



## 2018 ATA European Trainer Forum Participant Feedback Report

- **Out of 76 attendees, we received evaluation responses from 34:**
  - 6 Interns, 5 Associates, 13 Leads, 9 Professionals, and 1 other
- **What was your favorite part of the Forum? Below is a summarized list of responses:**
  - Engagement: Connecting, sharing, and networking with peers
  - Small group and break out discussions – many participants acknowledged how much they enjoyed their time with peers in a more intimate format.
  - Workshops: participants voiced the caliber of workshops, which set a new standard for the Forum moving forward.
  - Participants appreciated meeting in large group (Global Decision Making) that addressed pressing topics within the Academy and greater community.
  - Chateau Anand: this setting offers a tranquil and inspiring backdrop to the Forum. Many noted how much they take pleasure in being there.
  - Presentation videos: “Known for Our Service,” Translations, and Library of Teachings
- **What was your least favorite part of the Forum? Below is a summarized list of responses:**
  - Breaks were little to none
  - The group discussion after lunch was too long; this is made it difficult for participants to stay focused on important topics.
  - Too many themes, not enough focus
- **What would you like to see improved? Below is a summarized list of responses:**
  - Many participants would like small group discussions and “hot topics” to take place on the first day and/or in the morning.
  - Event dates to be shared as early as possible
  - More yoga and meditation with the group
  - Transportation to the venue
  - Food
  - Clear instructions during large and small group discussions
  - 1 – 2 page brief before the Forum (ie what changes KRI is proposing)
  - Distance meetings via Zoom
  - Time management
  - Cost cut down
- **What topics would you like to discuss at future Forums? Below is a summarized list of responses:**
  - “Best practices” of how to deliver content in Teacher Trainings
  - Support for elder teachers
  - Transparency, structure, and decision making of KRI & 3HO
  - Improvements in technology
  - Translations

- More workshops
  - More discussion about “new” versions of exam, and updated manuals
  - Online pilot projects
  - How the Forum worked this year
  - In-depth research on a topic of Level One curriculum
  - Explanation of overall connection and hierarchy among Yogi Bhajan organizations
  - How to hand over responsibilities to next generation
  - Mentoring
  - Teacher-Student relationship in the Aquarian age
- **Of 34 responses, on a scale of 1 (poor) to 7 (extraordinary), participants rated their experience as follows:**
    - 1 participant gave a 7
    - 15 participants gave a 6
    - 13 participants gave a 5
    - 5 participants gave a 4
- **Additional Comments:**
    - Well organized
    - Good to have Forum before the Festival
    - “Thank you for listening and being open to input from all levels. It makes for a very dynamic and valuable process!”
    - “Doing the Trainer Forum after the Mela at Chateau Anand was a good experience and I hope it will happen again in the following years.”
    - “I like the structure... was very interactive.”
    - “Thoroughly enjoyed it and felt honored to be part of such a lovely community. It is such a blessing and privilege to be part of the Academy. Thank you!”
    - “Fantastic topics and great structure this year – more efficient and lots of useful resources shared amongst everyone.”
    - New openness amongst peers that hadn’t been experienced before.