The trafficking of children is a grave violation of a child's human rights. As many as five million children are smuggled within and across borders every year, their lives commoditized on an estimated $7 billion market. The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children defines trafficking in children as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation, to include, at a minimum, “the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs”.

The development of successful interventions to prevent and intervene in child trafficking depends on an understanding of the scope of the problem and the multiple factors that influence trafficking. As such, the lack of data on trafficked children is a major constraint to establishing effective interventions and public policy. This article briefly discusses some of the factors that contribute to child trafficking as illustrated through a child prostitution case provided by ISPCAN councillorSanphasit Koompraphant.

A Case Description

Sunee, the daughter of an invalid and deaf landless peasant from a highland hill tribe in Thailand, is the second child in a family of four. Sunee and her younger sister were raised by their aunt after their mother's death. Under the care of her aunt, Sunee was beaten frequently and later sold to a night café operator at the age of 16. The aunt was promised a regular monetary remittance for Sunee's labor but never received payment. When she went to find Sunee she found that the night café was a front for a brothel. She contacted the CPCR Foundation, a non-governmental organization, to free her niece from prostitution. A coordinated police raid revealed that the operator had enslaved eight children, including Sunee, for sex work behind the café. CPCR Foundation coordinated the police handling of the case and provided child witness support for the justice system.

Sunee was referred to CPCR's Rescue and Assistance Section where she received treatment for a vaginal infection, venereal warts, cervical cancer and depression. CPCR provided rehabilitation and group activities to prepare Sunee for social reintegration. Sunee was returned to her aunt's home where her father was living with the support of family-relations. CPCR provided counseling and group activities to help Sunee adjust to her new life and prepare her for reintegration. Sunee pursued work as a seamstress. Sunee was found during CPCR monitoring to have married a man from her village. The couple was engaged in rice farming and had recently given birth to a child.

Risk Factors

As Sunee’s case suggests, the children most vulnerable to trafficking generally come from the poorest and most marginalized segments of society. While some children may be from poor rural areas, others may be internally displaced from conflict areas or street children in urban sectors. Social exclusion based on ethnicity and/or gender can be seen as a major contributing factor to the risk of being trafficked, particularly for the estimated one million children trafficked into prostitution every year. Governance issues also play a role in allocating resources and services in a community. Those living in poverty tend to have limited access to these opportunities, reinforcing their vulnerability. Without citizenship, for example, individuals are denied basic rights, including education, health services, land ownership, political participation and the right to travel freely.

Recruitment Methods

Methods of recruiting children vary by the demand for services, the profile of the child, and the type of trafficker involved. Networks or individuals working in less organized settings may approach potential children more informally, like the café operator that contacted Sunee's aunt. In these settings, recruiters may appear as a legitimate source of information and opportunity. The recruiter may in fact be a friend of the family or someone known as a community leader or a business person in the village. In other cases, individuals may return to villages from urban centers to report romanticized tales of cosmopolitan lifestyles. These visits are then followed by recruitment efforts organized by traffickers who promise appealing opportunities and assistance in obtaining proper documentation, making travel arrangements, and providing the financial means for the child to migrate. Large-scale international networks may also use the internet, radio, and television to advertise opportunities as nannies, domestics, entertainers, or restaurant workers.

Cycle of Debt and Dependency

Once trafficked, children like Sunee may find themselves ensnared in cycles of debt bondage where sexual services or labor is demanded as payment. In some cases recruiters work in collusion with corrupt border officials that demand services from the child in return for illegal border passage. The child therefore accrues multiple debts within a migration experience, compounding threats to their safety, health, and security. In the worst cases, children who are unable to pay off their debts are used to commit other types of transnational crimes, such as drug trafficking, arms running, or laundering of money. These victims become increasingly vulnerable and isolated as their dependence upon the trafficker increases.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
ISPCAN Executive Council held its annual meeting in Poland, following the 9th ISPCAN European Conference. Because the format for these meetings is now well established, this annual meeting proved to be both constructive and relatively brief. Chaired by Marcellina Mian, it was attended by all but two councillors and several staff.

As in the past, the meeting was divided into several parts - review of past year’s work; strategic planning; core committee meetings and crafting of the upcoming year’s work plan; finalizing the annual budget and establishing priorities for the coming year.

Review
Main points discussed during the meeting included:
- Strengthening external relation links with international organizations including UNICEF and WHO;
- A review of the Listserve, Membership and National Partners Programs;
- A discussion of ISPCAN’s publications including the Journal and the organization’s newsletter, The LINK;
- A review of plans for the next regional conferences and international congresses;
- An update on the progress being made through ISPCAN’s international training program (ITPI).

Strategic planning
This year, we considered our need for outside advisors in a number of areas - including fundraising, evaluation of training materials, marketing of membership and using the media proactively. We identified a small set of issues that we wish to pay particular attention in the coming year. These issues include:
- Expanding ISPCAN’s National Partner program;
- Expanding and better utilizing the ISPCAN faculty data base;
- Increasing active connections between the membership and ISPCAN’s core committees and activities;
- Establishing new links with professionals in allied areas of concern including domestic violence and infant mental health; and
- Strengthening our fundraising initiatives.

Plans for 2003-2004
Our plans for the forthcoming year are always made in the context of our budgetary limitations, the secretariat’s capacity and councillors’ time constraints. With these limitations in mind, the Council agreed to accomplish the following objectives:
- To explore ways of further increasing individual membership, especially from developing countries;
- To facilitate the ability of various national organizations to join the ISPCAN National Partners program;
- To implement a Virtual Issue Discussion (VID) on Mandatory Reporting;
- To prepare the next issue of World Perspectives;
- To establish an institutional review board/ethics research committee;
- To finalize our plans for the forthcoming congresses and conferences;
- To further refine templates for ISPCAN congresses and conferences;
- To improve our evaluation of ITPI; and
- To translate a greater array of training materials.

Time was then spent on discussing our budget for the next fiscal year in the light of our planned activities.

We worked hard and appreciated being able to gaze out at the lake and woods in rural northern Poland. In Brisbane, we will review how much we managed to accomplish.

Danya Glaser, Secretary, England
New National Partner Profiles

ISPCAN’s National Partners include the following organizations:

- Against Child Abuse (ACA), Hong Kong.
- Association Française pour l’information et la Recherche sur les Enfants Maltraités (AFREM), France.
- African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Ethiopia.
- African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Nigeria.
- African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Uganda.
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), United States.
- British Society for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN), United Kingdom.
- Cameroon Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CASPCAN), Cameroon.
- Danish Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (DASPCAN), Denmark.
- German Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (GESPCAN), Germany.
- Malaysian Association for the Protection of Children (PPKM), Malaysia.
- National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN), Australia.
- National Organization for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NOJPCAN), Belgium.
- South African Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (SASPCAN), South Africa.

African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) - Nigeria Chapter

The African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), is a pan-African organization founded in 1986 and currently has 15 national chapters.

Mission

The goals of the organization include:

- to significantly reduce child abuse and neglect across Africa, and in Nigeria in particular, paving the way for the economic and political emancipation of Africa;
- to raise awareness and to change the attitudes of policy makers and the public on child welfare issues;
- to eradicate and prevent child abuse and neglect in Nigeria, and to protect and promote the rights of the child.

Key activities

ANPPCAN-Nigeria carries out a range of activities to prevent violence and to improve the rights and wellbeing of Nigerian children. These include organizing conferences, such as the upcoming ISPCAN African Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, which will focus on Child Trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse in Africa. This event will be held in Enugu, Nigeria on 23-27 March, 2004.

ANPPCAN- Nigeria has developed a range of training programs, most notably focusing on the issue of child trafficking. They have also published several CAN training materials such as “The Nigerian Child Rights Monitor” and other articles on child abuse and neglect.

Membership

ANPPCAN - Nigeria is made up of a General Assembly of members which meets every two years where a National Executive Committee is elected. The National Executive Committee is the decision-making body of the organization. It is comprised of CAN Prevention professionals drawn from each of the 36 states of the Nigerian federation.

The Nordic Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NASPCAN)

The Nordic Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NASPCAN) is a regional organization which was established at a Nordic Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1998. Registered as a non-profit organization in Sweden, its membership is made up of CAN professionals from several Nordic countries including Denmark, Greenland, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Mission

The goal of NASPCAN is to afford members the opportunity to share experiences, and exchange and update knowledge of child abuse and neglect.

Key activities

The group organizes international Congresses, national and other local training events which attract participants from the Nordic countries. Nordic Conferences on Child Abuse and Neglect have been held in Copenhagen, Denmark (1998), Linkoping, Sweden (2000), and Oslo, Norway (May 2002).

Membership

The membership of the organization is open to all professionals committed to preventing child abuse and neglect. NASPCAN currently includes social workers, medical practitioners, teachers, police officers, prosecutors, lawyers, therapists, and researchers working on children’s issues drawn from each of the Nordic countries. The NASPCAN Board is comprised of eleven ordinary members and eleven deputy members. Each of the Nordic countries has two representatives on the Board, which are elected for a term of four years.

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with the BASPCAN representatives in London to formulate plans for the 2006 International Congress in York, UK.

With an exciting new grant for developing country training just approved by the Oak Foundation for 2004-06, we will extend our international training program and provide greater support to professionals in a more extensive outreach to developing country efforts. We are very greatly appreciative of the Oak Foundation for their expanded support.

In addition, we want to note our deep appreciation to our other important partners and funders who are enabling ISPCAN and our members to better support and protect children. These funders include UNICEF-International and Regional Offices; the World Health Organization International and Regional Offices; the Interchurch Cooperation Development Foundation (Netherlands); Children at Risk (Netherlands); Centers for Disease Control (USA); Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP-USA) and Health Canada. Your support is critical to the work we are doing - thank you.

Finally, voting will begin shortly for selecting incoming ISPCAN Council Members who will serve from Sept 2004-Sept 2010. Please take the time and make the effort to study the slate of Councillors and vote for those who you believe will best guide ISPCAN into the future.

ISPCAN President Marcellina Mian, MD, Canada
ISPCAN Executive Director Kimberly Svevo, CAE, U.S.A.
early 700 delegates from six continents shared their successes and challenges in addressing child maltreatment at the 9th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect held in Warsaw, Poland this August. The three-day meeting, organized by Nobody's Children Foundation, covered a wide variety of topics in child protection and provided participants with a unique opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and skills.

The Conference Scientific Program was co-sponsored by World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe. General financial support for the event was provided by the Batory Foundation, the Oak Foundation, UNICEF Europe, UNICEF New York, WHO International, Alcoa Foundation, the British Council, ILO/IPEC, Polskie Wydawnictwa Profesjonalne, and UNDP.

Nearly 100 scholars from Eastern European countries were sponsored to attend the event, making this conference one of the largest professional education efforts offered to child abuse professionals working in this region. UNICEF Eastern Europe, UNICEF New York, the Oak Foundation, WHO International and the Soros Foundation provided funding for this sponsorship.

The Warsaw event drew participants from all over the world such as European countries, Western Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Australia, North America and South America.

The Program

The Conference was opened by the Polish First Lady Ms. Joalanta Kwasniewska followed by formal welcomes from Maria Keller-Hamela, Conference President; Marcellina Mian, ISPCAN President (Canada); and Pawel Jarosz, Ombudsman of Children's Rights (Poland). Keynote presentations included a discussion of the relationship between spouse abuse and child maltreatment by Kevin Browne (UK) and a discussion of evidence-based practice in treating child abuse and neglect by Mark Chaffin and William Fredrich, both from the United States.

Plenary sessions were offered on a variety of practice and policy concerns. Specific topics and presenters included a summary of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) prevention initiatives by Dr. Mikael Ostergren (Denmark); a summary of a public health approach to addressing violence by Dr. Alex Butchart (Switzerland); a review of the WHO’s recently published report on violence by Dr. Tilman Furniss (Germany); and an examination of how to develop interprofessional networks to enhance the response to child maltreatment by Kari Killen (Norway).

The closing session included presentations by Dr. Kim Oates (Australia), Dr. Marcellina Mian (Canada) and Gen. Wladyslaw Padlo, the Head of Police (Poland).

A special evening session entitled “Review of Worldwide Social Campaigns on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect” was organized on the second day of the conference. Participants had an opportunity to compare experiences of NSPCC (UK) and Nobody’s Children Foundation (Poland) in the field of social campaigns. Participants also reviewed over 70 video clips on different aspects of child maltreatment prepared by the Nobody’s Children Foundation staff. The 45-minute presentation showcased TV spots provided by organizations from over 20 countries including Japan, Poland, USA, Romania, Georgia, Brazil, UK, and Belgium.

Special Meetings

The conference also provided an opportunity for several regional and organizational meetings to occur, thereby facilitating networking opportunities for delegates from similar regions or with similar interests:

Eastern European Meeting: Over 25 Russian-speaking professionals from ten Eastern European countries met with the ISPCAN National Partners Council Liaison and ISPCAN President-Elect to discuss the networking opportunities in their regions and strategies for becoming ISPCAN National Partners.

Uzbekistan Professionals Meeting: Child abuse specialists from Uzbekistan met with the ISPCAN National Partners Council Liaison and ISPCAN Executive Director to share their research data and the difficulties in gathering such data in Uzbekistan.

The ISPCAN National Partners Meeting: Representatives from five ISPCAN National Partner organizations (NAPCAN, JASPCAN, BASPCAN, SASPCAN and NASPCA) and several other potential national partner organizations met with ISPCAN to discuss new member criteria, a possible presentation about the National Partners program at the upcoming ISPCAN Congress (Brisbane, Australia 2004) and the services available for National Partners.

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In partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), ISPCAN sponsored a full day training workshop for Eastern European and Central Asian professionals immediately prior to the 9th ISPCAN European Conference on Child Abuse. The meeting place at the Dziekanka Campus of Warsaw State University. Some 80 professionals from over a dozen Eastern European countries attended the Institute, which provided simultaneous translation into Russian. Specific attention was placed on the diagnosis, intervention and mental health support involved in responding to child sexual abuse.

The Program

The institute was opened by Maria Keller Hamela of the Nobody’s Children Foundation and President of the Conference, and Kimberly Svevo, Executive Director of ISPCAN. Key presentation topics and presenters included the following:

• Kevin Browne and Ingrid Leth-World Health Organization Public Health Approach to the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - Overview;
• Tilman Furniss-Consequences of Child Abuse for Mental Health Development, Needs for Interdisciplinary Intervention;
• Ruth Soonets-Interdisciplinary Approach in Child Abuse, the Role of the Medical Professionals in the Interdisciplinary Team;
• Imola Antal-Training skills and reaching needs of psychologists within the Romanian Child Protection Authority;
• Maria Herzog-Overview of Child Abuse (including Institutional and Sexual Abuse) in Eastern Europe;
• Aukasz Wojtasik-Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse in the Internet;
• Svetlana Volkova-Presentation of Moscow City Program Street Children;
• Agnese Sladzewska-Center Against Abuse Dardedze;
• Sandra Sebrie-Interdisciplinary Approach to Protect Children (based on Croatian experience - Dardedze center);
• Tine Staermose-ILO-IPEC’s Approach to Combating Trafficking in Children – a discussion of lessons learned;
• Tamar Cohen, Maria Keller-Hamela-The Development of Child Abuse Protection and Training in Eastern Europe - discussion.

Ongoing Training Needs

The Institute facilitated discussions among multidisciplinary professionals from several countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In addition to the formal exchanges that occurred during the structured part of the program, promising strategies and clinical findings were also shared during various informal gatherings that occurred throughout the day. The closing session underscored the need for additional training opportunities both within individual countries as well as across the region. While the International Training Project of ISPCAN (ITPI), sponsored by the Oak Foundation, will provide one mechanism for addressing these training needs, the ISPCAN leadership recognizes that much more needs to be done. As such, ISPCAN will be facilitating on-going coordination among professional societies working within this region through the expansion of its National Partners program and its web page and listserv.

ISPCAN Congresses/Conferences 2004-2005

Event: 1st ISPCAN Arab Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
(Invitation Only)

Theme: “Violence against Children. Breaking the silence… Strengthening responses!”
Contact: Dr. Hani Jahshan
E-mail: jahshan@go.com.jo

Event: ISPCAN African Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Theme: Child Trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse in Africa
Description: The theme, we believe, is a great challenge to all professional policy makers and lovers of children in view of the enormous problems and situations that plague children on the continent today. With the relentless speed of the dreaded diseases (AIDS), and of course denial of protection as well as developmental and participatory rights of children, the conference will provide opportunity to develop, communicate, and share knowledge, skills and expertise for all professionals in the field of child protection in Africa.
Contact: Prof. Peter Ebigbo, E-mail: pebigbo@infoweb.abs.net

Event: ISPCAN 15th International Congress on Child Abuse & Neglect
Theme: Working together for a Child Safe World
Dates: 19-22 September, 2004 - Venue: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Description: A “child safe world” is a world where children are free from all forms of abuse and exploitation by adults and other children and young people. It is also a world where children receive adequate care, resources and attention. “Working together” recognizes that abuse and neglect are complex problems that call for the mobilisation of many kinds of skills and resources. Professionals and communities need each other to forge effective responses, and both need to be able to see the world through the eyes of children and young people. We want to share ideas and experiences from across the global community about protecting children in a way that welcomes children and young people as valued participants. Children are the central purpose for us meeting together and children and young people will have a strong and active role to play leading up to and during the Congress.
Organizer: International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) and The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN—National Partner of ISPCAN)
Congress registration contact information: C/-ICMS PO Box 2496 South Brisbane Qld 4101 Australia Tel: +61 7 3844 1138 Fax: +61 7 3844 0909
E-mail: ISPCAN2004@icms.com.au www.congress2004.com

Event: Xth ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Dates: 2005 - Venue: Berlin, Germany
Contact: Tatiana Bessonov at eventmanager@ispcan.org

Event: Vth ISPCAN Asian Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Dates: 16-18 November, 2005 - Venue: Singapore, Singapore
Contact: Mrs. Mae Lim, E-mail: maefern@starhub.net.sg

ISPCAN Training Events 2004

Event: ISPCAN Global Institute on “Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking - International Perspective”
Dates: January 26, 2004 - Venue: San Diego, USA
Organized by: ISPCAN
Contact: Anna Quintanilla at education@ispcan.org

Event: International CAN Prevention Training and Resource/Capacity Development
Dates: March 27-29, 2004 and September 25-27, 2004
Venue: Peshawar and Abbottabad, Pakistan
Organized by: The Child Rights and Abuse Committee Pakistan Paediatric Association
Contact: Dr. Tufail Muhammad at tufailm@brain.net.pk

Event: Multidisciplinary Training Seminar on Child Abuse and Neglect
Organized by: Tartu Child Support Center for Abused Children
Contact: Dr. Ruth Soomets at ch.abuse@online.ee
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View the ISPCAN journal Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal on-line starting January 2004! Access journal issues back to 1995 with standard membership and for an additional US $15, you can gain access to all the journals back to ISPCAN’s beginnings in 1977! For members located in developing countries, ISPCAN is also very happy to offer free on-line journal access for specific countries. For more information, please contact the membership department at membership@ispcan.org

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It is time to renew your membership with ISPCAN to continue your 2004 Membership valid from January 1 - December 31, 2004. ISPCAN offers several ways to renew including our on-line application form and payment option at www.ispcan.org/joinispca or if you would like to pay by check, money order or wire transfer, please contact the membership department for more details membership@ispcan.org.

Executive Council Election: February 2004

The 2004 ISPCAN Executive Council Election will be taking place in February 2004! Ballots will be distributed to all members and we need all of your help to choose the seven best candidates to represent the international efforts of ISPCAN!
Expanded Content

Data Collection Underway for the Sixth Edition of World Perspectives

Data collection is currently underway for the Sixth Edition of World Perspectives. As in the past, this project involves a survey of selected ISPCAN members in over 75 countries to determine how the child abuse problem is defined and responded to in different contexts.

In order to broaden the range of professionals able to participate in this effort, the survey and related information is available not only in English but also French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. As in the past, this edition will include a detailed summary of the survey data as well as general child well-being indicators maintained by a number of international health and child rights organizations (e.g., WHO, UNICEF).

Expanded Content

The Sixth Edition also will include a number of additional features designed to improve our understanding of these diverse policy responses and the impacts of promising interventions. These types of descriptive studies will be particularly useful to professionals in developing regions of the world where child abuse response systems are only just emerging.

Professionals working in Africa, South America, Asia and Eastern Europe often find it difficult to access professional journals or published reports. To compensate, the Sixth Edition will include such features as:

- an annotated bibliography summarizing the content of key journal articles and government reports that have been issued in the past year that report on the impacts of promising programs and policies;
- feature articles on international surveys that have been completed on various aspects of violence such as corporal punishment, physical violence, child labor and sexual exploitation; and
- case studies that summarize the process followed in designing and implementing promising interventions or research methods.

Distribution Planned for the Brisbane Congress

The final report will be available for distribution at the 15th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect to be held September 19-22 in Brisbane, Australia.
Child Trafficking: The Transnational Challenge of Child Protection  

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The types of work where trafficked labor is used tend to be located in sectors where it is easier to maintain highly exploitative working conditions that violate human rights and labor standards. Recruitment and working conditions in these sectors tend to be characterized by coercion, lack of consent, and an inability for the trafficked child to make choices once the trafficking process has begun. Recruiters use many forms of coercion, ranging from false promises to acts of violence.

Creating an Effective Response

Given the context within which the supply of child workers is bridged to demands for child sex and labor within and between

Warsaw Conference Draws Worldwide Participation  

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International Training Project of ISPCAN (ITPI) Meeting: Project leaders from Poland, Estonia, Latvia and South Africa met with the ISPCAN ITPI Liaison to share experiences regarding the progress and struggles involved in implementing this training effort.

Arab Professionals Meeting: Professionals from Bahrain, Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lebanon met with ISPCAN to discuss the organizational details of the upcoming 1st ISPCAN Arab Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect scheduled to take place in February 2004 in Amman, Jordan.

Conference Evaluations

All respondents evaluated the conference very highly (both those who attended an ISPCAN conference for the first time as well as those who had attended ISPCAN conferences before). Almost 90% of those responding to the evaluation survey indicated that they found the content of the plenary sessions and workshops “always or almost always” relevant to their work.

The Final Program with the Book of Abstracts was very well received. The participants especially appreciated receiving the list of attendees with contact information. Many felt this would help facilitate ongoing collaboration and information sharing. All respondents stressed that the involvement of the volunteers was extraordinary.

Maria Keller-Hamela
ISPCAN Conference President, Poland

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