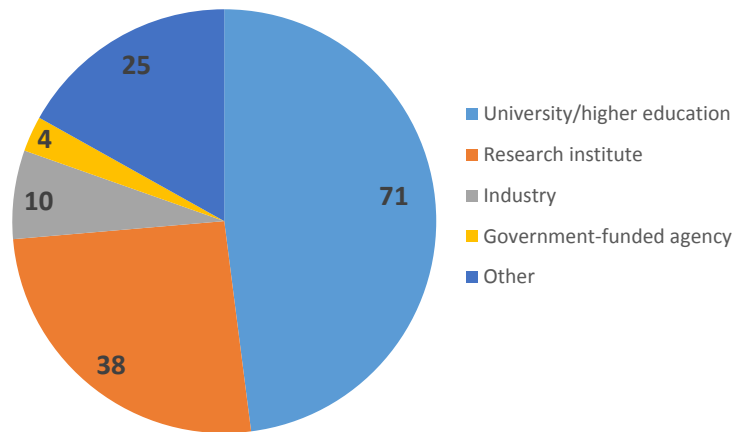


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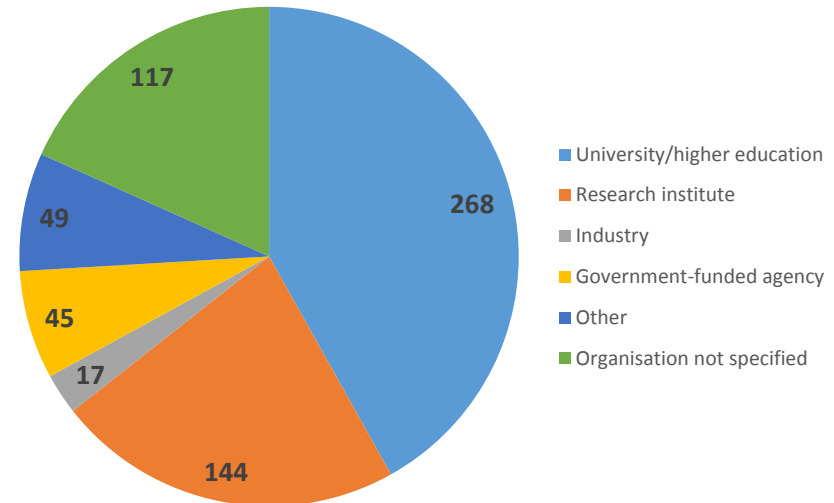


Section 1: Survey respondent demographics

Responses to Q1: Which broad category of organisation do you work in (as your primary place of work?)



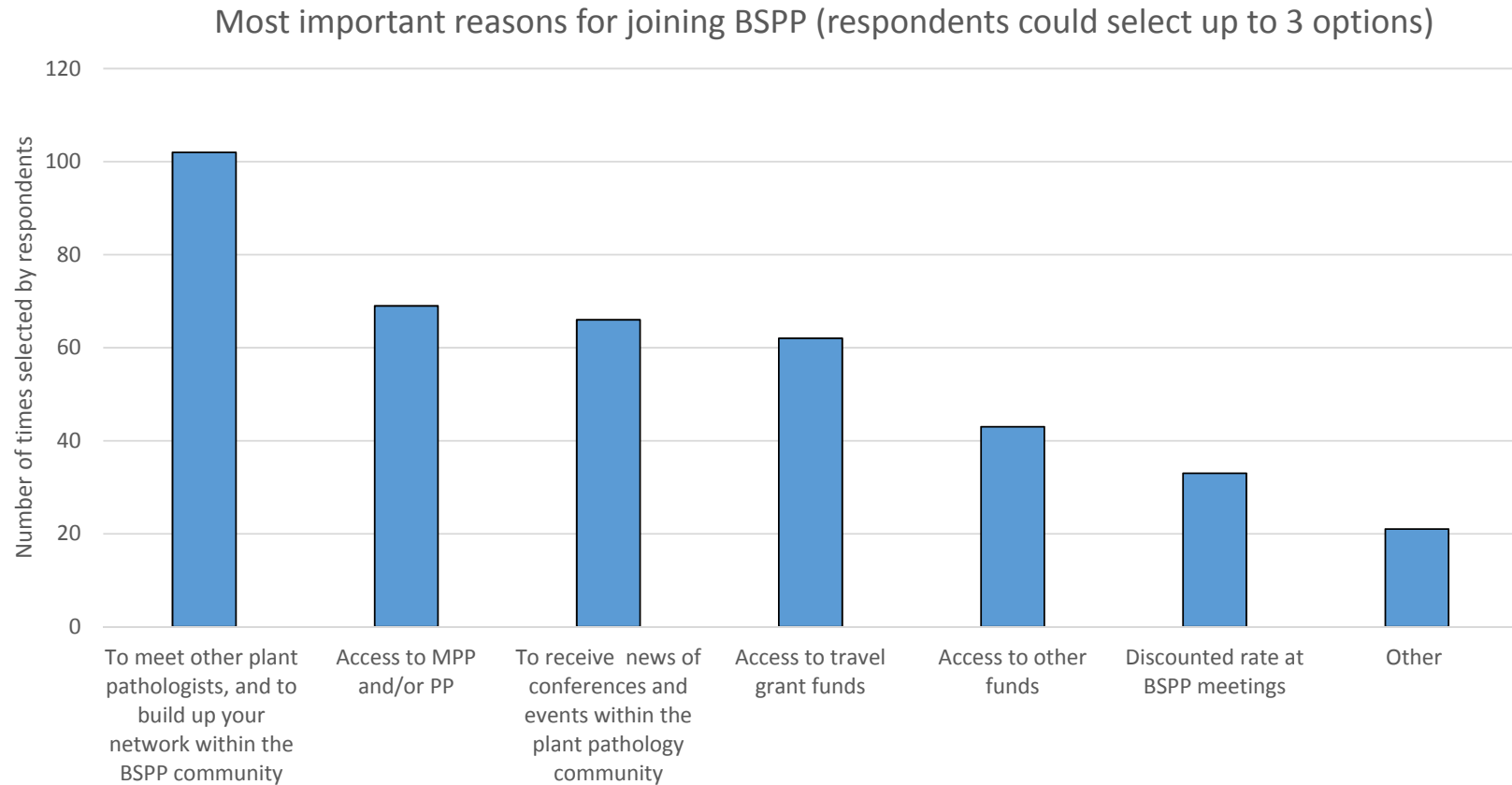
Member organisation affiliations listed in BSPP Membership Database* (as of November 2016)



*organisations approximately sorted into broad categories, some errors may have occurred.

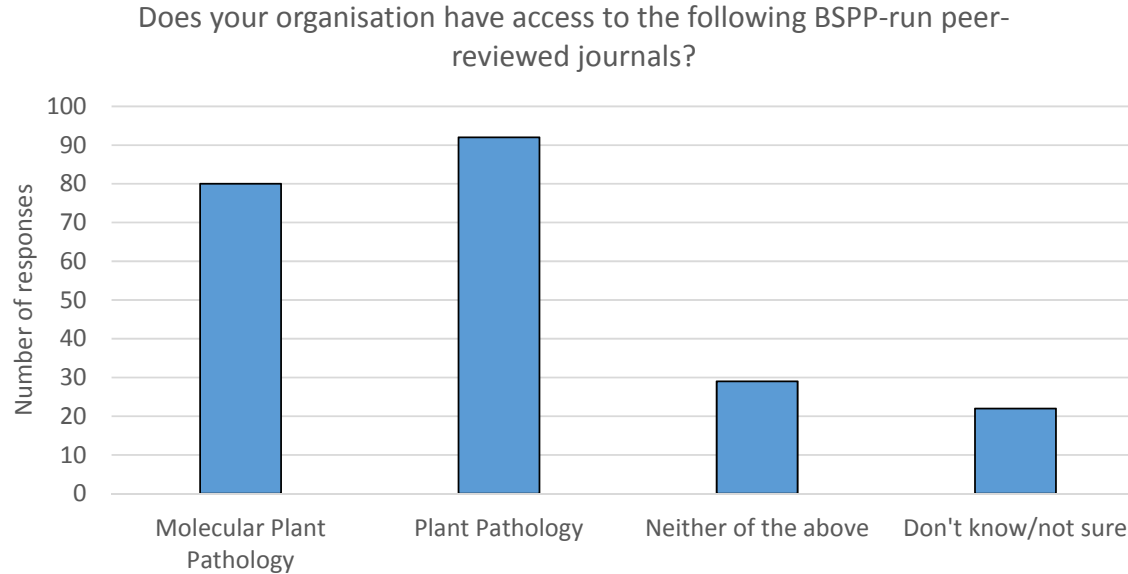
A total of 148 responses to the survey were received, out of a total of 630 BSPP members at the time the survey was sent out, a response rate of 23.5%.

Section 2: BSPP benefits and activities



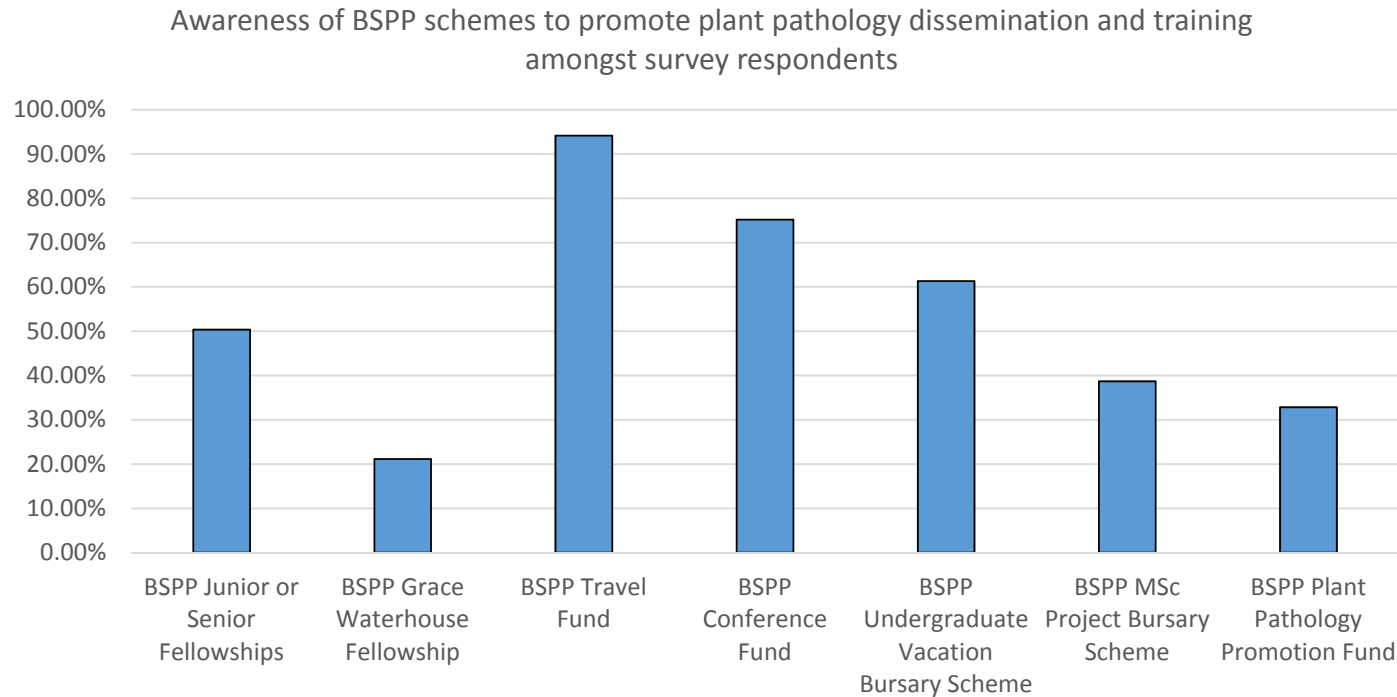
Other reasons given included wishing to support the science and dissemination of plant pathology research, BSPP as a professional body, and being editors and reviewers for MPP/PP/NDR.

Section 2: BSPP benefits and activities – journal access



Approximately half of respondents have access to MPP and/or PP via their organisations (80/148 and 91/148 respectively)

Section 2: BSPP benefits and activities – awareness

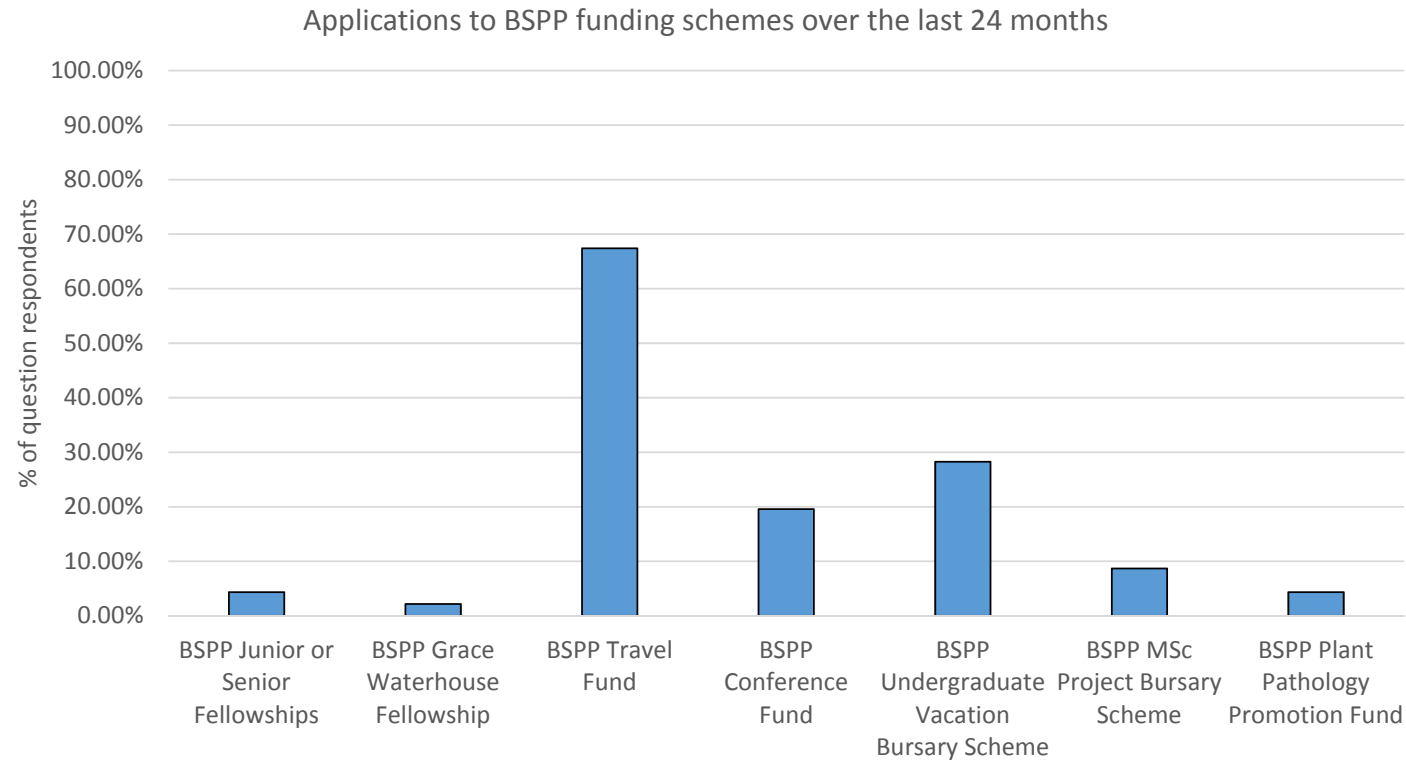


Almost all respondents were aware of the BSPP travel funds, but there was generally a lower awareness of most of the other funds and schemes BSPP are involved in.

- Grace Waterhouse Fellowship relatively new and specific eligibility criteria.

Heightening awareness of BSPP Funds available would be desirable to ensure the best use of the money allocated as available to each pot.

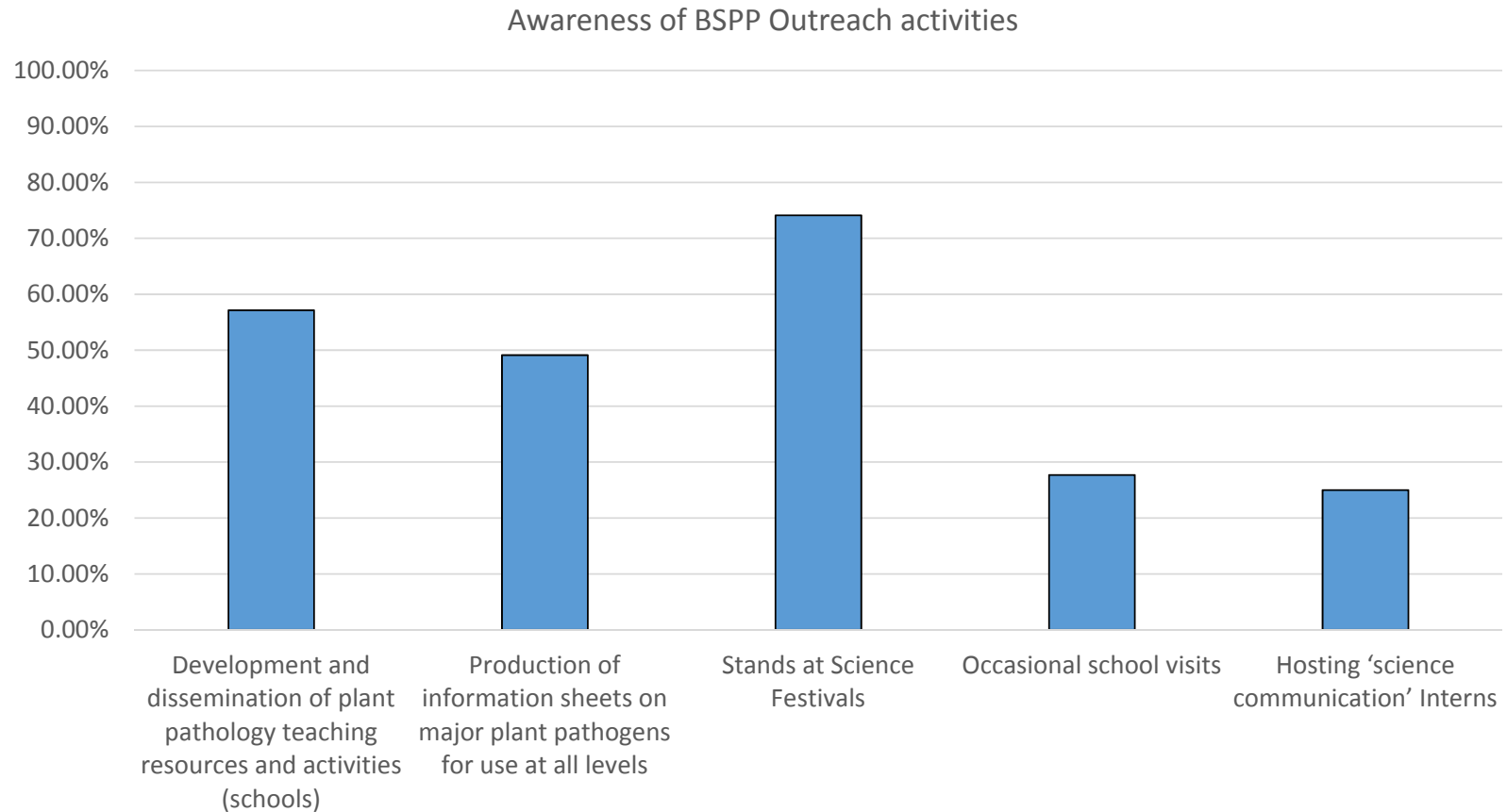
Section 2: BSPP benefits and activities – awareness



Awareness of each funding scheme appeared to be reflected by the numbers of respondents who said that they had applied for BSPP funds in the last 24 months

Note that percentages charted are calculated from **number of respondents to the question** - 46 of the 148 respondents (31%) indicated that they had applied for any BSPP funding.

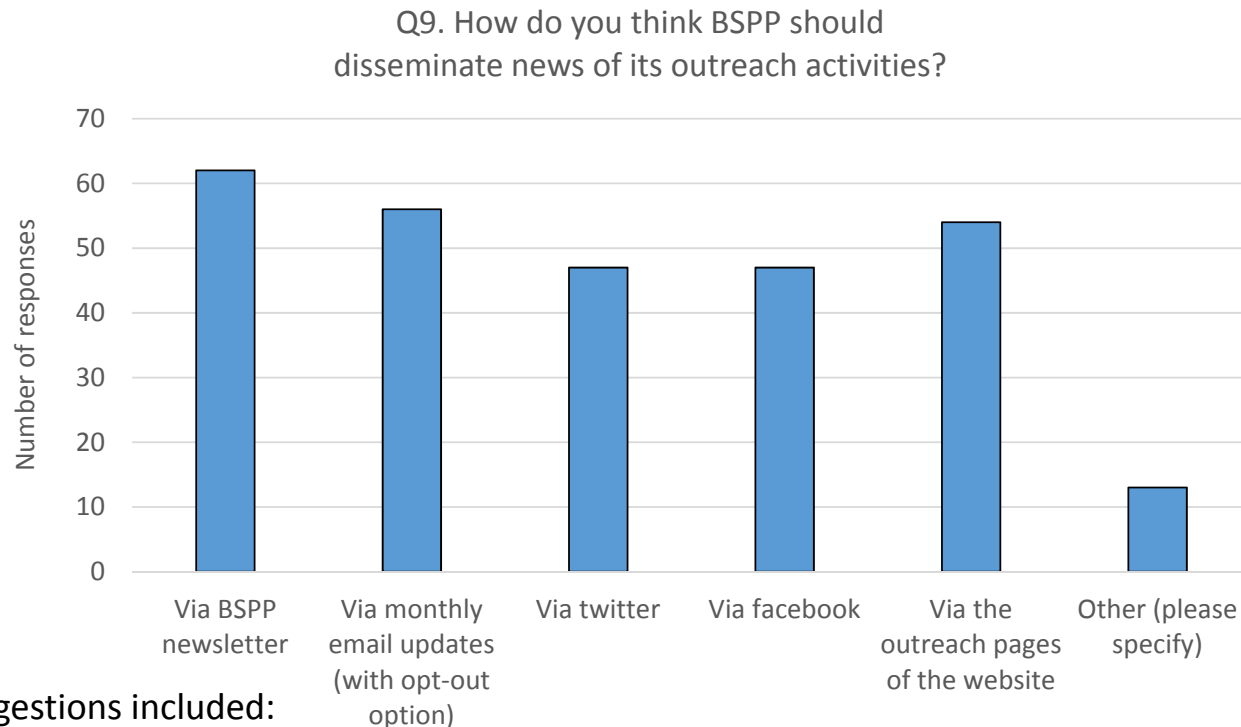
Section 3: BSPP outreach - awareness



Awareness of BSPP Outreach activities varied (112 of 148 respondents answered this question)

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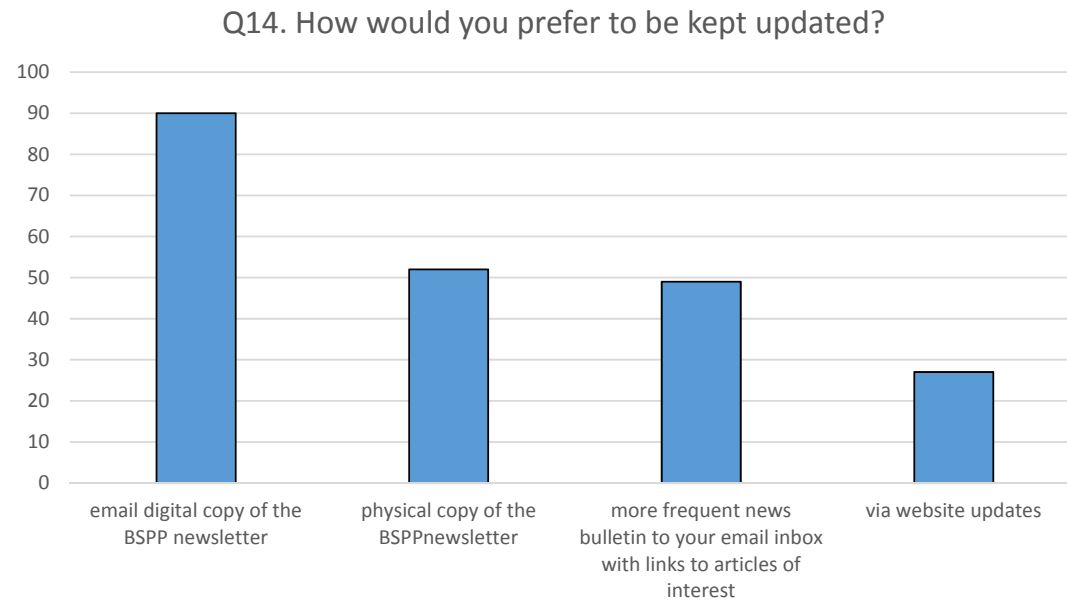
Over 70 % of respondents (99 of 140) felt that BSPP should do more to promote and disseminate news of the outreach activities



Other suggestions included:

- Quarterly email updates
- Via school STEM networks
- Via universities and other research institutes
- More reporting of activities when on stands at science events and festivals
- Via public media, Youtube videos
- Via news channels, newspapers, popular science publications like New Scientist
- More involvement with plant pathologists 'in the field'

Keeping up-to-date (all BSPP activities)



Views on whether the BSPP newsletter would be better received as a digital or physical copy were mixed.

Section 4: Other BSPP activity ideas

Q12 Are there any other activities BSPP could do more of that you would take part in or sign up to?

- Career or networking workshops (53 of 88 respondents would be interested)
- Dissemination of PIP placement opportunities via email (45 of 88)
- Other suggestions
 - Field pathology training
 - Lobbying for action on plant health, public awareness of food security, plant pathology
 - Link with the Plant Health Register to offer a Professional Register
 - Dissemination of job opportunities
 - Invite freelance consultants to speak about their transition to self-employment at networking events/conferences
 - MSc Plant Pathology bursaries, PhD project funds
 - Conference registration discounts for retired members to encourage older members to attend BSPP conferences.
 - Smaller more focussed workshops or meetings
 - Arrange or advertise short courses on 'topical issues in plant pathology'
 - Consider crop pathology with greater focus on overseas crops
 - Database of retired but still active plant pathologists who would be interested in other plant pathology opportunities
 - Organise retired members to work overseas

We have tried to address the points **in blue** in our separate response sheet – we will also consider all the comments and suggestions over the next few months (including some not listed here).

Section 5: Other comments and suggestions

- More interaction with other European societies of plant pathology, e.g. Society of Irish Plant Pathologists
- Try to keep foreign members more involved
- Try to keep retired members more involved
- What is the breakdown of BSPP membership categories (see below)
- Members who have volunteered at past Outreach events were not contacted again
- Could BSPP offer PhD studentship funding (w/ or w/o industry)
- Website updating of deceased Honorary members
- 'Disease of the month' feature on website/newsletter with a short account of the pathogen, host and impacts?
- More offered papers at BSPP meetings

Breakdown of BSPP Membership categories
(as of November 2016)

