



Open session

Data's Den: show us your best tools to process and present data

The Data's den open session took the form of a well-known TV game show where a panel of "investors" receive pitches and decide to invest in the most appealing or profitable inventions. In the ICES Open session, the investments were replaced with sweets, and a much more informal setting.

Four panellists (Peter Wiebe (US), Dorothy Dankel (NO), Christopher Zimmerman (GER), and Jens Rasmussen (UK)) received six three minute pitches that represented a wide range of data related activities:

ICES Transparent Assessment Tool (presented by Neil Holdsworth)

Smartdots software development (Els Torreele)

The open source smartboard electronic fish measurement solution (Daniel Stepputtis)

Data Integration and architecture in Institute for Marine Research, Norway (Nils Olav Handegard)

The StoX application (Arne Johannes Holmin)

The Coastmap data visualisation platform (Linda Baldewein)

Each panellist posed questions to the participants and subsequently "invested" in each pitch.

The event was organised and presented by members of the Data and Information Group (Malin Werner, Jens Rasmussen, Christian von Dorrien, and Ingeborg de Boois) in a session that provided a fun and alternative way of presenting data analysis, capture, and visualisation.

The session was well-attended by approximately 120 conference participants, who all took part in providing the "audience" vote that also played a role in rewarding each of the pitches. The Smartdots presentation was announced the overall winner, but the key aspect of the event was to have participants that presented their interesting and innovative developments and ideas in a compressed, but approachable format.

The audience response on the session was very positive; many people approached judges and conveners afterwards and mentioned that they liked the format and enjoyed the session.