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PST SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND AGM 2022 VENUE (TOWN) SELECTION SURVEY REPORT

- PST Excom and Organising Committee





Acknowledgment

- *Thank you all (pharmacists) who took time to respond to the survey*
- *Much appreciations to Mr. Makame (BPharm 4 Student – MUHAS) for assisting in setting up the online survey*





Repository of Survey Data

- The raw data of the survey is handled by PST General Secretary office and can be obtained anytime upon request.
- Contact Pharm Benson Katundu +255 767 991 213





Background

- This survey was conducted to provide the Annual General Meeting (AGM) committee with pharmacists opinion on the next city for the AGM since this was not agreed during the last AGM
- A number of concerns from AGM participants and the general pharmacists' population, on the manner and transparency of AGM venue (town) selection process were raised post last AGM, one of them being the increasing number of professionals in other towns/zones.





Survey Objectives

- **Primary Objectives:** to get expected participants' opinion on preferred AGM 2022 town and the indication of participation fee.
- **Specific Objectives:**
 - ✓ Pharmacists' views on being part of PST
 - ✓ Pharmacists' views on need and expectations for AGM and Scientific Conferences
 - ✓ Pharmacists' willingness to support the AGM and Scientific Conferences





Method

- An online self administered **google** simple questionnaire was used to collect data
- No sampling, the questionnaire was shared to pharmacists via WhatsApp groups Pro 1-4, Southern Highlands, PST members and others
- Data automatically entered into excel and charts generated.





Response Rate and Responses

- This survey method resulted in a total of 239 responses
- The overall response analysis indicate a diverse geographical sample, missed out are responses from south regions of Lindi, Mtwara and Njombe.
- Of 239 respondents, 122(51%) came from Dar es salaam, 36(15%) came from Lake zone regions and 33(14%) came from Dodoma

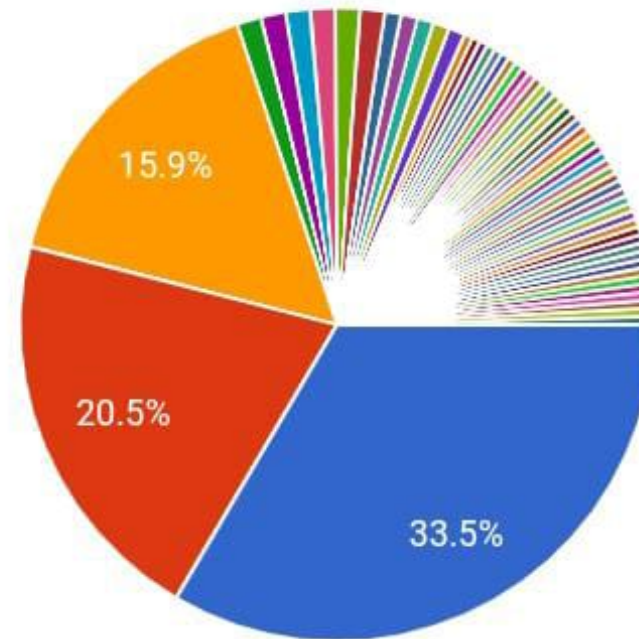


Practice

- Majority of respondents (33.5%) work in Hospitals
- 30.1% responses came from pharmacists working in areas other than Hospital, Community Pharmacy and Management

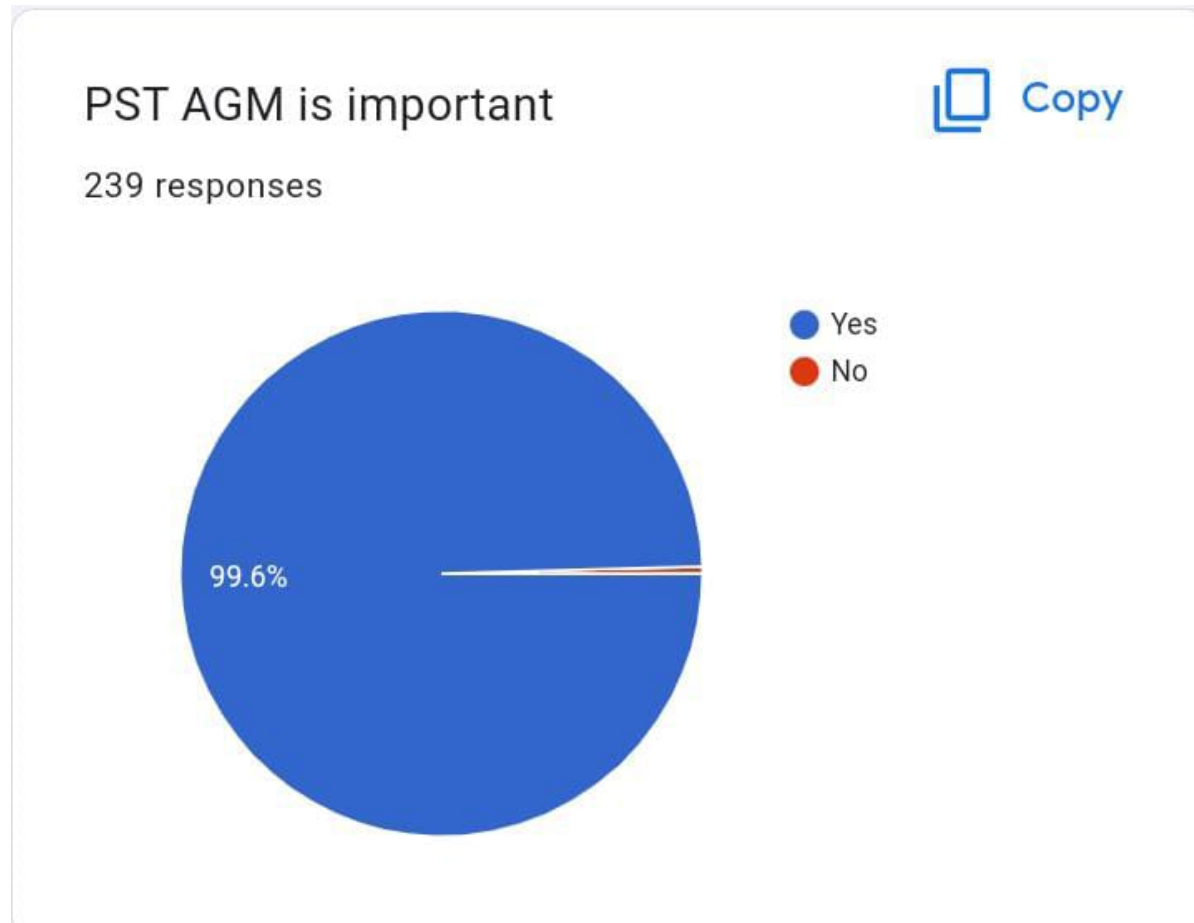
Main Area of Practice

239 responses



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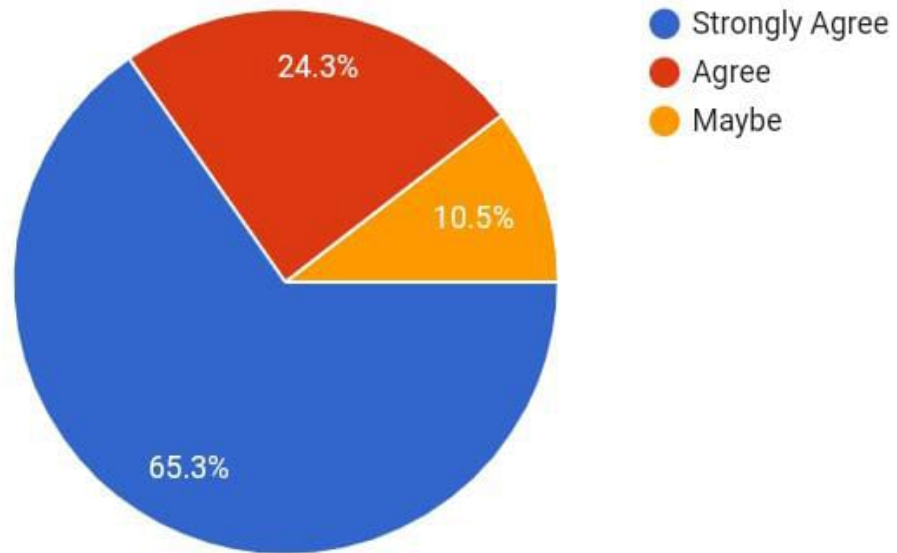
Importance of AGM



- Positive response on importance of AGM came out clearly from 99.6% of all respondents
- A good sign for AGM2022 success

I will attend the PST AGM 2022

239 responses



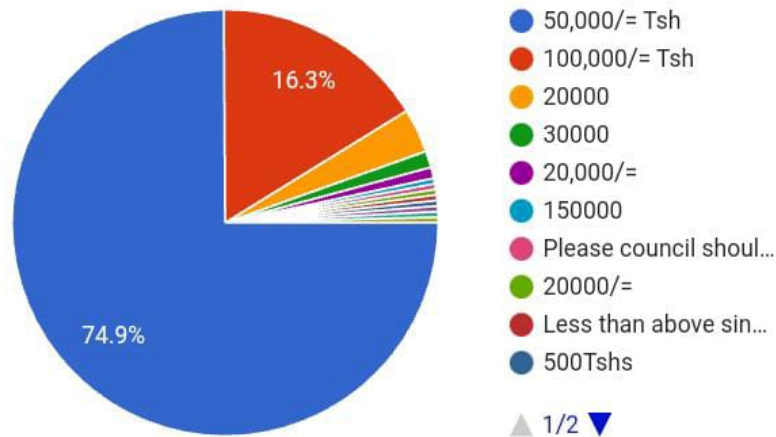
- 89.6% respondents are ready to attend the AGM 2022

Scientific Conference and AGM Participation Fee

I am willing to contribute participation fee of for the scientific conference that is planned during AGM



239 responses

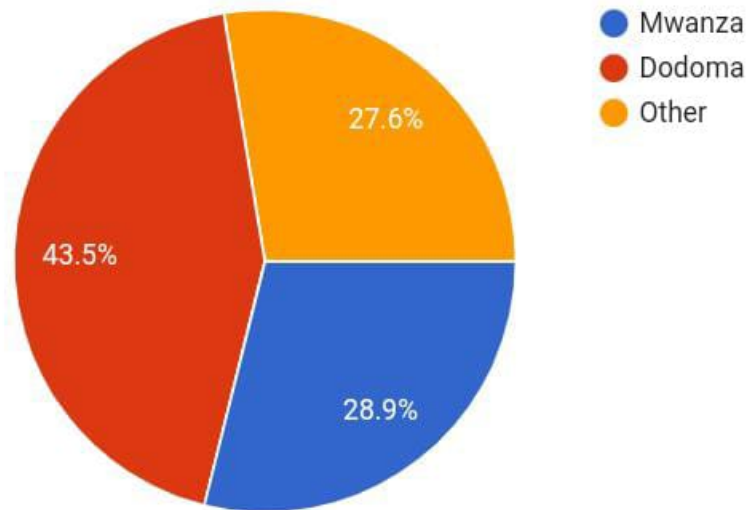


- Majority (74.9%) are willing to contribute 50,000/= TSh as a 3 days Scientific Conference and AGM participation fee.
- Although on a lower side, if we are aiming at the kind of expectation we are seeing in survey results

Scientific Conference and AGM 2022 Town/City

What is your preferred destination for AGM 2022

239 responses

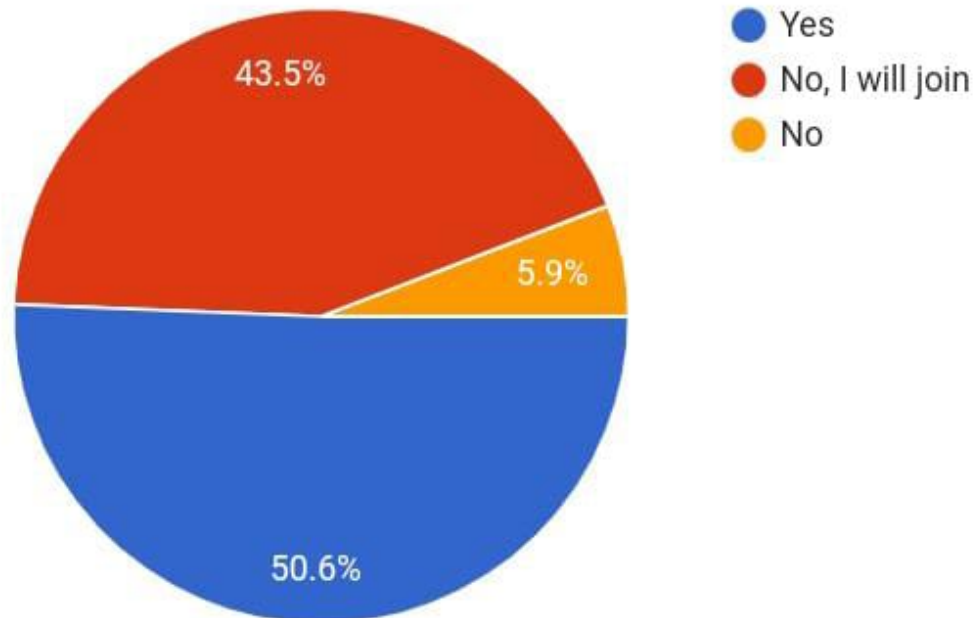


- Dodoma is preferred by majority 43.5% of respondents
- In the “Other” option 66 (28%) responded of which 36 only preferred Dar es salaam

Ready to be Part of PST

Are you Active PST member

239 responses



- 94.1% of respondents are either active members or willing to be active members
- A good sign of a strong PST ahead



Other recommendations

- Early planning is key to success, including invitations and permission letters
- Need for high level guest of honor
- Proper and exhaustive sensitization/marketing is needed to get a big number of participants
- Must be value adding, relevant and realistic for all
- Theme, topics and able presenters will make it a great Conference and AGM
- Make it more scientific and strategic
- Audited Reports for past year, Unaudited report for current year and Budget for coming year should and must be part of AGM proceedings
- Venue selection is key





- There should be recognitions of pharmacists and partners who have contributed to the development of the profession
- AGM should be held in different region/zones in rotation
- Include pharmacists authored scientific papers for discussion during the meeting
- There should be arrangements for socializing and connecting





Limitations

- No sampling and therefore no control of respondents
- Self reporting may affect integrity of responses and correct interpretation of questions
- Responses showed geographical diverse, although some regions were disproportionately represented
- Selected means of questionnaire distribution may leave out many pharmacist





Conclusions

- The Scientific Conference and AGM 2022 will take place in **Dodoma**
- Participation fees recommended at **50,000/= TShs** (***The Organising Committee to advise based on venue costs and sponsorship expectations***)
- **Timely preparations and Scientific and Strategic execution** holds key to success of the event and lasting impact on profession





SAVE THE DATE

- Three Days event **23rd – 25th November 2022**
- ✓ 2 days Scientific Conference 23rd and 24th November
- ✓ 1 day AGM 25th November





Guest of Honor

- The Organising committee to communicate
- Opinion from survey on Guest of Honor will be highly considered





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