# CASS2019 Feedback

The following report summarizes the most important information from the online feedback submitted by the participants after CASS2019 took place.

Overall assessment of the event:

How likely is it that you would recommend the Summer School to a colleague or friend?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Likely
- Not likely
- Not at all likely

22.2% / 7.4% / 37% / 33.3%

How was the main topic of the Summer School?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Poor
- Very poor

40.7% / 37% / 22.2%
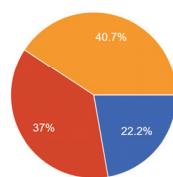
What was the quality of the lecturers?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Poor
- Very poor

33.3% / 40.7% / 25.9%
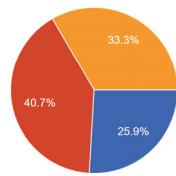
Overall, how would you rate the event?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Poor
- Very poor

25.9% / 44.4% / 25.9%
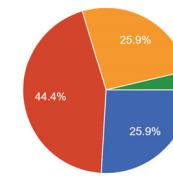
How organized was the event?
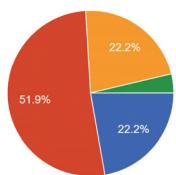
- Extremely organized
- Very organized
- Somewhat organized
- Not so organized
- Not at all organized

22.2% / 51.9% / 22.2%

How helpful were the organizers?
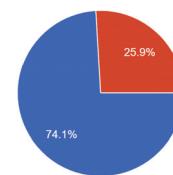
- Extremely helpful
- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not so helpful
- Not at all helpfull

25.9% / 74.1%

Was the event length long or short?
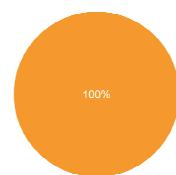
- Much too long
- Too long
- About right
- Too short
- Much too short

100%

Was there a good choice on food?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Poor
- Very poor

44.4% / 11.1% / 14.8% / 25.9%
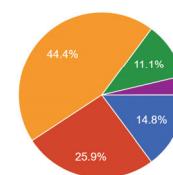
How was the quality of the food?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Poor
- Very poor

55.6% / 11.1% / 11.1% / 18.5%

Were the excursions well chosen?
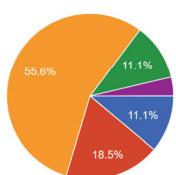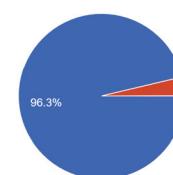
- Yes
- No
- I didn't participate

96.3%

Was the Czech-Austrian contact during the event possible?

● Yes
● No

100%
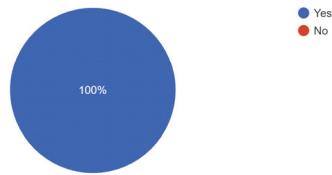
Optional feedback to organizers:

Q: What did you like about the event?
As:

1. Meeting interesting people
2. Lecturers were very accessible outside of the lectures. The organisation/time-management all went very smoothly
3. Everything
4. Very relaxed summer school with friendly people.
5. talks, networking, mentor-student communication
6. Presenters are really open to share their results and knowledge. Moreover, they demonstrate their expertise in the area, which makes it more interesting for us.
7. Participants were very nice. Good sense of community.
8. Pretty much all of it
9. The familiar atmosphere. The openess of the lecturer (you were always able to go to them and talk about several topics)
10. The lectures that were on a really great level and diverse
11. the lecture, the coding challenge, excursion and tour
12. Teachers are professionally can handle their topics, are very open and easy to talk to and exchange their experience and other tipps. Moreover, i was glad to meet very interesting people from different countries and to make new friends
13. The range of lecture topic "expertise requerements" was large, which means that some of the lectures told basic to the ones of us, who are not very experienced with data analysis, while people with deep knowledge on the subject learned interesting stuff during the other part of lectures. You can never satisfy everyone and this event was balanced pretty well in this aspect.
14. The variety of events. There was a realy nice guide to Znojmo and the wine tasting.
15. Topics about deep learning
16. Chance to meet new people from more fields than only IT
17. Organisation, football match and Znojmo trip.
18. Tableau, programming challenge
19. The lectures, meals, excursions
20. Great opportunity to meet new people
21. The excursion to znojmo was nice, most of the lecturese were interesting.
22. opportunity to get to know different cultures

23. A good mixture of practical and theoretical lectures / tasks. The coding challenge was really cool, and all the lecturers were very helpful any time, if I had a question.
24. Lectures, nice atmosphere, excursion, wine tasting
25. I felt that the athmosphere between all participants was very good. The quality of the lectures was very diverse. I very much enjoyed the interactive lectures as well es Pavel Krömer's and Sebastián Basterrech's talks. I would like to especially mentions Sebastian Ratzenböck's efforts in the coding challenge, as he was very dedicated to supervise the students.
26. I liked the data visualisation approach, as this is an aspect I don't deal with regularly. I REALLY liked the coding challenge and the preceeding talk of Sebastian Ratzenboeck. He managed to motivate the concept as well as the theory to tackle the task we should do extraordinarily good.

Q: What did you dislike about the event?
As:

1. Nothing
2. The venue location
3. The degree of difficulty variated a lot between the individual lectures. There were some where everyone could follow the lecture, and others where only a few people understood the main concepts.
4. Chairs in lecture room were extremely uncomfortable to sit on.
5. not enough information about each lecture
6. Sometimes sessions are too long. I'd suggest 45 to 60 minutes presentations, this will result in more sessions and more knowledge.
7. School was already quite advanced. The talks were mainly about state of the art of the research of lecturers or the field. There wasn't enough teaching such that an unknowledgeable person could gain some ground in data science. More exercises on the basics would be very useful in understanding and learning.
8. Sound was not perfect during the lectures, too less vegetables for the not vegetarian meals
9. The difficulty of some lectures were quite high and difficult to follow for someone who is not a computer scientist.
10. Some lectures required deep knowledge of the topic that made it a bit difficult to follow
11. basic extremely like, no dislike
12. Bad location (in the middle of nowhere??), it would be better to choose the location of summer school in Znojmo or different city with beautiful architecture and interesting history and places to explore and experience more Chech culture, museums and art.
13. Some of the lecturers were very difficult to understand, which made it very difficult for me to get much of their lectures.
14. Too few people for a good football match.
15. Sometimes long presentations
16. There is no such thing
17. The vegetarian food was poor. The bad air in the presentation room. Uncomfortable chairs.

Q: Other feedback?
As:

1. The town was nice, but we saw to many towers
2. The excursion was well planned, but some more personal time in the city would have been nice.

3. Trip in Znojmo could be longer
4. Guides were professionals and passionate in their job.
5. tour
6. English guided tour was great, it's always interesting to discover new information and history about towns and places.
7. Znojmo is a nice town to visit.
8. Nice city tour, really good food there
9. I enjoyed the guided excursion as well as the football match a lot.
10. The tour was really informative and entertaining
11. history
12. The excursion to Znojmo was very good as well as Barbecue evening
13. The guided tour was the best part of the excursions.
14. The informations about history of Znojmo.
15. Tour in Znojmo
16. I liked that the programme of it was not very strict and everyone could explore the city as they pleased in the evening
17. Very good organization of excursions in Znojmo and also International football match.
18. The places, the travel guys, the restaurant.
19. The excursion to Znojmo was great. The food there was also nice. It was a shame that we spent almost the whole week in the hotel when there is the beautiful town of Znojmo nearby. Also there were so nice wine cellars nearby The town of Znojmo also has a great swimming pool, instead we went to the pool in the next village.
20. The food was good, the tour was okayish. But it was nice to get out of chvalovice and spend the evening in znojmo.
21. hang out with new friends
22. All the programs were well organized and well chosen in my opinion. It is also cool.to have so many programs in such a short time, thanks for that!
23. I liked the walking tour in Znojmo and the tours.
24. Znojmo is a beautiful town, the tour was nice, but I would have preferred to walk through different parts of the town and not only to the towers. I very much enjoyed the meal at the end of the excursion.
25. I liked the city tour, however I would have appreciated if we could have seen more of the city itself (and less towers). I also liked the typical cultural side of the region.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to share about the event?
As:

1. See you next event!
2. very well super well
3. Thank you for this opportunity! You are a great team!
4. I would like to express my thanks to the organizers, for they really did a wonderful job. There were some small problems during the stay (mostly caused by either misunderstandings or by the participants), and you guys dealt with everything with understanding, patience and grace. Thank you for that, you were awesome. I will be pleased should I be invited to the following year(s).
5. I liked it a lot and would definitely like to attend future seasons of it as well

6. *Anyway, thank you very much for the opportunity to take part in this unique event. Thank you to the organizers and lecturers, I know that there went lots of effort and energy into the organization.*
7. *For the next time, a hotel directly in znojmo would be better.*
8. *I really enjoyed the summer school, and I am thankful that I was accepted to it. My expectation was different about the lectures, but I think the diversity of the group needed a diverse program, and there were lectures that did not help me personally much, but of high quality and I know they were great help for fellow students. The biggest advantage of the week was to be able to connect so many other cool students (and professors!), and see how they think about what they do. A really good and useful experience!*
9. *I see that organising an event like this with a(n assumably) tight budget is not easy.*