

### **IFSA GLO Evaluation**

- It has been a great symposium. New experiences, great interaction. New ways of doing things. Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!
- The connection of IFSA/GLO with SARD and the Major Groups made for a conference that was both intellectually challenging and dedicated to real action. Thank you!
- From the Youth Focal Point: I would be interested and very pleased to have greater youth work highlighted in the work of IFSA. What are the youth driven innovations going on in IFSA?
- GLO: Loved the World Café – great way to open the conference, get to know people, and build trust. The structure was good – informal and some time for discussion and processing. There was definitely a time crunch and not enough time to really get a dynamic and participatory discussion going. Some facilitators did a better job than others. I would suggest less presenters and more time to discuss. And perhaps panel type delegates in the plenary sessions. I liked the “open space” idea on Thursday however this was too abrupt – and would have been better earlier in the conference. The last day should have been more synthesis and less new ideas. Also the open space could be much more effective if people had some time to think of themes – say turnout the first 2 days and post things in a central location for people to add to them or comment – then choose most popular to discuss. Also the expectation for a concrete proposal for collaboration was unrealistic unless given much more time. I would suggest a session just on how to collaborate as this can not be assumed and is very challenging. These are merely suggestions for improvement. I believe the conference was EXCELLENT – very innovative and a good model for new kinds of learning, participation, and collaboration. THANK YOU!!!
- Excellent program and activities to revitalize the way forward with a variety of new stakeholders eager to work with IFSA at local, regional and international levels.
- Appreciate the process of always dividing down into small groups for meaningful discussion – including re-grouping the furniture.
- Increase the number of farmer representatives and the private sector.
- Revive the party at the end of the Symposium, with music, global disco the last night. No more coffee – only beer, wine and dance.
- The GLO provided a great opportunity to share ideas and to learn together. Things that we need to do: Accountability and transparency in the accounting including the symposium accounting and balance between up-stream and grass roots level activities.

- Don't forget the ethnic minorities and Indigenous Peoples. Inclusion is the name of the game.
- Need to do more fund raising to support IFSA activities – e.g. journals, funding participants to the next conference.
- Great participation, better organization is needed on logistics, extra-cultural activities!, technical sessions needed
- Human-centred approach may be upgraded to “Human Security”
- Please open from the World Café next time too.
- Use the MDG targets to formulate projects for different regions to work toward 2007.
- It's simply GREAT – Keep up the spirit and bring farmers (one left behind on this) and private person (business) in the next one. That should be a complete list – Thank you very much.
- 5 minute presentations very good; the results of group discussions and agreements should be made available to all members and participants; excursions – a bit better organizing (learning effect had been low) – e.g. split up in smaller groups and discussion
- Good learning experience. A bit of improvement on organization of event. Hope Asia betters this.
- Positive: The people, the stories, the genuiness, the smiles. Could Improve: more creativity, venue (heating, washing facility, food options). Looking forward to Asia.
- Clive and all IFSA GLO organizers and supporters: Thank you very much for such a great, fun, productive and creative time...This has been the most interactive and innovative IFSA events. We are on in the right track...
- the global initiatives have a place but not the center stage of IFSA – should go back to the basics, ground-based in the field with specifics of how to and what was done; 2) the round table format stimulated good discussion, but 5 minutes results in most presentations being superficial. People need a minimum of 10 minutes or better 15 minutes and be encouraged to use slides with photos so we can see the context. Text will help us understand difficult terms and help those not accustomed to every accent in this diverse group. Only speaking is not good communication. We should practice what we preach – use the visual; 3) the regions should contribute to the international IFSA. This was the agreement in Pretoria that has been forgotten. The IFSA Treasury should not be left broke! 4) Be sure to include every paper sent by the deadline on the CD. Please remember that those of us in the public institutions depend on this for recognition by our institutions and indeed survival. And people young, new

members who worked hard but then didn't see their papers on the CD and/or were left off the program will be discouraged, as they were this time. 5) This location was too isolated. 6) Please try to be better organized in communication and finances. 7) Please give opportunities to new, younger members to be moderators and gain experience (1-7 from 1<sup>st</sup> member and 8-9 from second members); 8) Make a list with pictures of each IFSA member and send to everyone. Take these photos to the next symposium and distribute. 9) Announce the next symposium early – 1 year in advance.

- The process of conducting the conference is highly participative – keep the same trend in the next conference; 2) it would be good to have a field trip linked to conference for 2- or 3 days.
- Conference proceedings and lists of participants should be available.
- Thanks for giving light to the subsistence farmers on the tropical equator for higher prospects in research and management oriented IFSA GLOW!!
- Great conference, more partners, continue on your path to meeting the farmers at their level.
- It was great, the organization and the sessions. I believe 3 days instead of 4 will make the absorption would be better. I met many people and created networks. Thanks.
- Learned a lot like to have access to all information presented during the four days. Regional would be good as it will be more specific.
- Informative. More of this kind of meeting at the regional!!
- GLO was Glowing. I enjoyed learning sharing and getting new insights. I hope IFSA will make use of this format again. However, there is always room for adjustment. The coffee break start was excellent. 5 minutes seem too little to present might be more. Moderators and their roles need to be cleared out more precisely..e.g. might be an idea to prepare in advance take out key issue of presentations, then together make key questions – if discussion have become more on finding new ideas “filosophical”? ☺
- If GLO presentations are really meant to be 5 minutes as announced, preparation of presenters will be required. Great programme and discussions – do it again.
- Important to share results (synthesized) of the sessions and themes via IFSA website as soon as possible and list of participants contact details.
- The organization enhanced participation (this was very interesting). For the workshops, I think that we were discussing without defining the words. So, there is obviously nearly a different sense for each participant. In the same order, to put words like we did, without making sentences with very verbs, is no way = nobody can really understand the message. We have to be more

rigorous. So I suggest to ask some experts who had learned for a long time about the concepts, to “teach” all the participants of one workshop until they’ll share the same knowledge about these concepts. To be efficient, we can’t afford don’t care about real nature and sense of ideas we try to exchange. Good Luck! Sorry for mistakes.

- GLO has been outstanding. The papers, information, and networking have been very valuable!! My work will be enhanced by my participation here! I hope that IFSA 2008 does NOT drop themes of policy and methods in its move to a focus on grassroots.
- 1) The CD Rom is incomplete (I send my paper in time and it was not in it)...many papers missing. 2) Good organization but we need more time for themes workshop (at least one more hour!) 3) Some workshop should be prepared with a framework to gain time and efficiency. Last points: bankers, donors and private sector should be more present. It was INTERESTING!
- Overall an interesting conference with good atmosphere and humour!! I find though, that as an NGO representative perhaps more space could have been given to that particular angle. I am aware that everyone would have been (and have been) open to this, but a more formal “NGO Angle” might have been useful. A higher level of general information on logistics would have been nice – e.g. a brief introduction to the farm visit while on the bus.
- I suggest to post the final synthesis on the website. As you said, initially some papers should be published as proceedings or journal.
- A great participatory conference. I was impressed at the way in which hierarchies were less privileged than in most conferences. Great international flavour. Keep focusing on gender and ethnic equality as leadership opportunities open up. Farm tour was great.
- The linkage of GLO to national level through major groups will make the GLOW to the future heights.
- Associate farmers to that kind of event.
- Ensure that the people whose papers are included in the program are those of persons attending the meeting – at least as much as possible.
- The GLO idea was excellent, and I think it was aided, in particular, to make great linkages with similar researchers. Some specific ideas that might make things run more smoothly – a) some more organized discussion of papers. Some people presented and there was little or no feedback. On the other hand, a couple of session I attended focused largely on pre-determined issue that often was unrelated. b) the other issues that I was interested in, but didn’t really have homes at this meeting were more specific agronomic issues on one hand and more policy/political economic issues on the others. Just some ideas, in general, it has been very rewarding.

- GLO to GLOW better!!! Prepare paper based proceedings at the beginning of the symposium. Keep participants informed of other events, activities, etc. Invite farmers per region to join participants during the symposium. Encourage documentaries on good practices and scaling up practices that could be viewed during coffee break after dinner or so by interested participants.
- My first time at an IFSA event but felt very welcome and at ease. Liked: the methods of the world café and collaboration building, the time available for bilateral talks, flexibility of schedule. Sorry that there was only one excursion (but that a tasty one!), would have appreciated more information on the cooperative (e.g. a better prepared presentation of maybe 30 minutes) because lots of information was lost by not being able to listen, large group moving, translation difficulties. less people at one field trip – more intensive contact
- Congratulations to a successful meeting – full of great ideas, new energy, understanding and knowledge. I am very glad I could be a part of it. I am going home with a great idea which will turn my research efforts into something the farmers and especially rural areas in transition countries of Central and Eastern Europe can profit from. I will inform you about the outcome hopefully in the near future. Thank you for organizing such an inspiring conference.
- I think many people may have been put off participating by not having information about the modus operandi and the fate of their papers and a least a draft programme – with a little more anticipation. Otherwise a bold Initiative!
- Congratulations!!! This IFSA was great! Very participative
- Need to consider as possibilities: 1) linkages with farm organization in developed countries, 2) intervention with international standards and other organization to ensure adaptability for small farmers, 3) get program details out sooner than Monday of conference start.
- Good conference overall and good informal quality. Smaller roundtables – more themes with less presenters so that more focused discussion can occur.