

2-Day Workshop on Starting Up in the Polyurethane Industry

Evaluation Results

Category	Avg(Min-Max)Count	Rating Scale			
Section 1 - Event administration		Rating Scale			
Quality of pre-event (queries, workshop registration process timely & efficient?)	6.1(4,7)16	1	Bad	5	Good
Quality of Staff responsiveness	6.3(5,7)16	2	Well below average	6	Very Good
Pace of the event (time mgmt)	5.6(4,7)16	3	Below average	7	Excellent
Overall satisfaction with event organization	6.2(5,7)15	4	Average		
Section 2 - Event facilities					
Venture Center Lecture Theatre (Was it appropriate, clean & comfortable?)	5.9(3,7)16				
Snacks and Lunch at Venture Center	6.0(2,7)16				
Section 3 - Theory & practical Sessions(I found it directly useful to me)		Section 3 - Theory & practical Sessions(I enjoyed this session)			
Session 1: Introductions. Entrepreneurship 101 (Introduction to Venture Center and its activities; Introduction to the workshop, faculty participants, sponsors and organizers; Understanding entrepreneurship and startups)	6.5(5,7)13	Session 1: Introductions. Entrepreneurship 101 (Introduction to Venture Center and its activities; Introduction to the workshop, faculty participants, sponsors and organizers; Understanding entrepreneurship and startups)		5.7(3,7)12	
Session 2: Industry and market trends. Technology trends (Overview and market trends in the Indian PU industry; Polyurethane industry trends: Global markets and technology trends; Key note talk: Emerging science and technology themes and trends in PUs)	6.1(5,7)13	Session 2: Industry and market trends. Technology trends (Overview and market trends in the Indian PU industry; Polyurethane industry trends: Global markets and technology trends; Key note talk: Emerging science and technology themes and trends in PUs)		5.3(1,7)13	
Session 3: Technology and R&D capabilities showcase (Selection of downstream technology and related application & business opportunities; Selected cases of technology development, demonstration/validation and commercialization from R&D labs: Functional PU, Microencapsulation; Niche market opportunities in polyurethane)	6.0(5,7)13	Session 3: Technology and R&D capabilities showcase (Selection of downstream technology and related application & business opportunities; Selected cases of technology development, demonstration/validation and commercialization from R&D labs: Functional PU, Microencapsulation; Niche market opportunities in polyurethane)		5.2(3,7)15	
Session 4: Emerging themes (Supply chains: Gaps and opportunities; Reuse, recycling and waste management in the polyurethane industry; Environmental regulations/health and safety in the PU industry; Bio-based polyurethanes; Microencapsules and micro-particles)	5.6(4,7)13	Session 4: Emerging themes (Supply chains: Gaps and opportunities; Reuse, recycling and waste management in the polyurethane industry; Environmental regulations/health and safety in the PU industry; Bio-based polyurethanes; Microencapsules and micro-particles)		5.8(3,7)11	
Session 5: Experiences in building and running a polymer processing and products business	6.1(5,7)13	Session 5: Experiences in building and running a polymer processing and products business		5.6(3,7)15	
Session 6: Creating a new enterprise (Nuts and bolts of starting up a company; Funding landscape in India; Practical insights into setting up a polyurethane SME)	5.8(4,7)10	Session 6: Creating a new enterprise (Nuts and bolts of starting up a company; Funding landscape in India; Practical insights into setting up a polyurethane SME)		5.9(4,7)14	
Session 7: Panel discussion and experience sharing	6.1(5,7)9	Session 7: Panel discussion and experience sharing		6.1(1,7)12	
Session 8: Science-led entrepreneurship in the polymer industry (Keynote talk: Experiences of a scientist entrepreneur in the PU industry ; Panel of early stage and emerging entrepreneurs)	5.4(0,7)9	Session 8: Science-led entrepreneurship in the polymer industry (Keynote talk: Experiences of a scientist entrepreneur in the PU industry ; Panel of early stage and emerging entrepreneurs)		5.5(0,7)12	

Section 4- Comments and Suggestions**How do you think these workshops can be improved further?**

There could be more ice-breaker, sessions where there is uncreated interaction between all the participants and also professionals. Onsite training can be conducted. Time management, Improve sitting arrangement, more time for networking, consider selecting dinner venue where Participants could make more round, possibly heavy snacks etc., rather than rectangular sitting arrangements, food was great, talking about main reason, for attending & best use of time. Practical Demonstrations can be added. Lecture theatre more like a screen, so can be seen easily, video-recording for the entire session, DVD record of the sessions, to be given to participants, can ask Participants before & letting the presenter know it. Practical Demonstration of harder, Better sitting arrangement, Overlap in presentation, Better Participants.

Please suggest a topic on which you wish to have a workshop on ?

nanotechnology, epoxy Industry, Actual PU process details, challenges to meet quality standards/specifications, Innovation, Innovation Opportunities with composites in India, possibly a sub-segment on "learning from failures", silicomes, clash of industries, e.g., how mobile apps can aid science & technology development. composite, thermoset composite Application & Industry exposure about polyimide, polyester, recent innovation in chemical equipment designs and fabrication, scope of consulting business in chemical engineering in India. similar workshop in other polymers. manufacturing equipments processing (mold tech) Production best Practices; An actual 3D printer could have made a presentation; how electric vehicle & other such bold moves for sustainability could help start-ups; A Session inviting participants to brainstorm on problem statement-learning tools for problem identification can be taught this way.

How did you hear about the workshop ?

Newspaper, Online, IPUA tech committee, Nivedita, friend, an ex-member of IPUA, Word of mouth, IPUA, Internet, Mails, Alumni group on whatsapp, Senior colleague

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Yes- 15 | No- 1 | No reply - 1