us that are not so research oriented.