



PDC2020 - Manizales, Col

Report from General chair and Program chairs

Overview

Authors in the conference from 39 countries (list was organised based on their affiliations):

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Turkey, UK, USA.

→ *We would have liked to have a stronger Asian and African presence.*

→ *We don't have a list of all the countries, worldviews, genders, beliefs, affiliations, hearts and souls represented by the participants, but we're sure they're many.*

Overview

- Brazil, Colombia, other LatAm countries: conferences do not always count towards research production; quantitative production research system (favours journal); limited resources;
- Good presence of young researchers (* pro)

Overview

Program Committee with representation from 30 countries (list organised based on members affiliations):

Argentina (1), Australia (7), Austria (2) , Belgium (6) , Brazil (13), Canada (2), Colombia (21), Denmark (19), Egypt (1), Estonia (1), Finland (8), Germany (1), Greece (1), India (1), Italy (2), Korea (1), Lesotho (1), Mexico (2), Namibia (1), New Zealand (2), Norway (2), Paraguay (2), Peru (2), Puerto Rico (1), South Africa (1), Spain (1), Sweden (4), Trinidad & Tobago (1), UK (11), USA (14).

Overview - Participants

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| Professionals based outside Latin America | 120 |
| Professionals based in Latin America | 45 |
| Students based outside Latin America | 112 |
| Students based in Latin America | 55 |
| Guests (Keynotes / Funders -Renata, Ministry of Culture Mayor of Manizales, etc / Press) | 20 |
| Staff and Students of Universidad de Caldas and Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano (Funded by U) | 365 |
| TOTAL PARTICIPANTS (Estimation from the total of 1470 registered for the whole Festival Internacional de la Imagen) | 717 |
| Production team (complete team of the Festival - not all involved in PDC) | 41 (already counted in above) |
| PDC Scholarships: David Hakken Award, Student Volunteers and Artful Integrators Award | 34 (already counted in above) |

Overview - Zoom rooms/webinars (counted from individual zoom entries)

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| FP1 - Joining Places | 342 |
| FP5 - Thinking/Making Otherwise | 340 |
| Gladys Tzul Tzul Keynote | 417 |
| FP4 - Spaces for Dialogue | 349 |
| FP8 - Artful Entanglements | 246 |
| FP3 - Spatial Agencies | 282 |
| FP2 - Learning in Dialogue | 281 |
| BA1 - Socio-Political Context for Transf. | 142 |
| EXP1 - Making Otherwise | 145 |
| EXP2 - Platforms for Participation | 84 |
| EXP3 - (Re)turning | 80 |

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| EXP4 - Spatial Agencies | 70 |
| BA2 - Architecture As Action | 106 |
| C1 - A Carrier Bag Theory of More than Listening | 82 |
| C2 - Generating a Participatory Design Pluri-Glossary | 63 |
| C3 - Racialized design: developing a vocabulary of shared intention in design | 35 |
| C4 - The Politics of Nature. Designing for an Ontological Turn - webinar | 257 |
| UPDATED UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING | |

Reflections

Plurilingual Conference (1/2)

We wanted to create a bridge between theoretical bodies of knowledge and practices that hardly meet each other.

We added 2 additional languages (Portuguese and Spanish).

We acknowledge that there's a limitation when it comes to translation both during the conference and in relation to the published papers.
Did we really contribute to expanding PD beyond language barriers?
Could have we done something different?

Our community is willing to work towards a world with many centers.

Reflections

Plurilingual Conference (2/2)

Future:

which other theoretical bodies of knowledge and practices (e.g due to language / epistemological barriers) we still need to bridge?

Publication effort and differences:

ACM boundaries required an additional publisher (vol 3), which might imply future differences in impact (ACM and U de Caldas' publication)

ACM not necessarily open access // represents a particular tradition not always inclusive of others (Should other venues be explored?)

Reflections

Papers' peer Review Process

- 134 programme committee members (FP, ES, PT, EXP)
- 21 additional reviewers (EXP)
- FP EN, ES, PT - 2 rounds review process
- **860** reviews (460 FP EN, ES, PT and 400 EXP) and **290** meta-reviews (A huge community effort)
- Mostly good quality reviews, but pockets of incomprehension persist

Fee

- PDC Community is open to regionally-targeted fees! We manage to offer inclusive / regionally-targeted fees with support from ImagenFest local sponsors (fee for retirees was not included in the proposal to the University council on time and was difficult to implement afterwards)
- possibly, this allowed more people to participate

Reflections

Online Conference in Pandemic conditions

Switching from F2F was definitely a challenge

- particularly for Workshops (3 withdrew) and Situated Actions
- a consistent addition in the amount of work for everybody: to consider, explore, test, and decide about online participation formats (special task force)
- to be mindful of the impact of our decisions: i.e. limitations to participation; we added an extra work-load to all authors by asking e.g pre-recorded presentation videos; tested limits/limited internet connections of everyone
- readiness to try out online meeting spaces such as Mozilla Hubs / Discord
- Limitations on networking and social interaction spaces

We were lucky to have a professional production team (because of co-location with the Festival, this made it possible to pull tech savvy resources) Thanks FESTIVAL DE LA IMAGEN and U de Caldas - we could have not pull these in other circumstances and with such a tight timeframe.

Reflections

Online Conference in Pandemic conditions

Switching to online also brought new interesting practices

- A video repository of presentations openly accessible (interesting to keep as a practice)
- A distributed doctoral colloquium with more role for participants themselves
- Good diversity in key tracks (e.g.: SP and BA)
- Good amount of documentation that can be shared (conference manual, student volunteers manual, etc)
- Some new channels/ideas to consider for keeping community alive in-between conferences
- Loads of learning and capacity building to move forward - PD community is not mainstream but strong and willing to learn together

Reflections (AB meeting 26.06.20)

VIRTUAL FORMATS

- Zoom
 - Safety issues
 - 1 Troll at C4
 - Webinar vs. regular Zoom room
 - Chat
 - Q&A
 - Micromanaging
 - Roles
 - Training
 - Exchange with technical team

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VIRTUAL FORMATS

- Hubs (Resource brought through community membership Daria as part of both AB and PC);
 - Distributed responsibilities
 - Tech team at U de Caldas
 - Student Volunteers
 - Admin rights
 - Troll
 - Technical issues
 - Instability and imprevisibility (sorted in the end)
 - Additional costs BUT Grant from Mozilla

Reflections (AB meeting 26.06.20)

ORGANISATION

Overall organization:

- Consider different
 - Cultural systems
 - Resources
 - Time management
- Chairs
 - What do we expect about each track?
 - Lack of engagement and contribution of some
 - How to make chair's engagement better?

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CONFERENCE

- Keynotes
 - Gladys and Arturo provided an interesting platform for discussing participation(s) otherwise
 - Arturo was present in other spaces (i.e, C4 and one of the festival's own conversations) and Gladys contributed with a seminar at U de Caldas
- Tracks
 - FP - EXP
 - Chairs of the tracks played key role (and did excellent work)
 - Prepared questions
 - Communicated with authors
 - Were able to manage Zoom
 - Authors responded

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CONFERENCE

- Tracks
 - WS and SA
 - Some had issues adapting to the online format
 - Some even dropped out
 - SP
 - Set-up worked fine
 - Visiting numbers were not as high as we would have liked them to be
 - Conversations
 - Three used zoom room and one a webinar
 - One was a large one without number limits
 - Good variety of contributions in all tracks

Reflections (AB meeting 26.06.20)

CONFERENCE

- Tracks
 - Some authors didn't provide their videos/subtitles in time (but most did!)
 - Some authors writing in ES/PT expressed concerns about the conference not being inclusive enough, mixing of languages work to some extent, but more needs to be done
 - Time zones: Australia and NZ had issues with sleep :P

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REVIEW PROCESS -

- Guidelines for reviewing in PDC were updated
- Conftool settings of 2018 were recycled (and updated/ documented)
- Meta-review: nex time should be set up as a clearly separate field in the form!

COMMUNICATION PROCESS

- E-mail
- WhatsApp
- Telegram
- Discord

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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

- Excellent chairs (After bumpy start)
 - Cheat-sheet and Volunteers' manual created
 - Organisation
 - Time allocation
 - Training sessions (more is required when moving online)

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*We thank you all for **your hard work***

*We thank you for **your commitment***

*We thank you for **being present***

*We thank you for **experimenting with us***

*We thank you for **your kindness***

*We thank you for **your patience***

*We thank you for **your critical views and difficult conversations***

*We thank you for **the diversity that you bring to the world***

*We thank you for **sharing who you are and what you do with PDC 2020***

THANK YOU, WONDERFUL BEINGS!