



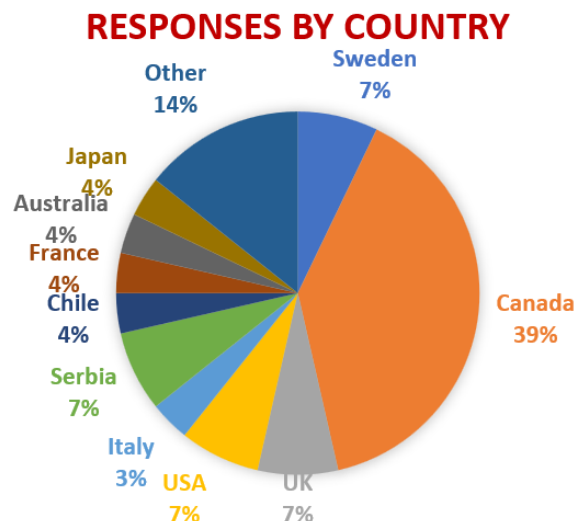
FIPS 2024 - Riksgränsen, Sweden – Feedback Summary

A FIPS World Congress is a professional development event for ski patrollers from around the world, coupled with social, cultural and skiing experiences.

The FIPS Executive and organizing committee thanks the twenty-eight (28) participants who have taken the time to complete the post congress survey and provided information to share your FIPS experience in Riksgränsen, Sweden and to advise future congress organizers to make the event better and stronger.

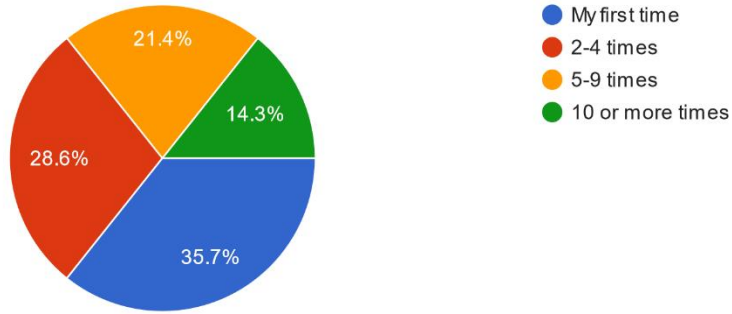
The feedback provided here is a summary of comments made, not the detailed response.

If you have further comments to share, please send to secretary@fips-skipatrol.org



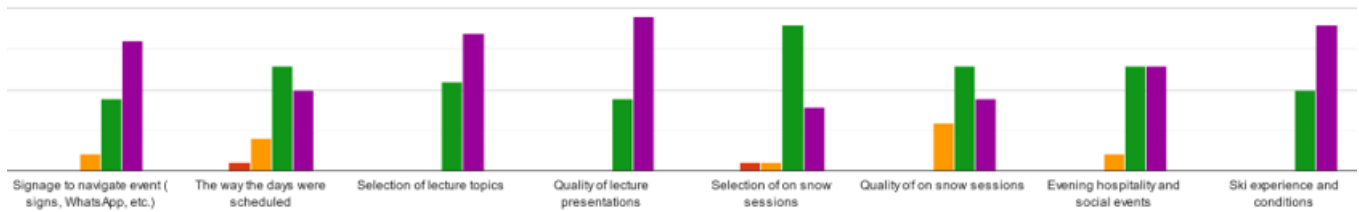
How many FIPS Congresses have you attended?

28 responses



Please rate your satisfaction with your various FIPS 2024 experiences listed below.





If you have a comment to expand on your satisfaction of any items above, please share your view here. It will help us plan for the future! (11 responses)

- Best yet
- Practical sessions around the hotel were somewhat basic.
- Organizers participation and availability to help out in adapting to others needs.
- On-site check in issues mostly related to limited resort size, not likely to be a problem at a larger venue.
- If was strange that we had a SIG on Persons with Disabilities, yet we were booked in a hotel that was not accessible. Many, many spots with steps.
- Well organized with many people from local ski patrol
- Have more lectures about every-day problems/accidents ski patrollers can face
- I would have very much enjoyed that the lectures would have been in moments where the lifts were closed. Or at least at the end of the ski day, so that we could have enjoy both skiing and lectures every day and for longer each day.
- Loved my first FIPS. It helped to be a part of a big group from Canada. They helped us figure out the best way to have a good experience

What did you like best about FIPS 2024? (26 responses)

- It all just worked
- Friendship is always great. Reconnecting with old friends, and meeting new patrollers (now friends) from around the world! (8)
- Narvik Ski Tour (3)
- Having suppliers with gear was so worth it.
- Medical SIG sessions were very well done . The content and presenters were excellent. (6)
- Introducing four of my patrol team at home to the world of FIPS!!! And watching them enjoy the experience and get involved.
- Unique experience to travel to Northen Sweden. (3)
- The interchange of ideas and experiences. Excellent speakers and it was great fun.
- Food, people, accommodations, and access to grocery store. Appreciated were alternative activities (i.e. Narvik, x-c skiing, snow shoeing for accompanying guests)
- Terrific skiing

- The rescue dog demonstration was very interesting
- The location was great, and the Narvik ski day was awesome.
- WhatsApp, the quality of lectures, organization, and food (5)

From a professional development perspective, what were the two most significant things you took away from the Congress? (24 responses)

- Medical presentations generally
- Avalanche dog (2)
- Dealing with hypothermia (10)
- Avalanche Rescue System (3)
- On site chest compression devices (CPR) (4)
- Neck collar (spinal motion restriction) pros and cons (6)
- Critical stress management (Psychotraumatology), patroller mental health (4)
- Risk management (inherent risk) (4)
- Networking. Benefit of learning through conversations with other patrollers, organizations. (5)



The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) identified current topics for presentation at this congress and brought world experts to present.

What topics would you like to see at a future FIPS Congress? *You can influence future agendas!*

Please consider each of the SIGs:

**Avalanche; FIS Liaison; Medical; Persons with
disabilities; Rescue Dogs; Risk management; Technology**

If you have a presenter you would like to have present, please provide that name as well. (12 responses)

(Note: This question may have been misunderstood, and rather than specific topics, many responded by identifying the SIG)

- Medical (5)
- Avalanche (3)
- Persons with disabilities
- Technology (2)
- Avalanche in atypical situations- man made
- Technology. what are the latest developments that support operations (radios, toboggans, snow machines, etc)
- Risk Management. how to determine risk and what is acceptable risk
- Latest developments in treating spinal injuries
- Treating heavy bleeding
- Hands on medical treatments and
- Toboggan evacuation
- Medical: no specific topic in mind but keep up the good work with high quality speakers.
- Risk: relate to the general risk management of patrol areas more, rather than specifically issues related to litigation.
- Dogs: more of the same, as a non dog handler it was fascinating to get involved and find out more.
- Approach to older patient
- Concussion identification and treatment generally, and treatment until transfer to next level of care



The most memorable experience I had during the Congress was when I ... (only share if you can ;-). (17 responses)

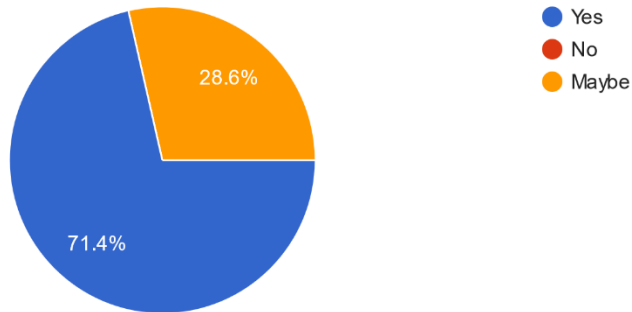
- The ski race was great fun
- Swedish Night
- Spending time with ski patrol friends (old and new) from around the globe! (5)
- Paradox in paradise and hypothermia
- Learned about snow sickness (I was skiing in the fog and became totally disoriented)
- When I was transported by a local patroller, on a snow mobile around the entire property. Got a real awareness of the size of the resort property.
- The exercise with the dog handlers
- Narvick Ski Day! Absolutely amazing afternoon!
- Learning from fellow patrollers and the experts in their field who were brought in to share best practice.
- Beauty of the area and the welcoming atmosphere of all the staff and delegates
- Visiting Sweden and Norway
- Skied above the Arctic circle

How could we improve your (and others) future FIPS Congress experience? (15 responses)

- Consider morning skiing and afternoon or evening lectures? (3)
- Each lecture and event was fantastic, but the social time between events made it even better.
- Registration process and regular communication with program details.
- By continually bring in outside medical persons and having industry partner be there
- Keeping costs down where possible would help. (2)
- Continue to source high level presenters and topics.
- Make the meetings more translatable for on-site participants. (3)
- Number of members of the rescue dog SIG should increase
- Book hotel with capacity for all and ample rooms that have double beds
- More active time with local patrol on the mountain. From opening to closing.
- WhatsApp use again

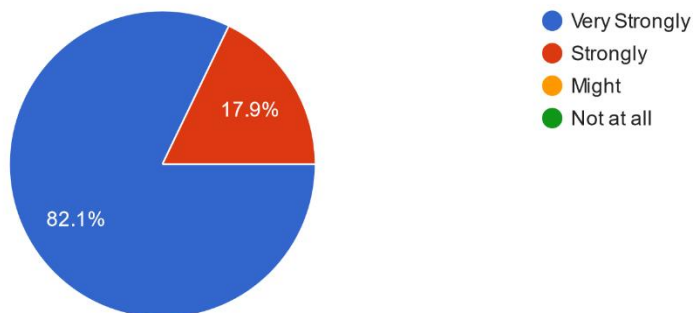
Do you plan to attend FIPS 2026 in Canada?

28 responses



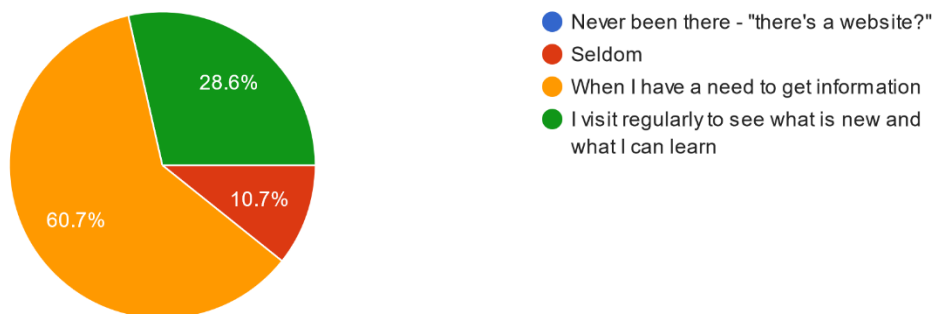
How strongly would you recommend attending a FIPS World Congress to other patrollers?

28 responses



Do you visit the FIPS Website (<https://www.fips-skipatrol.org/>) for information

28 responses



Any last thoughts? Share them here or email: secretary@fips-skipatrol.org (9 responses)

- Thanks to the board and the organisation committee for Sweden and for Canada. You are the best :-) (2)
- Good luck in continuing a great event
- Congrats to all that were part of the FIPS in Riksgransen. It was outstanding in all aspects. Mother nature was certainly also on our side.
- We need to enlarge our social media presence to encourage our younger membership to participate more.
- Cost - keep it affordable and particularly mindful the future generation of patrollers
- Very interesting and high end education sessions and sharing of knowledge.
- Thank you Sweden for the magnificent experience
- We need FIPS!