17 responses

Have you been to SIGCOMM before?

- Yes. 6 35.3%
- No. 11 64.7%

Have you been to other N2Women events before?

- Yes. 3 17.6%
- No. 14 82.4%

How did you hear about the dinner?

- From the N2Women mailing list. 6 35.3%
- From the SIGCOMM program. 5 29.4%
- From friends/advisors/. 5 29.4%
- Other 1 5.9%
We hosted the event on Monday night before the conference. Which schedule would work for you the best?

- Dinner on Monday night (as we did this year): 16 (94.1%)
- Lunch on Tuesday noon (as we did before): 0 (0%)
- Other: 1 (5.9%)

Is N2Women dinner helpful for enhancing your SIGCOMM experience?

- Yes, a lot: 12 (70.6%)
- Yes, some what: 5 (29.4%)
- Only a little: 0 (0%)
- No, not at all: 0 (0%)

If yes, in which way? (ex: because I get to know more people to discuss the paper with; because I get to know people from different research areas)

- Getting to know people from other research areas
- I got to know more people on day 1 and felt a lot more comfortable for the rest of the conference
- Lots of friends
- I was invited as a senior mentor -- and it was great to meet and talk with so many interested students
- I had the opportunity to talk with people from different research areas and learn a little bit about their works.
- because I get to know people from different research areas
- Meeting fellow women researchers was great.
- Because I get to know people from different research areas, and from different countries and cultures.
- got to know people before the main program
- Mainly because it is an opportunity to know people from different research areas
- I did get to know people that probably would not know otherwise
- Because I had a really good time.
Because I get to know people from different research areas and get to talk with them during the breaks during the following days. I didn't had the feeling that I don't know anyone and not knowing how to approach them. The dinner helped in this way!

It was easier to navigate the conference after having met many people at the N2 dinner.

I think one big advantage of doing it the night before the conf is that this way you get to know some people in advance and have few familiar faces around during the conf too. Compared to the previous lunch meetings, I think I got to discuss more with more people which was nice.

If not, how can we improve? (ex: having a more structured format; invite more senior researchers)

Nothing to recommend. It was great!

Invite more senior researchers and maybe try some sort of mentorship program

Quieter venue -- it was hard to hear sometimes and with folks not speaking English as their native language, it made conversations harder

invite more senior researchers

By having format that encourages more rotation.

I think it was great not to have a structured format.

More senior researchers would be nice.

The round table introductions got a bit lost I think due to the table format or so. Maybe that could be improved so that everybody gets introduced (and the seniors pointed out etc). Of course more senior (women) would have been nice too. Maybe try to avoid overlapping with other events (like the award dinner this year).

Should we offer N2Women Dinner at SIGCOMM next year?

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Please share any other comments you have:

Thank you so much for your work!

The dinner was very nice. It was an excellent opportunity to meet amazing people. I am grateful for the invitation.

I think the N2Women Dinner was of great importance. Since women are still a minority (it appeared to be less then 10% of the total attendees) in such events like Sigcomm, the dinner helps to bring them together, helping improving not only the exchange of research projects/ideas but also the social relations. The initiative to mix up the places at the dinner table was also a great idea to allow everybody to talk to everybody. The presence of all academia levels (from under
graduate students to PhD and Professors) was also extremely positive. I was very happy to be part of that. Thank you.

amazing organisation, please keep the good work:)  

Even when the dinner was helpful to know people, in the table you are kind of limited to talk with people next to you. Even with the seat rotation it was difficult to talk, with the background noise it was difficult to hear people from 2 seats apart. I would suggest that after the dinner we should just stand up and talk in groups or a circle. :) 

Thanks to the people in the organization, it's hard to think of improvements to your event.