

SUBJECT: ALI 2001 Survey Comments

Unsolicited comments, listed here in random order, as taken from the reverse of the ALI 2001 Assessment form (Part 2):

1. Good sessions / good job by planners & speakers
2. Fantastic contractor support!
3. Wednesday [6 June] was the best one day I have ever attended at an ALI - The Program was wonderful - and that doesn't take away from other excellent speakers and topics on the other days.
4. Excellent coordination: smooth running and stayed on time - excellent --

Hotel reservations: weren't really reservations - I made them about a month in advance and on arrival they still shuttle rooms to accommodate us - I ended up on a pull-out sofa in a smoking room --

Perhaps there should be group activities during the week (evenings) for those of us who leave on Friday - or perhaps advanced announcements of those sorts of activities so people may make appropriate travel plans

5. Dr. Janes is a wonderful speaker - please ask him again. Is there a possibility of getting his lectures (others, as well as this presentation) for video training? If so, could it be made available to us via DA Library web page?)

Wonderful location for conference. So many things to see within walking distance, good hotel service

6. Liked all major sessions at one time/place. MACOM not enough give & take -- ?more time needed - Good to have lots of free time esp here but maybe one group social event opportunity

is OK - Great materials in one book. I assume the presenters materials may be put up on the Site. More video? Esp Dr. Janes' etc.

7. Very impressed with quality of programs and speakers

8. Although I am with the Air Force, I gained so much knowledge that can be applied to my library. Thank you for letting me infiltrate your conference. Your topics and presentations were right-on-point.

9. Allow stretch breaks in middle of long classes (over 1 hour)

Excellent program topics and speakers this year. Thanks!

10. Amount of food at breaks inadequate - it runs out before all can be served. This is a special problem for me with the continental breakfast as I am diabetic.

ALI has been an excellent program

11. Best ALI I've been to in 20 years - Thursday [?Wednesday 6 June] was a high water mark!!

Kudos to the organizing committee and thanks for all the hard work.

12. Earl was great! [?Earl]

13. Very good program - very relevant

14. About videotaping. These ALIs should be video taped completely. This means (1) arrangements/clearances with speakers; (2) professional videographics or arrangement with a local PAO depending upon location of Institute); and (3) MACOMs would be responsible for distribution of copies of tapes.

15. Need refreshments on same level as meetings for persons who have difficulty climbing/going down stairs

16. Only problem with [ALI] in conjunction with a major conference for a large library is rotational aspect that we use to allow all professionals to attend a professional conference a year. And, command's lack of desire to send more than one person to anyone conference. But for small libraries or overseas, could be more cost effective, though saw few overseas librarians at ALI-SLA as opposed to ALI-ALA.

17. Excellent conference.

18. Barbara [Christine] needs more time to cover specific topics, i.e., UREP, Strategic Plan, etc. Great Books session interesting, but not as directly applicable as program-specific info

MACOM meeting would have been more helpful w/ updates by each installation. No agenda for meeting - a terrible waste of a great opportunity. Not much new info shared unfortunately

Perhaps more CP34 and IM Track info than necessary. Too much overlap.

Overall - what a fabulous program - best ALI ever!

19. I like the idea of being able to attend 2 events ALI and a major library assoc. meeting - HOWEVER the practicalities are enormous - Boss's don't want you gone that long and 2 weeks plus. They may let you attend part of the major event but not all of it. They would rather you go to separate times rather longer. Doesn't make sense economically. This was the best ALI yet!! Keep up the good work. Speakers especially good.

20. The First Day (Wednesday) was the Best I've ever had at an ALI (this is the 11th of 14 past including this year plus one I was at for 1 day only) even if it was spread over 4 days!!

Breaks - need one 50-60 minutes.

Hotel was really Good in basics (Loved the elevator switches, etc.

[answer to last question on survey form about "what was most important to you in deciding whether to attend ALI 2001] "Other" _ Budget and convincing the BOSS _ Yes, but SLA's programs and exhibits don't start until Sunday night! My 'neutral or satisfied' usually had 50 percent of info worth it. Therefore good.