



Outcomes of 2018 ANMS-ISPO Membership survey

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1. BACKGROUND

In 2018, we invited the membership on behalf of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics - Australian National Member Society (ANMS-ISPO) to participate in a short survey aiming at collecting new data about the membership. This information was sought to influence planning for our relevant future directions.

The online survey included a total of 26 questions focusing on the membership profile (Questions 1 to 11), the membership experience with the service of the ANMS-ISPO (Questions 12 to 18) and finally, the membership expectation of the ANMS-ISPO (Questions 19 to 26).

We have now completed the analysis of this survey and pleased to share the outcomes in this report. This report includes an executive summary that highlights the key findings and future initiatives the Executive Committee will subsequently undertake to promote our activities. Finally, the remainder of the report will provide the figures and graphs for each question of the survey.

Finally, we would like to thank the respondents for their contribution that is helping to serve the membership as best as possible and, ultimately shape the future direction of ISPO in Australia.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact Research_Science@ispo.org.au.



2. SUMMARY

- **Membership profile.** A total of 24 individuals completed the survey corresponding to approximately 40% of the membership, including a percentage of male and female almost equally distributed. Approximately, 50% of the respondents works as Prosthetists and/or Orthotists while the other 50% including a brand range of other professionals such as Occupational Therapist, Biomedical Engineer, Medical Practitioner, Physiotherapist, Scientist and other. The vast majority (80%) of respondents was trained in Australia and had a Master or higher qualification (66%). Approximately, 80% of the respondents work in New South Wales, Victoria, or Queensland and 60% worked in capital cities. Approximately, 40% and 22% worked in State founded organisations like a hospital and private business, as director/manager (46%) or Prosthetists and Orthotists (38%), respectively. More than 50% of the respondents had less than 15 years of experience in the field.
- **Membership experience.** More than 60% of the respondents were members of the ANMS-ISPO for less than 15 years. Only 50% of the respondents were aware of 7 out of 14 initiatives run by the various subcommittees of the ANMS-ISPO. Most of the respondents (83%) indicated that they preferred to be informed of the ANMS-ISPO achievements by regular newsletters (e.g., quarterly or half-yearly) sent by email (90%), rather than social media (ANMS-ISPO website: 45%, Facebook: 36%, Twitter: 21%, Instagram: 7%). Approximately 60% of the respondents rated their experience with ANMS-ISPO somewhat satisfied or neutral. Out of the 13 suggested ANMS-ISPO initiatives, the respondents rated the “Australian Indigenous orthotic and prosthetic access”, “Rural and remote rehabilitation services” and “Short courses with CPD points” as the top three most important initiatives.
- **Membership expectation.** Nearly 70% of the respondents indicated that were likely to renew their membership but only 33% likely to recommend their colleagues to join the ANMS-ISPO. Finally, nearly half of the respondents declared that would be interested to be involved in the one of the ANMS-ISPO sub-committees.
- **Recommendations.** The outcomes of this survey indicated to the ANMS-ISPO Executive Committee that the demand of the membership will be best addressed by:
 1. Continue broadening the range of professionals involved in the organisation including prosthetists and orthotists but also other professional responsible for care of individuals suffering of limb loss,
 2. Sharing more regularly the achievements of the ANMS-ISPO sub-committees by means of a newsletter sent by email while continuing posts on social media,
 3. Continue to develop initiatives promoting prosthetic and orthotics care for Australian Indigenous and supporting rural and remote rehabilitation services while offering short courses with points for continual professional development .

3. SECTION: MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Figure 1. Gender distribution.

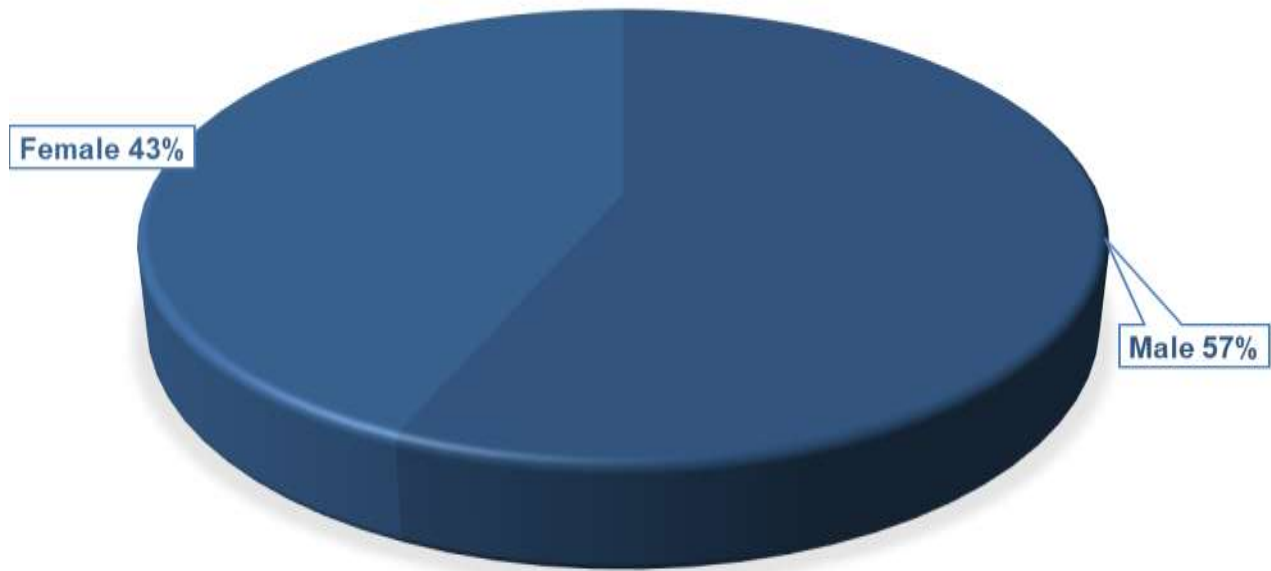


Figure 2. Association with professional groups.

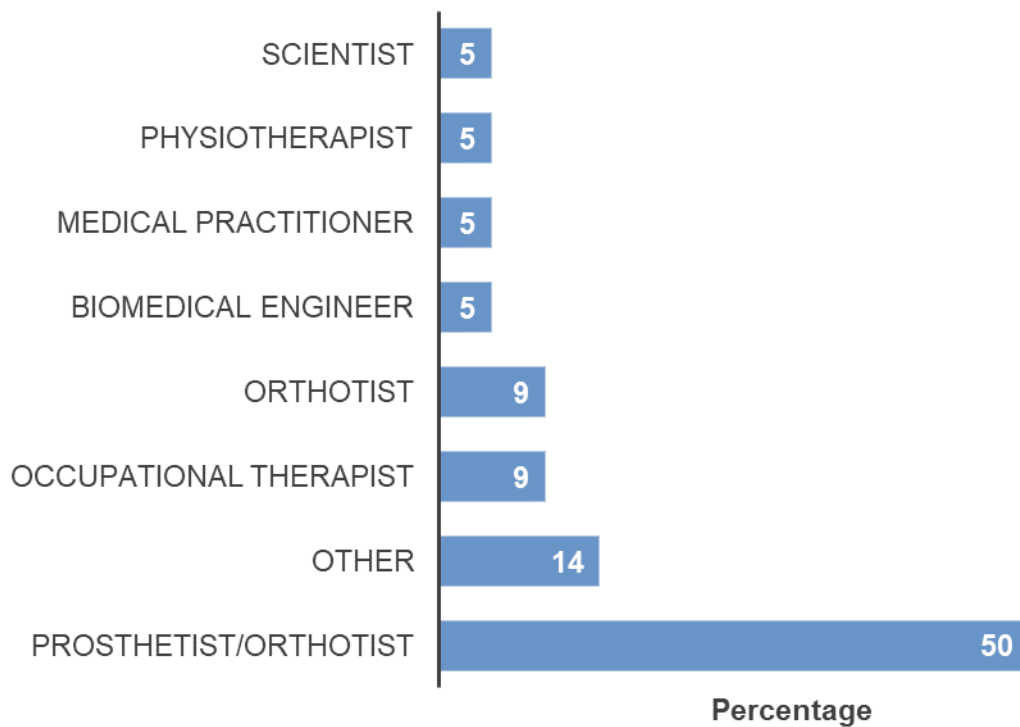


Figure 3. Qualification training.

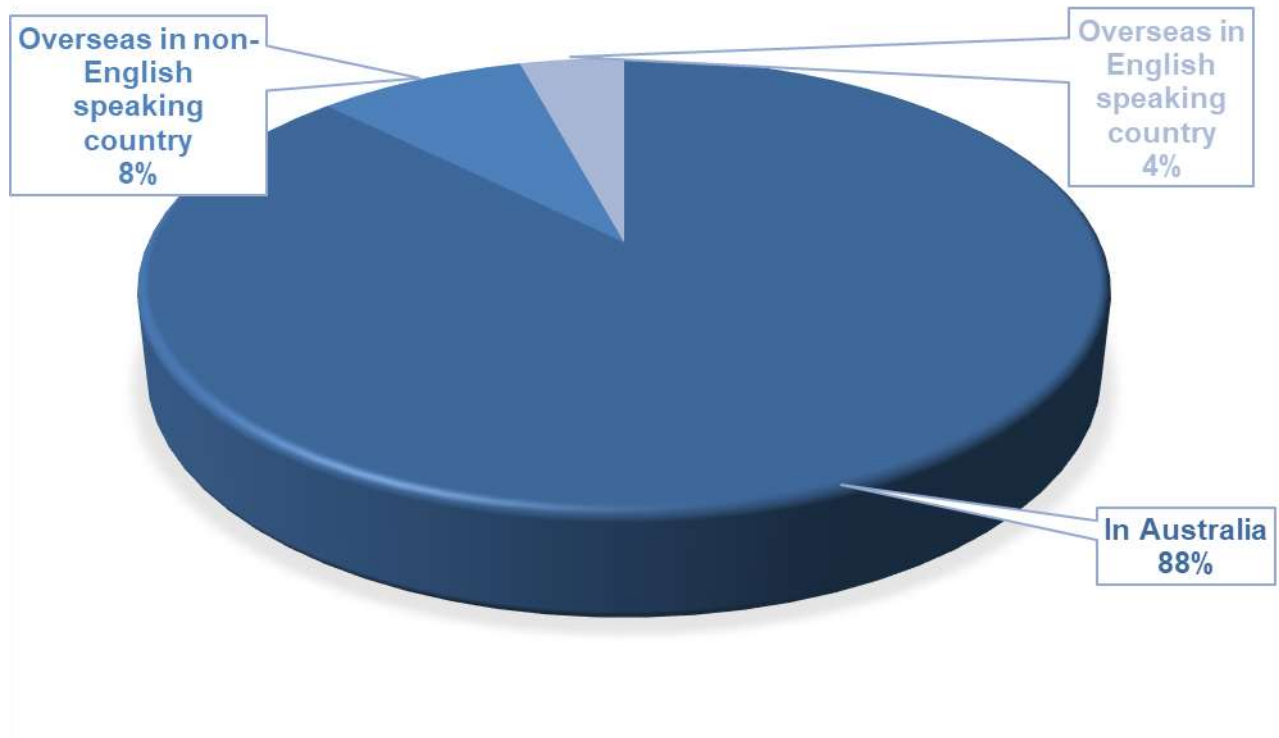


Figure 4. Highest qualification attained.

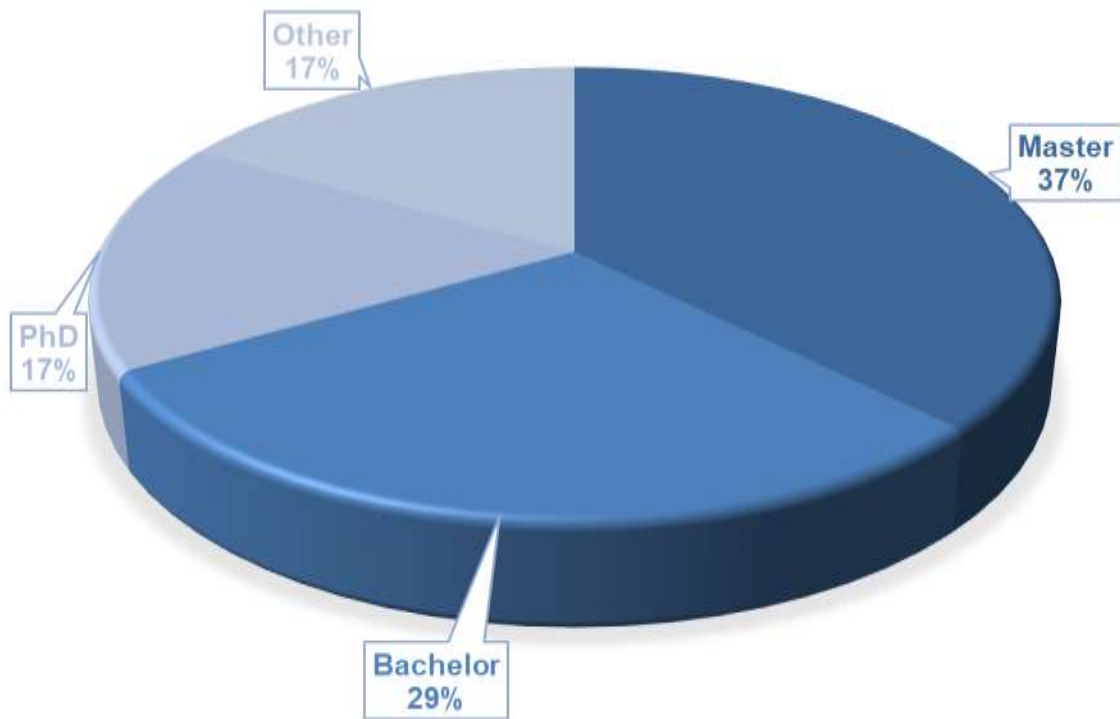


Figure 5. Working location.

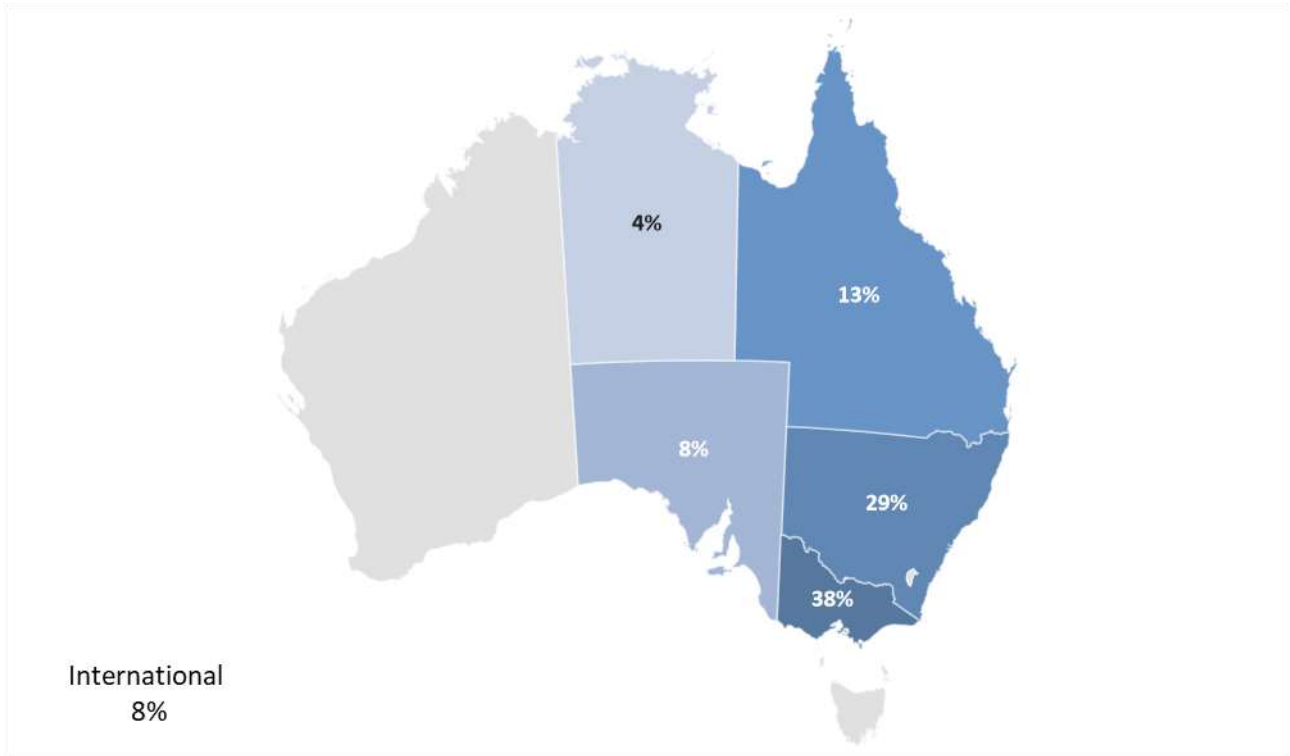


Figure 6. Working regional structure.

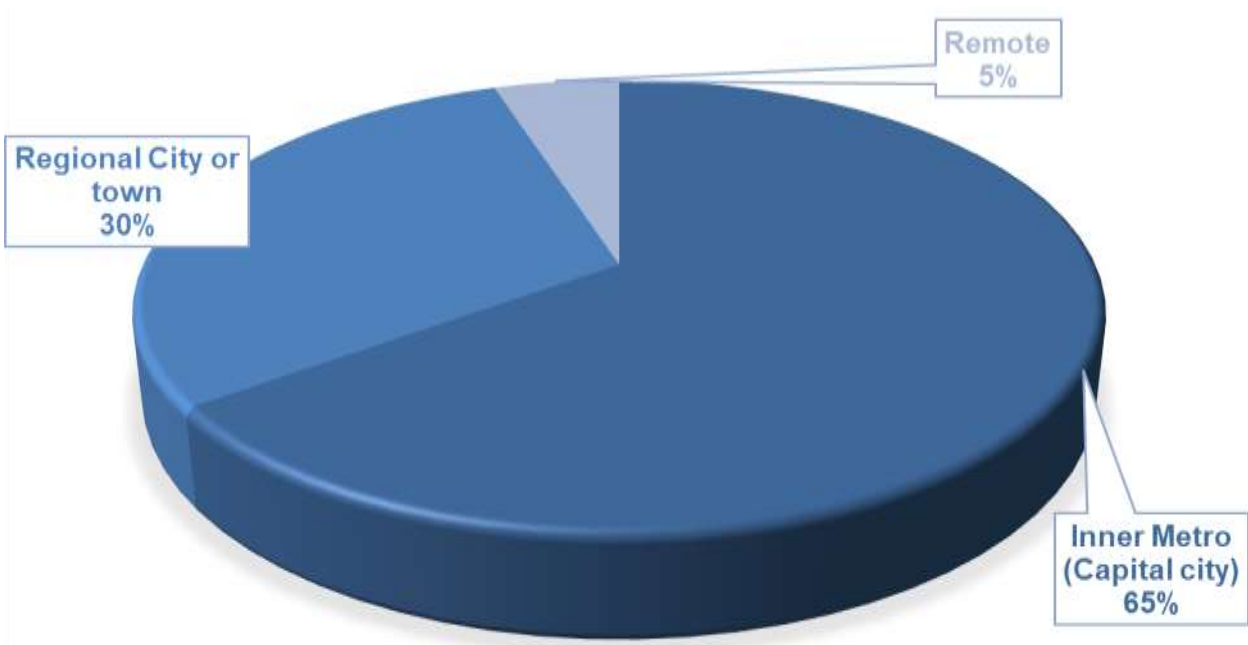


Figure 7. Type of organizations of employment.

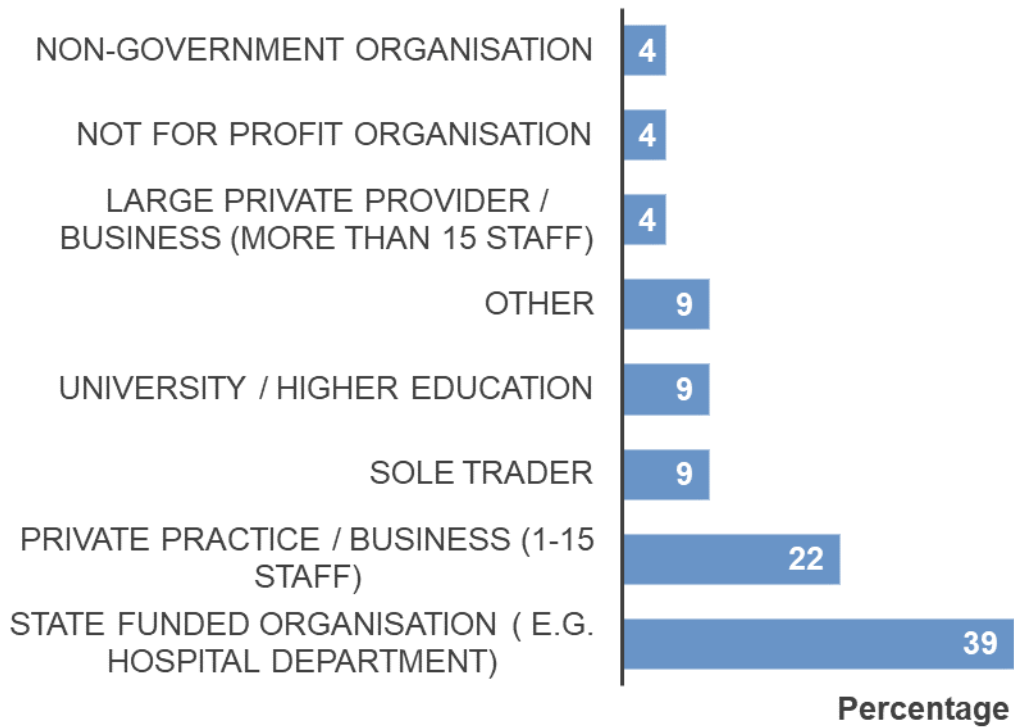


Figure 8. Sector of employment.

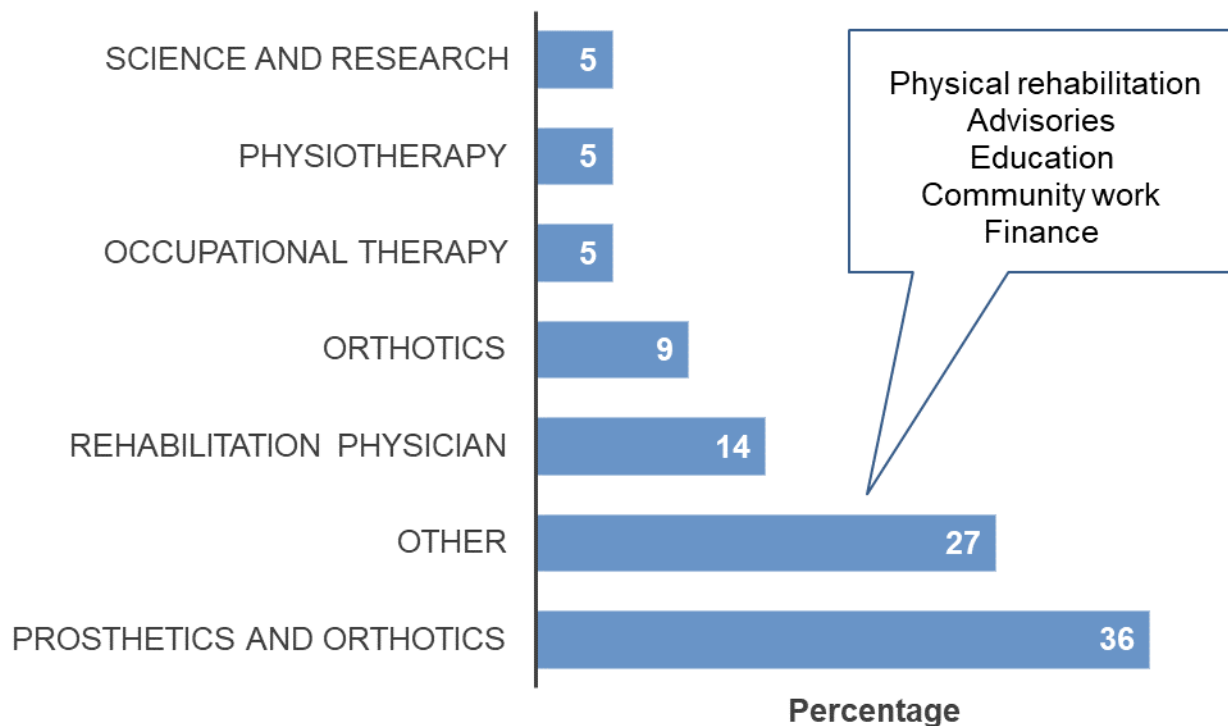


Figure 9. Employment or role title.

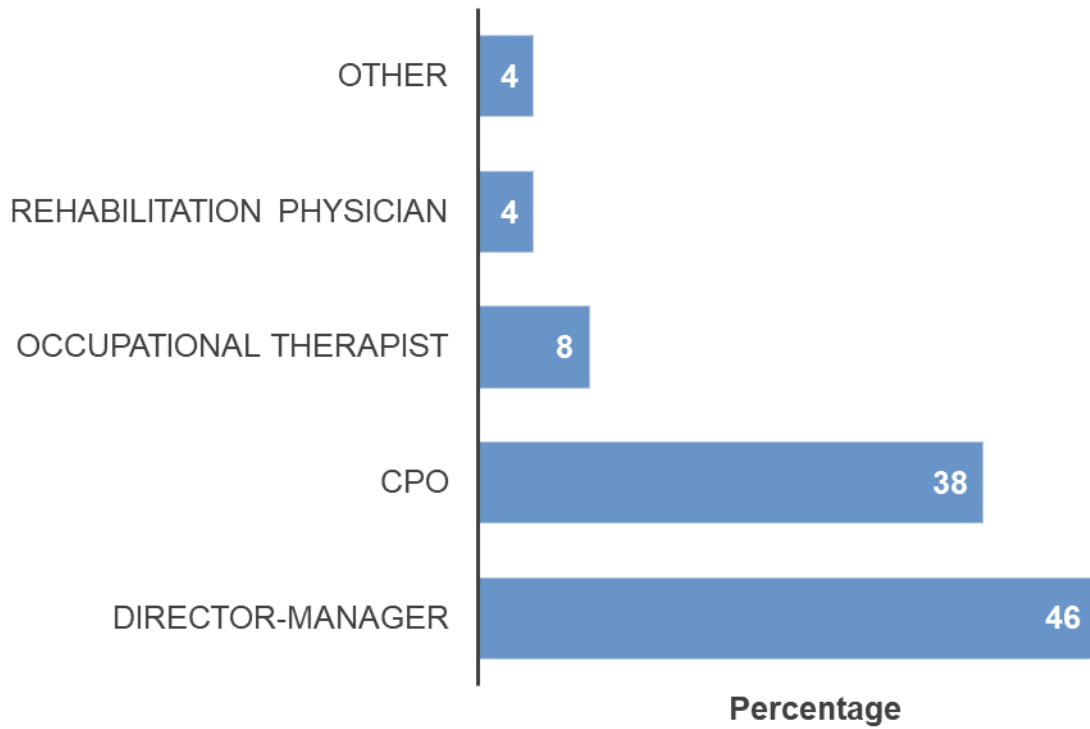


Figure 10. Provision of care to specific population (e.g., adult care, aged care, paediatric care).

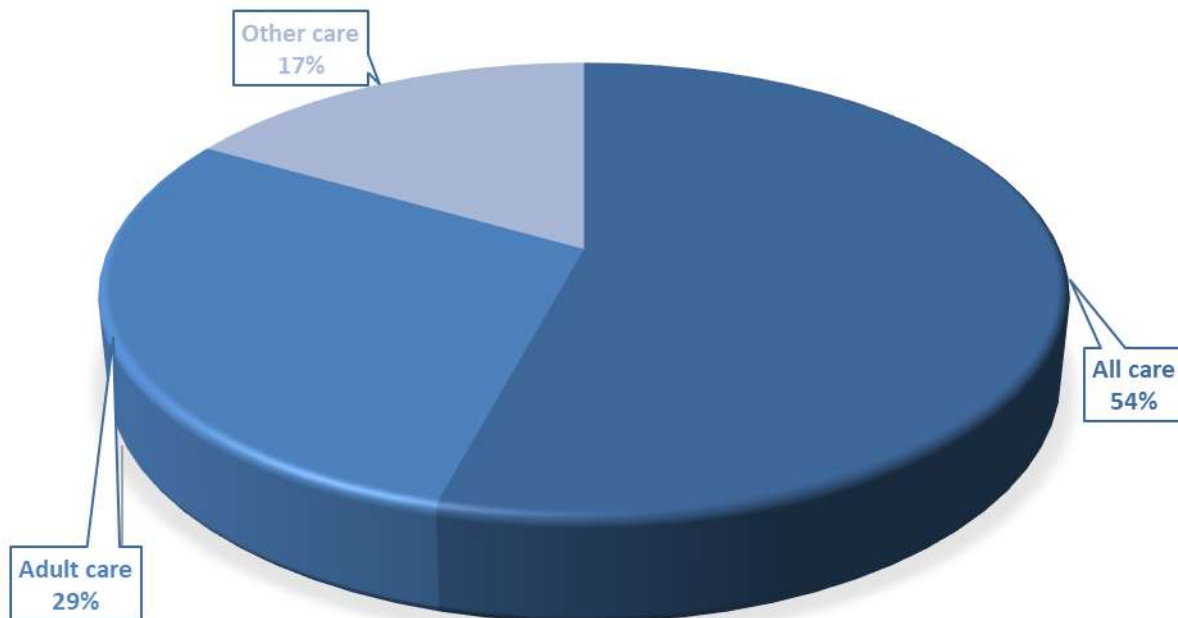
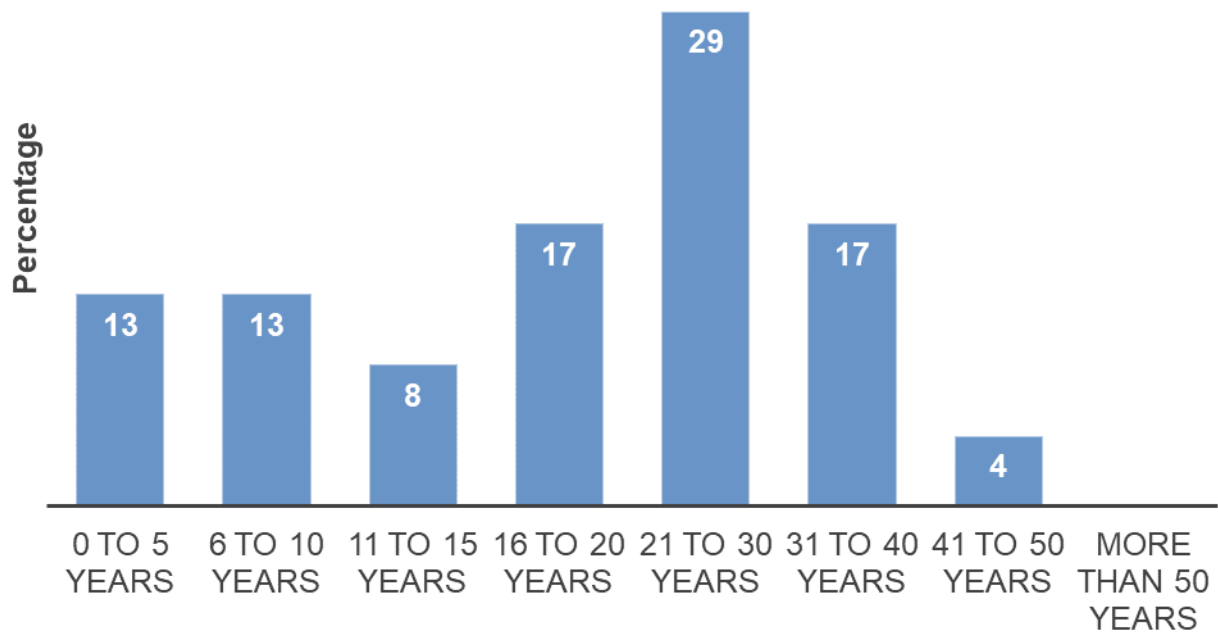


Figure 11. Years of experience working in the field of prosthetic and orthotic care?



SECTION: MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Figure 12. Currently membership with an ISPO organisation?

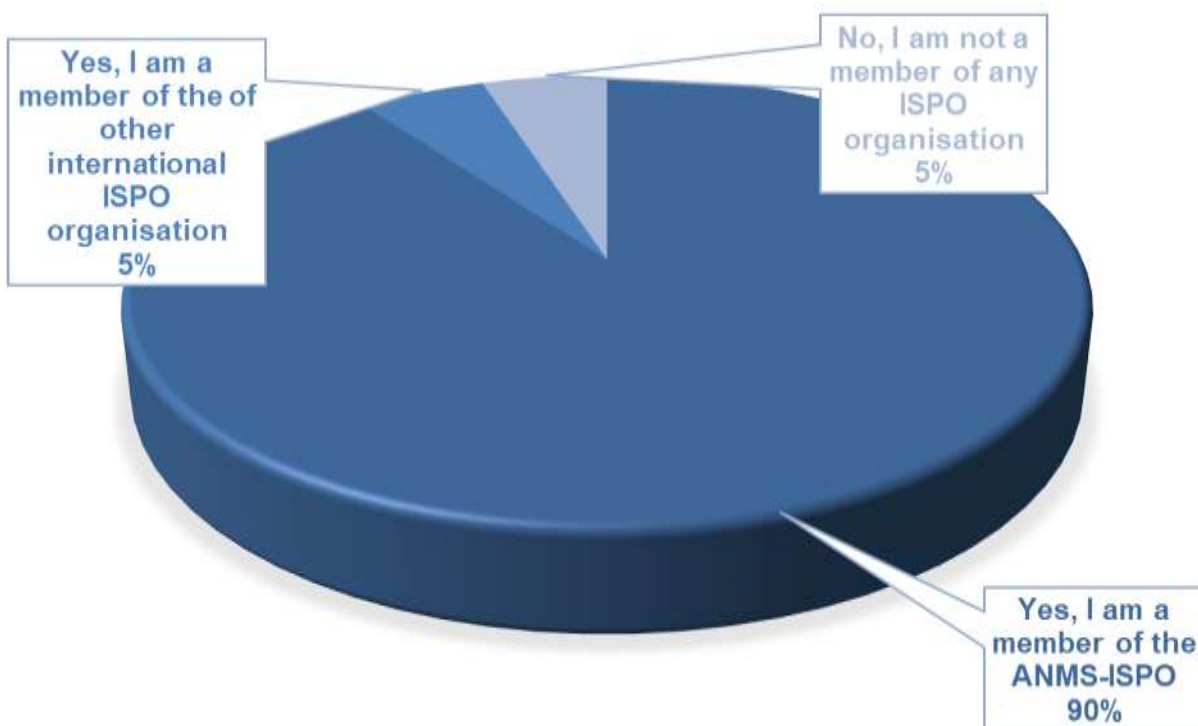


Figure 13. Type of membership currently held.

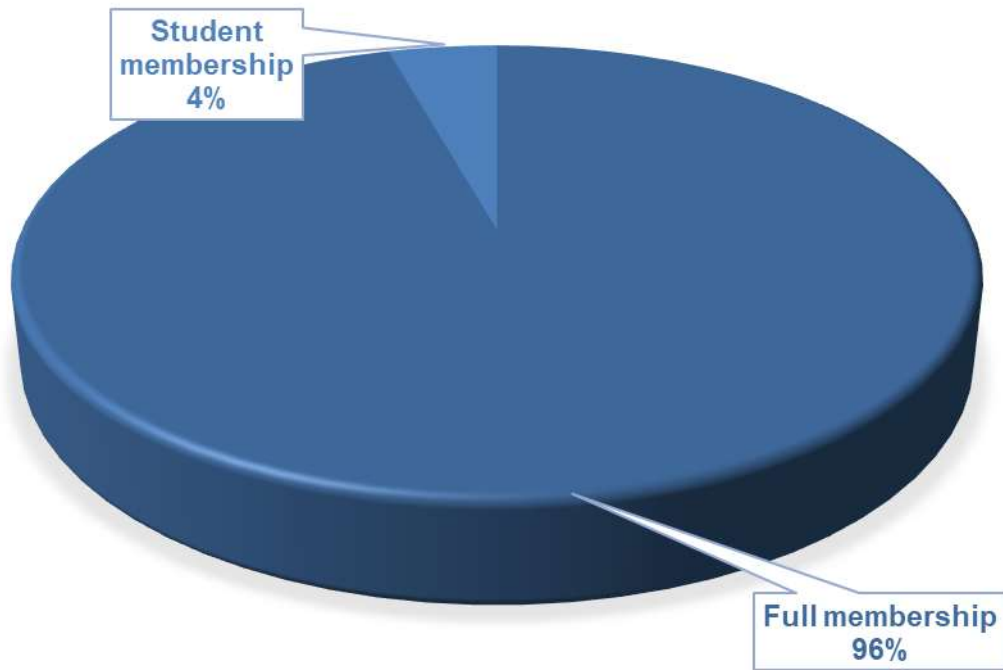


Figure 14. History of the ANMS-ISPO membership?

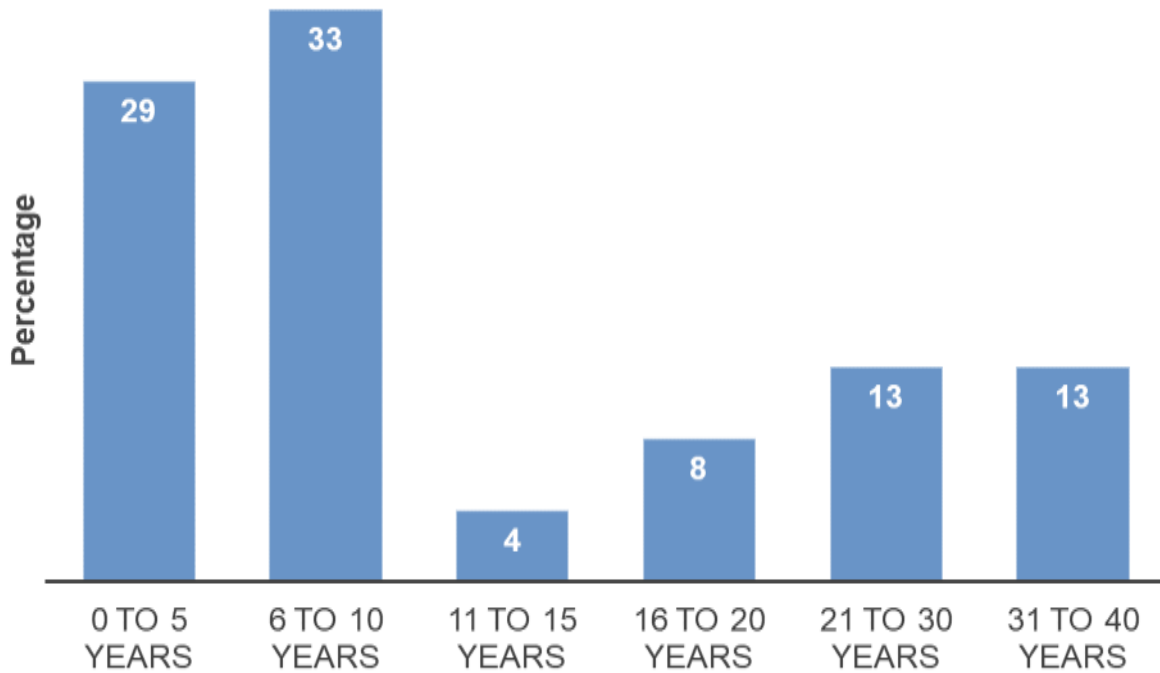












































Figure 15. Awareness of ANMS-ISPO initiatives

	Yes	I am not sure	No
Bequest Planning Project			
Kiribati Rehabilitation Centre Volunteer (Scope Global)			
Formalization of ISPO as an Australia Partner Organization			
Research into education options for the Pacific			
ICRC training for Akaorki in Samoa			
Instructional Course on High Risk Foot in the Pacific			
Pacific Regional Conference on Disability			
ISPO Australia's Academic Achievement Prizes			
ISPO Standards Meeting: Carson Harte Visit			
Research grant scheme			
AFO Tuning conference			
Conference alerts			
Conference support program			
Annual report			

Note: The shade in the pie charts represent the percentage of responds who responded affirmatively to the question

Figure 16. Preferred media to share announcements and achievements.

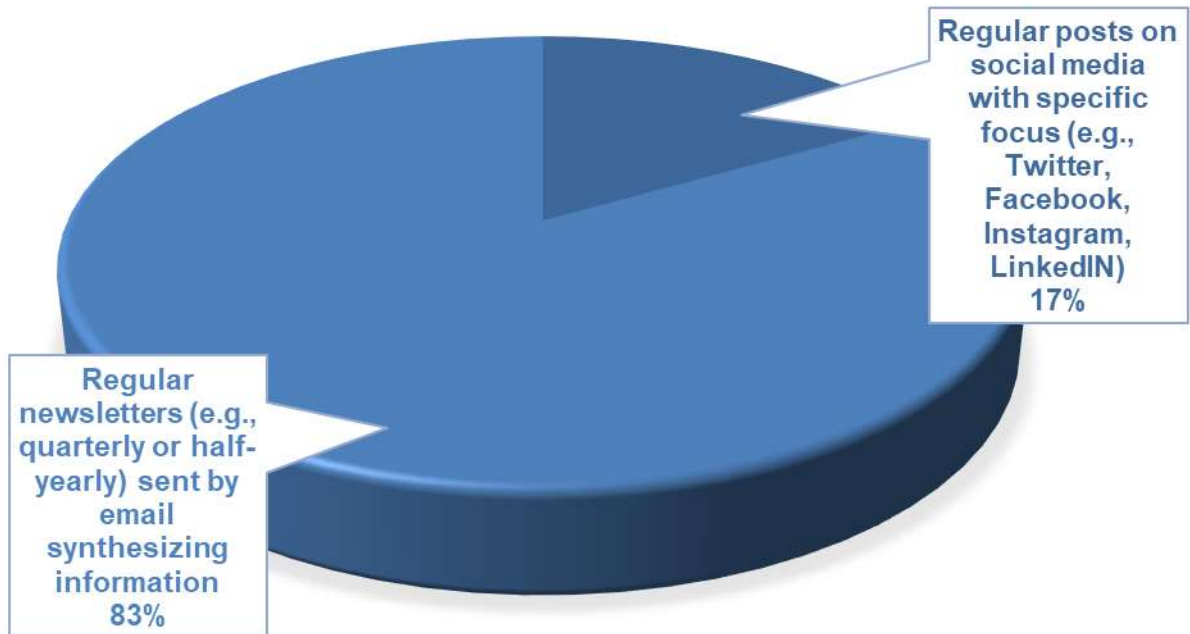














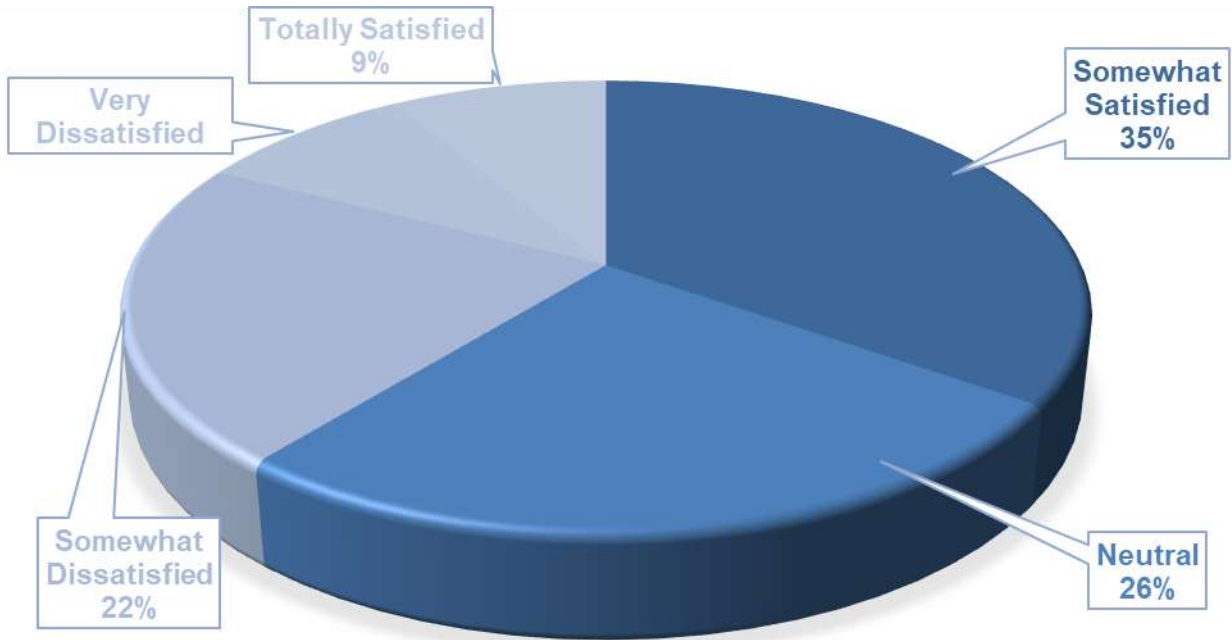


Figure 17. Preferred media to receive information.

	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Mail		
Email		
SMS		
Post on website (https://www.ispo.org.au/)		
Post of Facebook		
Post of Twitter (@ISPO_Aust)		
Post in Instagram		











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Figure 18. Rating of overall experience with the ANMS-ISPO membership.



SECTION: MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATION

Figure 19. Ranking of the importance of the ANMS-ISPO initiatives.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Membership					
Member spotlights					
Membership profile					
Outreach					



Rural and remote rehabilitation services					
Australian Indigenous orthotic and prosthetic access					
Continuation of support and delivery of rehabilitation and O&P services to the Pacific region					
Education					
Webinars with CPD points					
Webinars without CPD points					
Short courses with CPD points					
Short courses without CPD points					
Science and research					
Providing support for research (e.g., Grant)					
Assistance to submit abstracts to conference					
Bring your attention to upcoming scientific meetings in Australia and overseas					
Raising awareness of relevant publications					

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Figure 20. Likelihood of renewing membership.

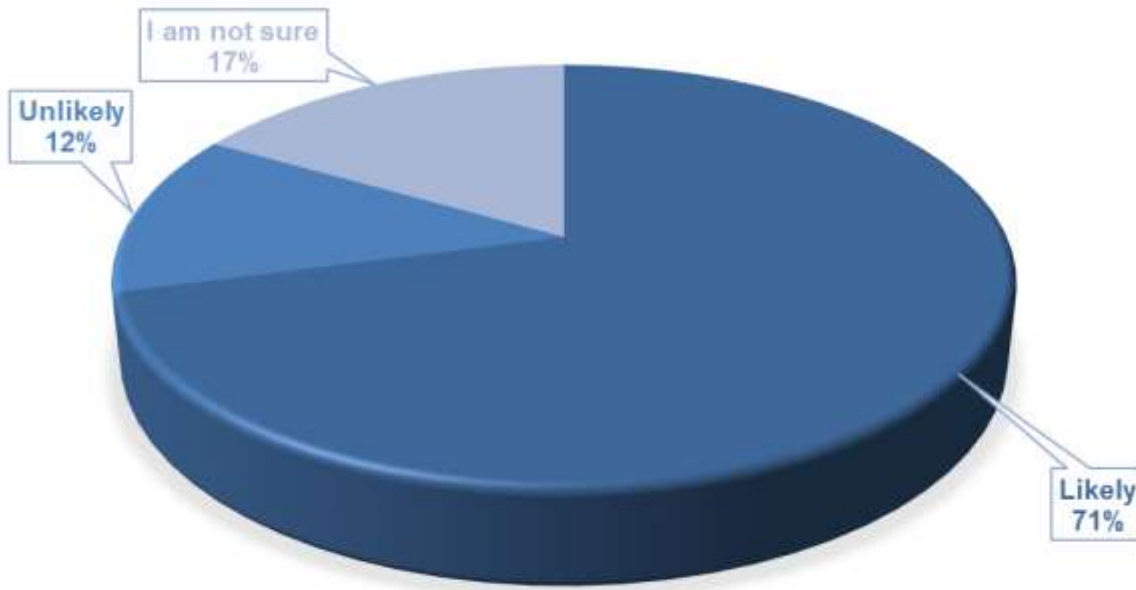


Figure 21. Likelihood to recommend colleagues to join ANMS-ISPO.

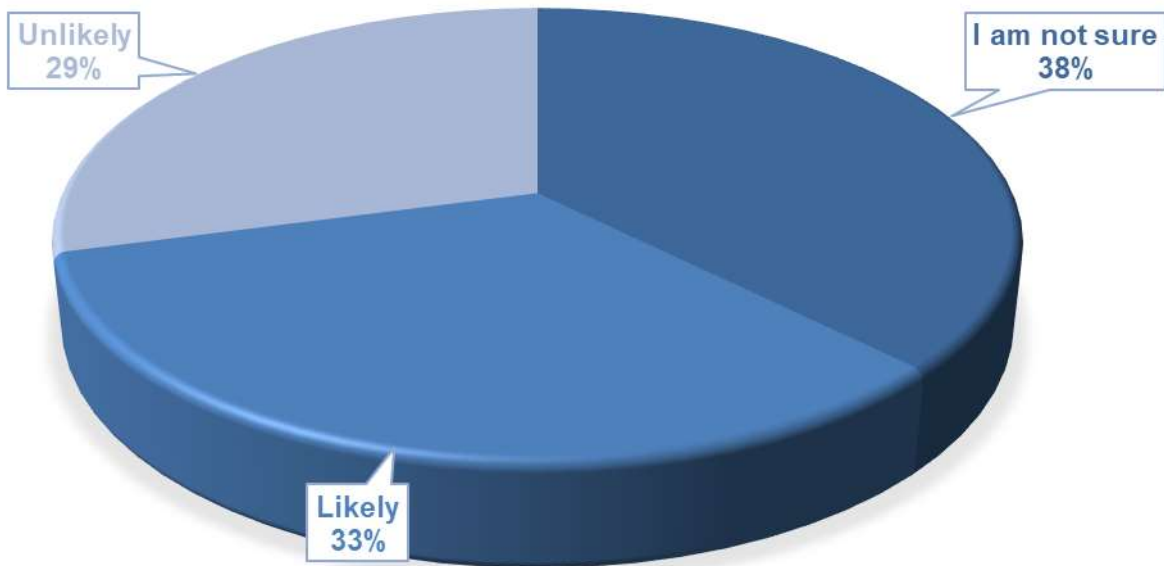
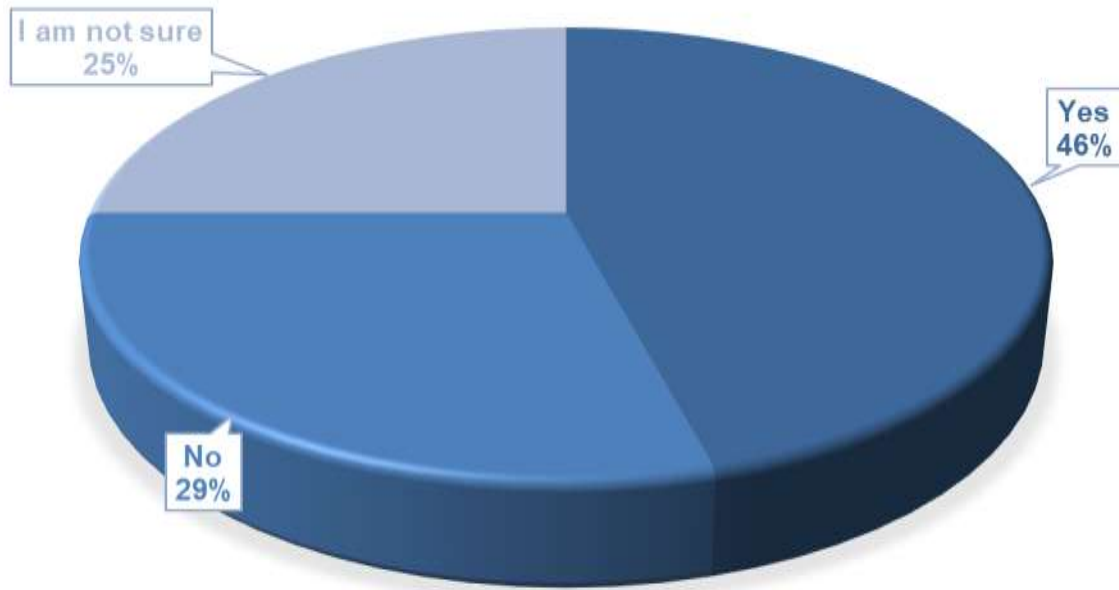


Figure 22. Interest in involvement in one of the ANMS-ISPO sub-committee.



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