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POD Conference Evaluation
Asilomar - Monterey, California
October 25-27, 1984

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Purpose:
To break the ice;
To help participants attend to the 'here and now' of the conference;
To surface any problems which may be corrected on site;
To increase one-to-one and small group interaction;
To give closure;
To give the participants, the Core Committee, and future conference planners appropriate information.

Procedure:

Thursday, October 25, 1984 (purple)

EXPECTATIONS: As persons arrive at registration, through the first gathering and wine tasting hour to before dinner, have them find a partner and interview each other and write answers down. Questions, on purple half sheets of paper, to be dropped in collection box before dinner; one sheet per participant:

1. What one single thing influenced your coming to this POD Conference the most?

2. What is the worst thing that could happen for you at the Conference?

3. What is the best thing that could happen for you at the Conference?

4. What will your contribution be to the Conference?

Evaluators will pick these up immediately, analyze them, and could have a short, maybe even witty report prior to the guest speaker; or without wittiness could be posted on newsprint.

Friday, October 26, 1984 (green)

IN MEDIAS RES: Participants will be asked via interviews in small groups with results written down (one green sheet per group) the following:

1. What is going well for you at the Conference?

2. What is not going well for you at the Conference?

3. Give one suggestion for next year's conference committee.

_____

4. Are you interested in running for the Core Committee? (Recorded on a list)

The interviewing would work by a pass-it-along system using pocket folders. Starting with five volunteers (Cories or nonCories) each would call together 3 other participants (breaks, lunch, beach, tennis court, bar, etc.) and interview them using a single sheet of paper to record their answers. Time 5-10 minutes. (Not necessary to work for consensus.) When finished, one person in the group would be asked to volunteer (or would be slipped the black spot!) who then would call together 3 more participants and start the cycle over. Six rounds theoretically would produce data from ninety participants. (Suspect, tho', that it would be fairly entangled before then.) Green sheets collected as soon as interview is completed. (Convenient box?) Process should be over before evening's revels.

Evaluators monitor process and feedback to see if anything needs to be acknowledged immediately.

Saturday, October 27, 1984 (yellow)

NOTE: We want to remain somewhat flexible for the final evaluation activity, given the conference, the setting, and the attendance at the barbeque. Therefore, we may not do #1 at all and modity #2 to involve a group activity.

#1 VALUE LINE At the evening barbeque participants will be asked to take positions along a line indicating their feelings of gains from the conference:

Some gains _____ Great gains

Each person will compare experiences with 2-3 others. Share in total group as they wish. (Evaluators take notes.)

#2 IMAGES

Since California is the land of color and action, we will ask several (3-6) persons (newcomers, moderate activitiests, maybe an elder) to select a color, an image and/or a sound which best represts their experience at Asilomar. They will be asked sometime during the conference so that they can be ready to share their images and feelings with the group as a whole.

#3 HAND-IN

From Saturday noon on, the following evaluations will be available for filling out:

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Please indicate the amount of personal growth or gain you experienced as a result of having attended this conference. Circle a number or put an "X" on the line to express your sense of personal gain:

(Little)		(Significant)		(Tremendous)
1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

After the conference is over, the evaluators would summarize the evaluation, reflecting the process by which it was gathered, and prepare both a short report for the quarterly newsletter and whatever kind of report would be useful for the Core and 1985 conference committees.

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GREETINGS: FIND ANOTHER PERSON WHOM YOU DO NOT KNOW AND CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW. WRITE THE ANSWERS THE PERSON GIVES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. ALL INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE DINNER.

ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

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LOOK FOR MARKED DROP SPOTS TO LEAVE QUESTIONNAIRE AS SOON AS YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR INTERVIEW.

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In a group of 3, with a 4th person serving as a facilitator and recorder, decide on the answers to these questions:

1. What moments of insight or "peak experiences" have you had so far--or what is going well for you at the Conference?

2. What is not going so well for you at the Conference? What might be changed or modified?

3. Give one suggestion for next year's Conference Committee:

(For complete instructions, see sheet attached to the folder.)

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