

# 2015 Survey of ENHR Members

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## Introduction

This report summarises the results of the survey of ENHR members that was conducted in the second half of 2015. 397 members (39%) responded and 327 (32%) completed the survey. In the following report, we present the respondents' backgrounds then their views of involvement in ENHR activities.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Who responded to the survey?

- 205 respondents are institutional members (25% of this group), and 172 are individual members (83% of this group).
- Most respondents are between 21 and 60 years old with a near equal division between 4 age bands. Only a few respondents are younger than 21 or older than 60.
- Almost as many women as men responded to the survey.
- Most members' countries are represented in the survey.
- The dominant academic backgrounds are geography, sociology, economics and architecture.
- Most respondents are researchers, followed by lecturers.
- Most respondents have been members for less than five years, followed more than five and less than ten years.

### ENHR activities

- The most frequently mentioned involvement with ENHR activities is using the website occasionally (220 respondents – 67% of all those responding) then reading the newsletter occasionally and involvement in running a working group. 133 respondents (41%) attend the main annual conference occasionally. Fewest respondents visit the ENHR group on Facebook regularly.
- Respondents view the annual ENHR conference, opportunities for networking, and participating in working group as most important. The New Housing Researcher Conference is viewed as least important of all the activities.

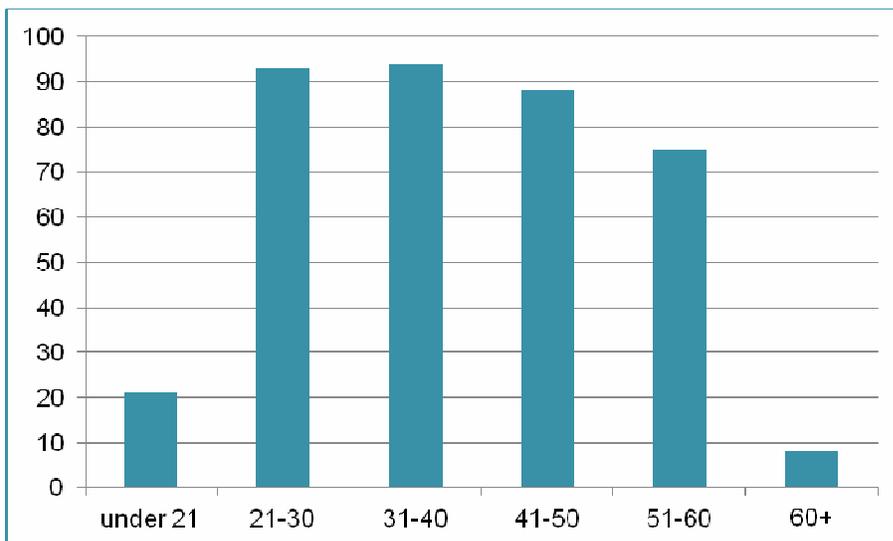
- Most respondents are most satisfied with all the ENHR activities, particularly the ENHR conference and communication from the ENHR office.
- Most of the respondents participated in the Edinburgh conference. The longer we go back, the fewer have participated in conferences.
- The two dominant reasons for attending conferences are the opportunities to meet other researchers and to present a paper in a workshop then opportunities for networking and for meeting old and new colleagues.
- 'Other reasons' are most frequently mentioned for not attending followed by 'financial support was not available' and that there have been 'personal reasons' for attending. Only a few respondents expressed the view that the cost of travelling to the conference and the conference fee were too high.
- Five respondents who expressed the view that the conference fee is too high provided opinions. 3 respondents suggested a fee of between 150 and 200 Euros; two of 200-300 Euros and one of 300-400 Euros.

## MAIN REPORT

### Who responded to the survey?

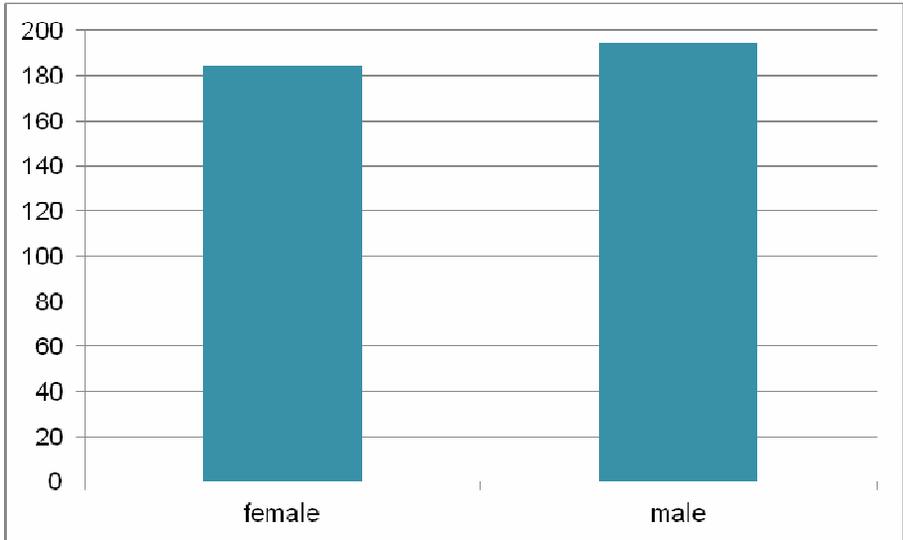
In this section we report data on the respondents' background. In Table 1, the age distribution of respondents is presented. Most respondents are between 21 and 60 years old with a near equal division between 4 age bands. Only a few respondents are younger than 21 or older than 60.

**Table 1. Age distribution of respondents. N=379**



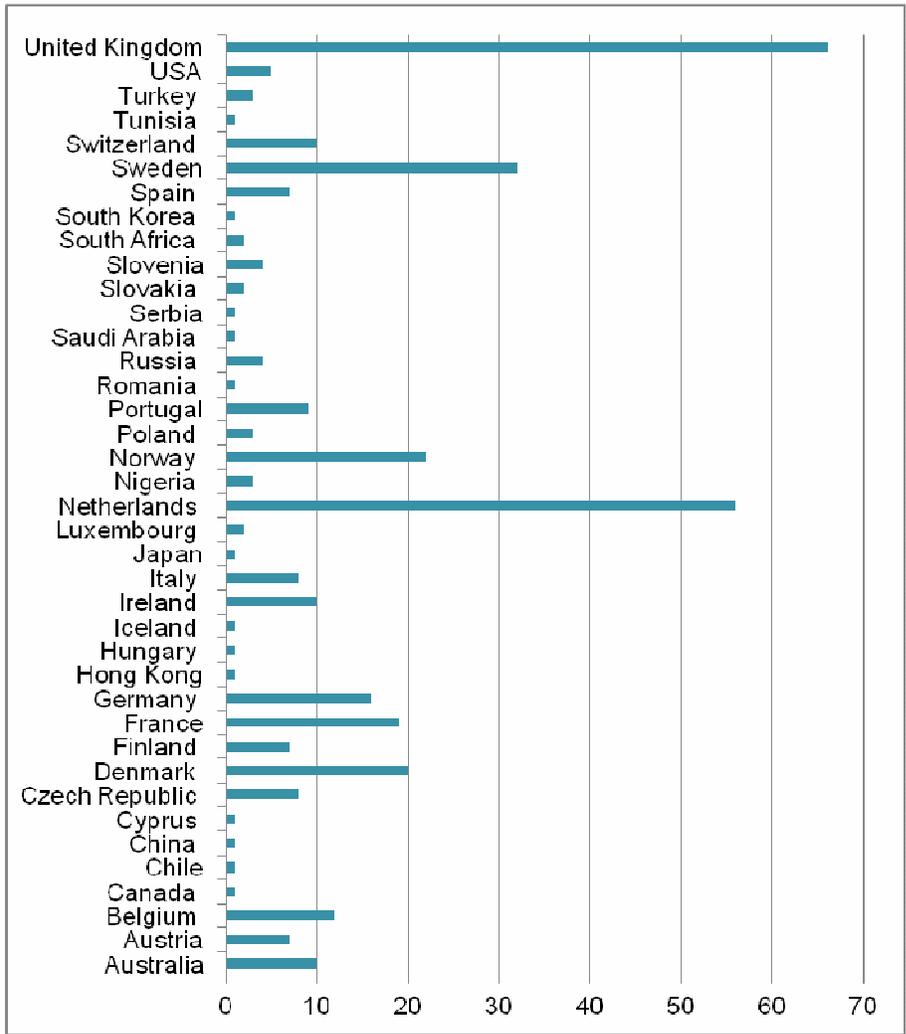
In Table 2 we see that as many women as men have responded to the survey.

**Table 2. Gender of respondents. N=378**



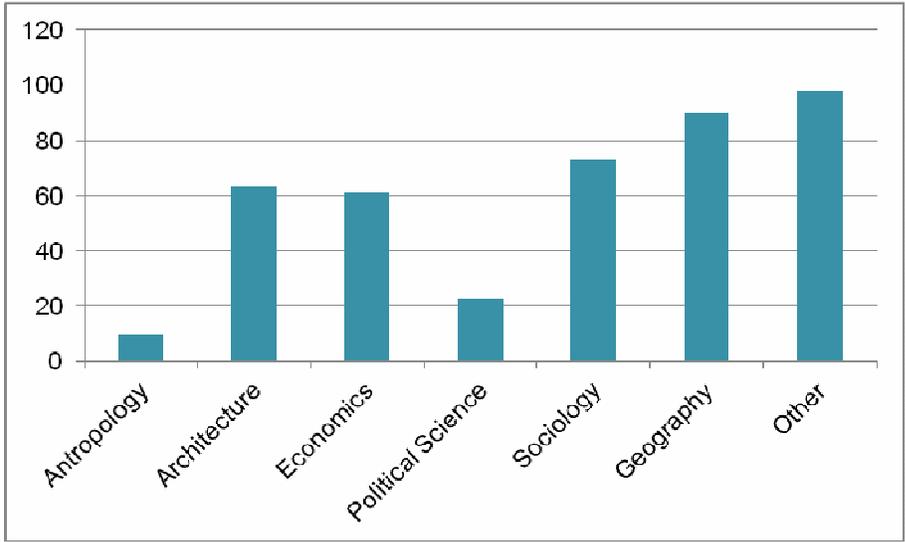
In Table 3, the respondents' base of country is presented. It appears that most members' countries are represented in the survey.

**Table 3. In which country is the respondent based?**



In Table 4 we see the respondents' academic background. The dominant backgrounds are geography, sociology, economics and architecture. Respondents who put other backgrounds are mainly urban planners.

**Table 4. Academic background**



In Table 5, respondents' occupational background is presented. Most respondents are researchers, followed by lecturers.

**Table 5. Occupational background**

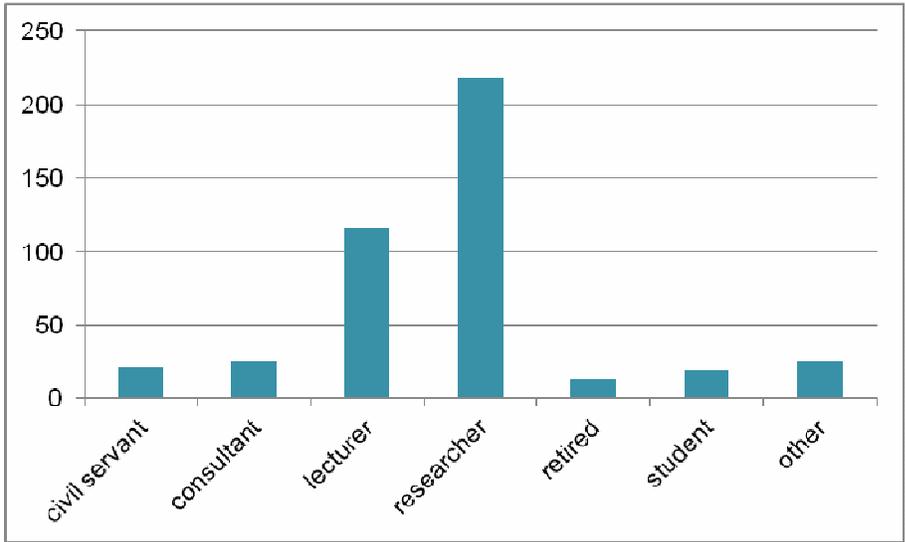


Table 6 shows how long respondents have been members of ENHR. Most respondents have been members for less than five years, followed by more than five and less than ten years.

**Table 6. Duration of membership**

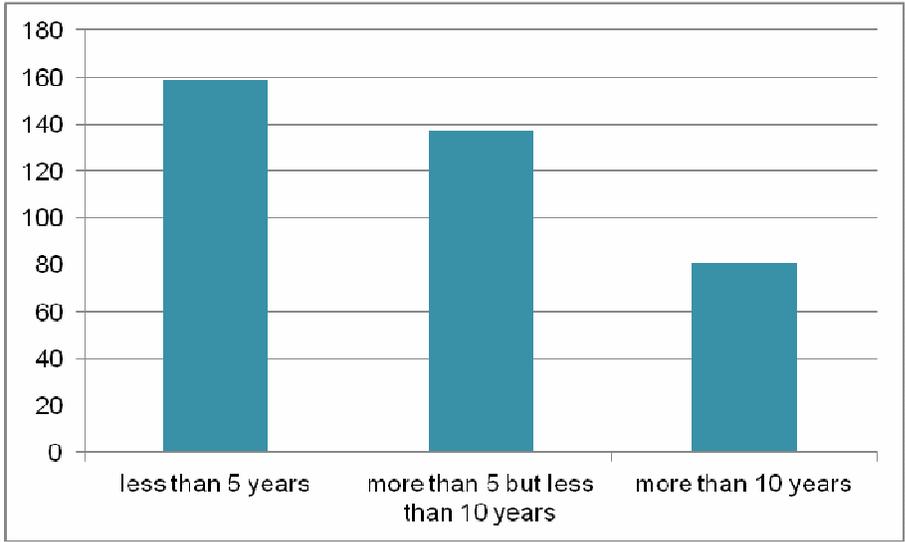
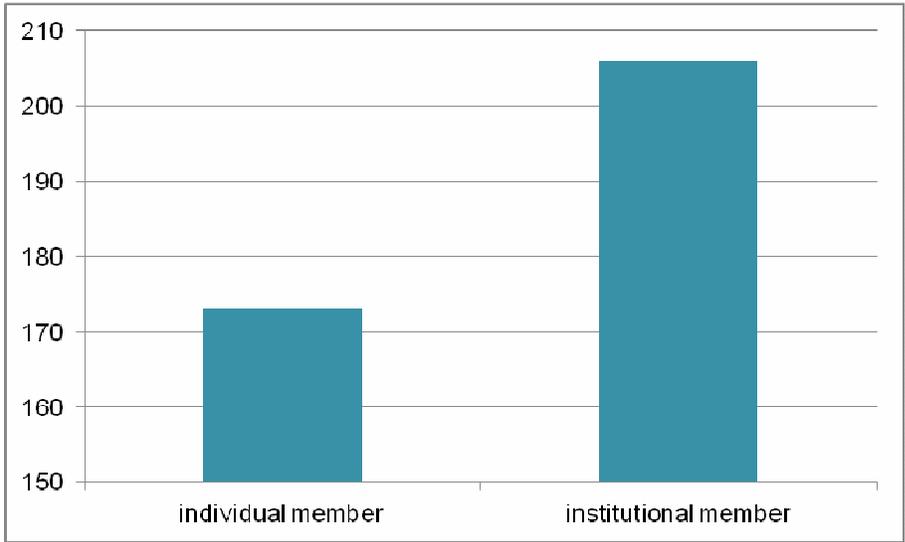


Table 7 shows the type of membership among the respondents. 205 respondents are institutional members, and 172 are individual members.

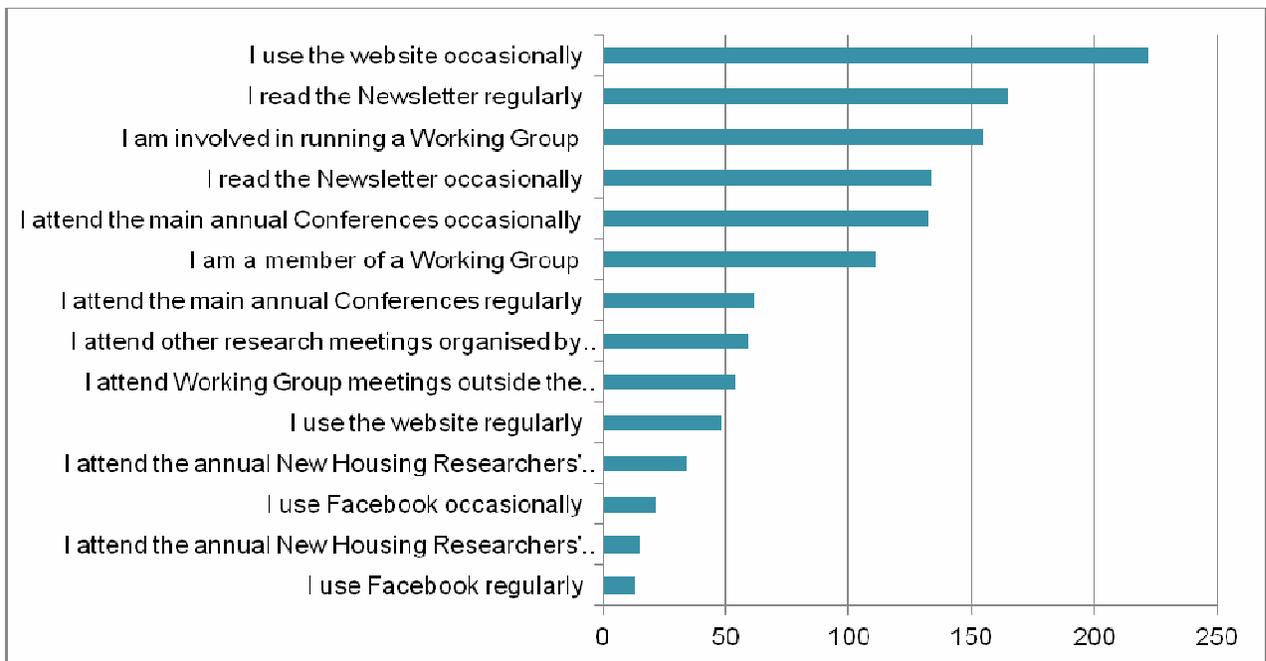
**Table 7. Institutional or individual membership**



## ENHR activities

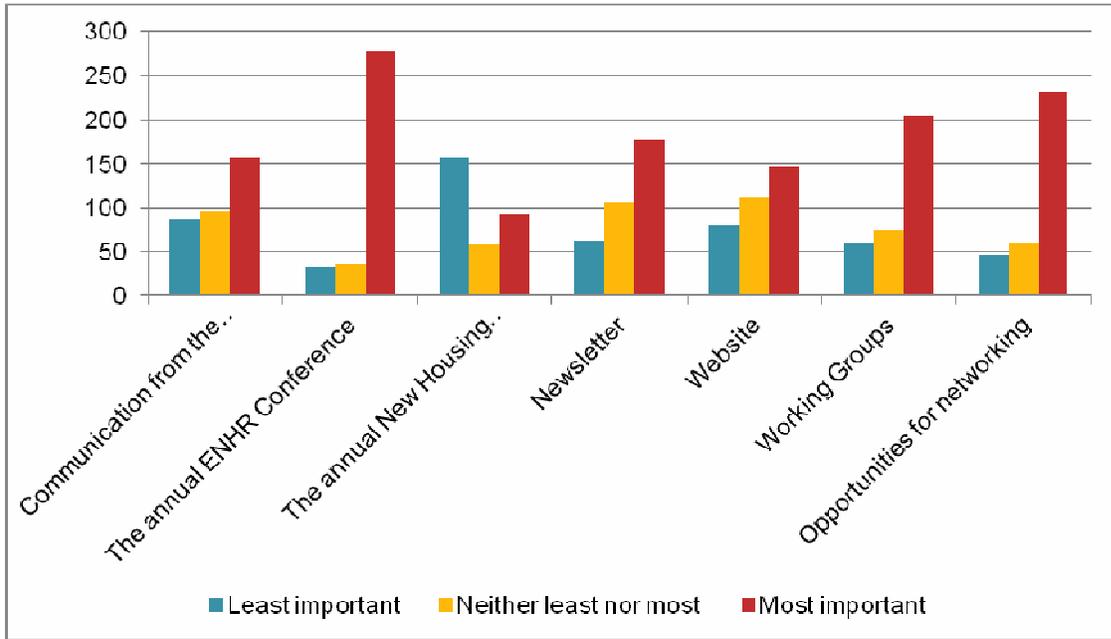
The respondents have been asked about their involvement with ENHR activities. In Table 8, we see that most members (220 respondents) use the website occasionally. Hereafter, it is reading the newsletter occasionally and running a working group. 133 respondents attend the main annual conference occasionally. Fewest respondents visit the ENHR group on Facebook regularly.

**Table 8. Involvement with ENHR activities.**



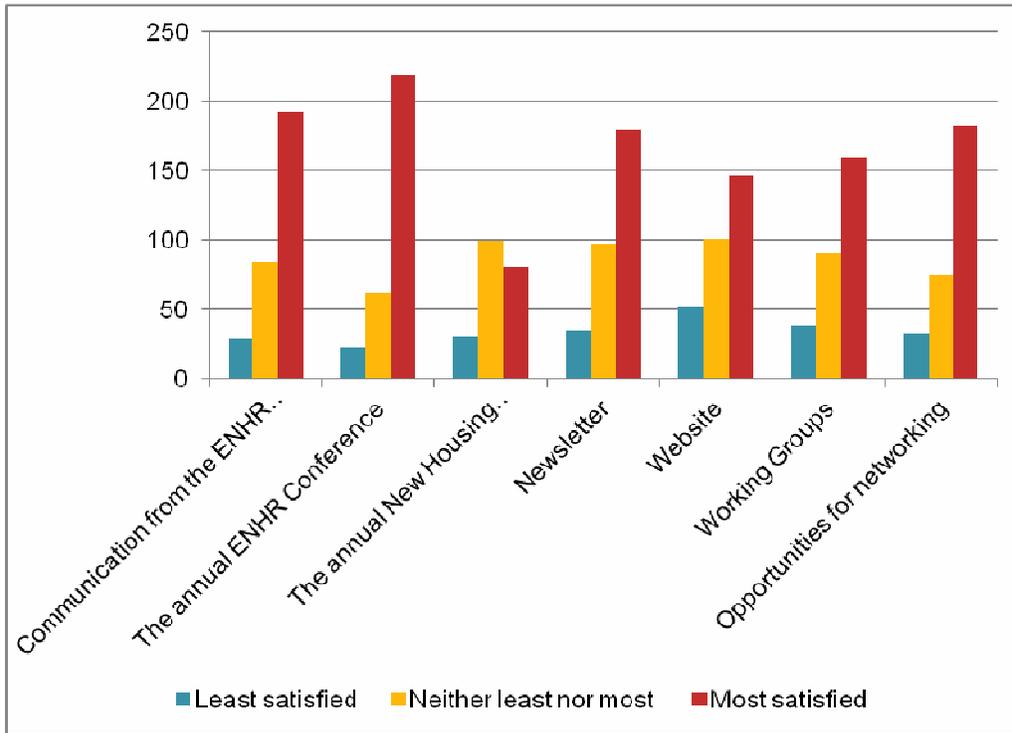
In Table 9 we present how important the respondents' see different ENHR activities. In general, the respondents clearly view the annual ENHR conference, opportunities for networking, and participating in working group as most important.

**Table 9. Importance of ENHR activities**



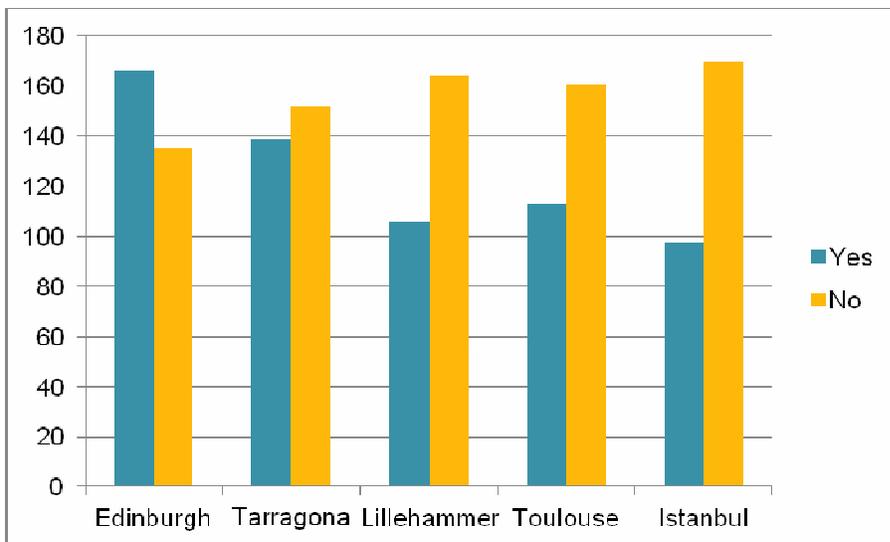
In Table 10 we see how satisfied the respondents are with ENHR activities. Most respondents are most satisfied with all the ENHR activities, particularly the ENHR conference and the communication from the ENHR office.

**Table 10. Satisfaction with ENHR activities**



In Table 11, the respondents' attendance to conferences the last 5 years is presented. Most of the respondents have participated in Edinburgh. The longer we go back in conferences, the fewer have participated.

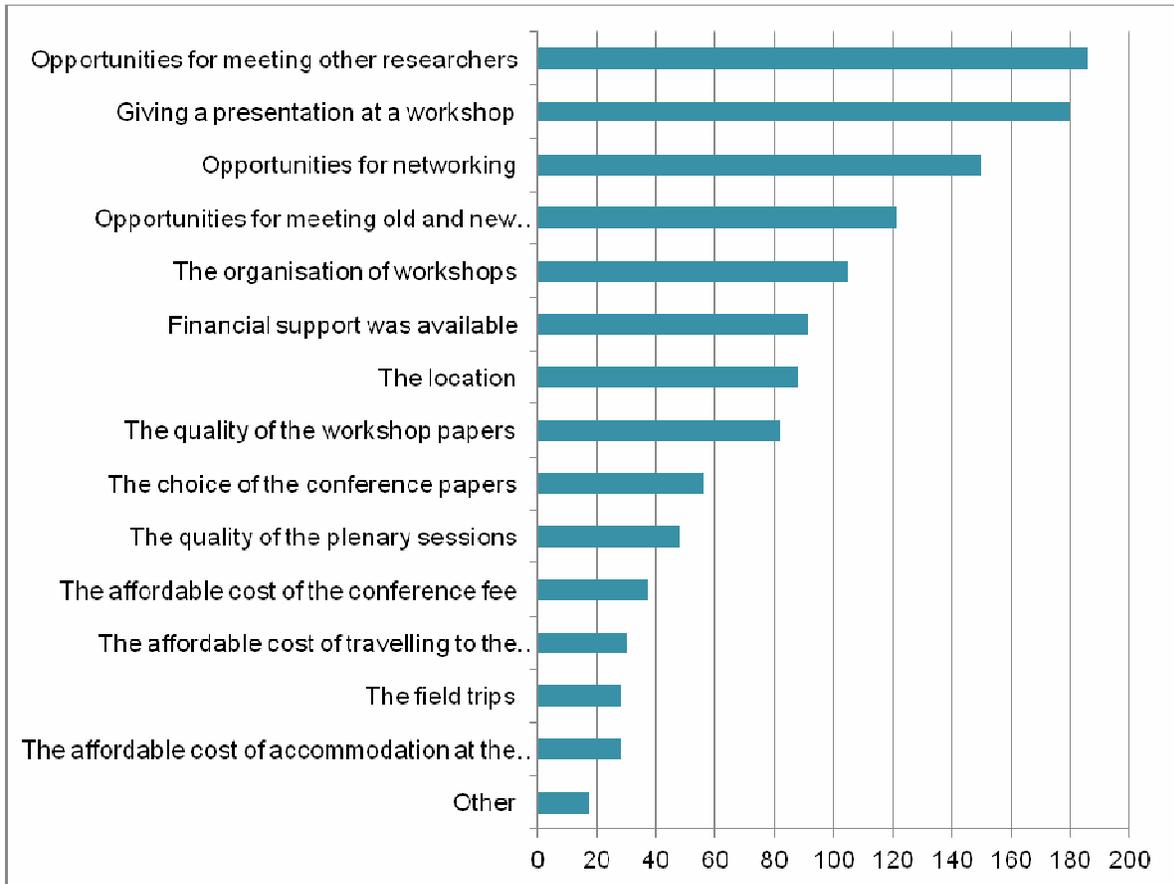
**Table 11. Attendance at conferences in the last 5 years**



In Table 12, respondents' reasons for attending conferences are presented. The two dominant reasons for attending conferences are the opportunities to meeting other

researchers and to present a paper in a workshop. Hereafter follows opportunities for networking and for meeting old and new colleagues. So, the general picture is that respondents attend ENHR conference, primarily, in order to network.

**Table 12. Reasons for attending conferences**



Respondents who have not attended one of the last five conferences have been asked for their reasons for not attending. In Table 13, these reasons are presented. We see that 'other reasons' are most frequently mentioned for not attending followed by financial support was not available and that there have been personal reasons for attending. Only a few respondents express that the cost of travelling to the conference and conference fee is too high.

**Table 13. Reasons for not attending conferences**



Those respondents, who have expressed that the conference fee is too high, have also been asked about their opinions about the size of fee. Only five respondents have answered this question. 3 respondents answer that a fee between 150-200 Euros is in favour, two others say 200-300 Euros, and 300-400 Euros.

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