

XLIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association

LASA2025

CONGRESS REPORT

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San Francisco, USA & Virtual

May 23–26, 2025

FACTS

Total Participants	3760
Total Presenters	3113
Total Sessions and Events	942
Films and Documentaries	71
Book Exhibitors	31
Travel Grantees ¹	160
Book Presentations ²	53
Sponsors, Contributors, and Institutional Partners	35

1. The travel grantees referenced here are individuals who fulfilled all required criteria, including in-person attendance in San Francisco, and who consequently received a travel grant. Section grantees are excluded.

2. The number of book presentations listed above reflects those scheduled in the program book. Last-minute cancellations are not deducted from this total.

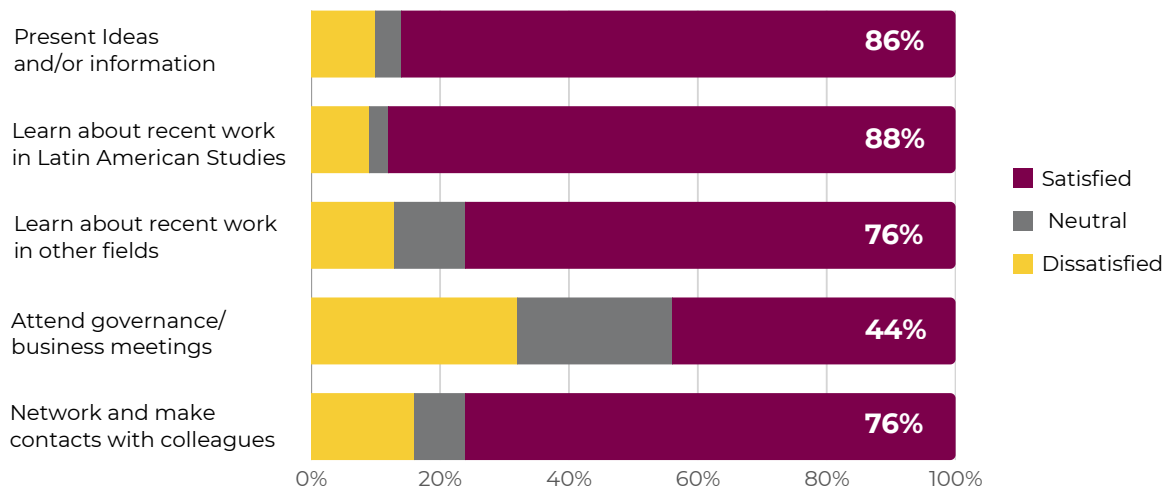
HOW MANY LASA CONGRESSES HAVE YOU ATTENDED IN THE PAST?

19% of respondents were attending a LASA Congress for the first time, and 44% have attended five or more.

HOW MANY SESSIONS DID YOU ATTEND AT LASA2025?

39% of respondents attended between 4 and 7 sessions.

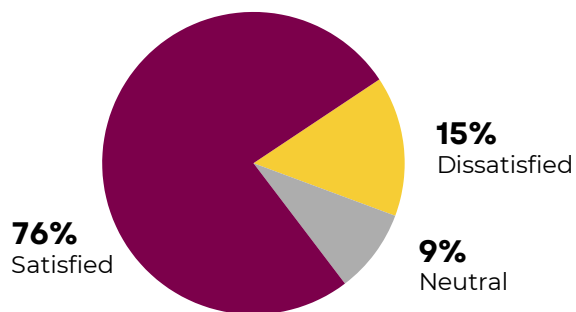
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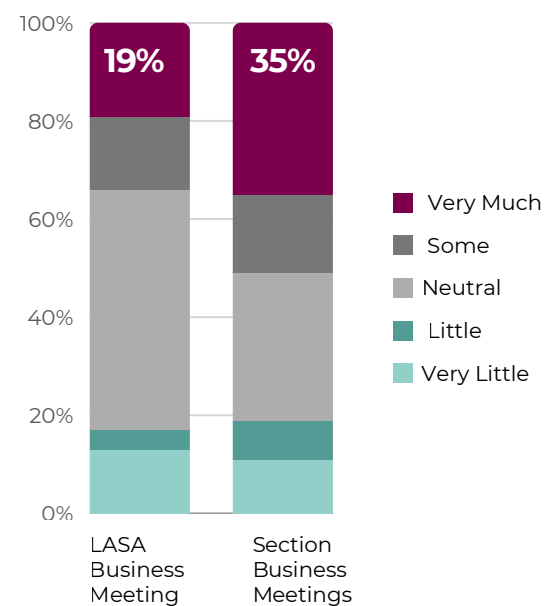
SATISFACTION RATES

GENERAL SATISFACTION

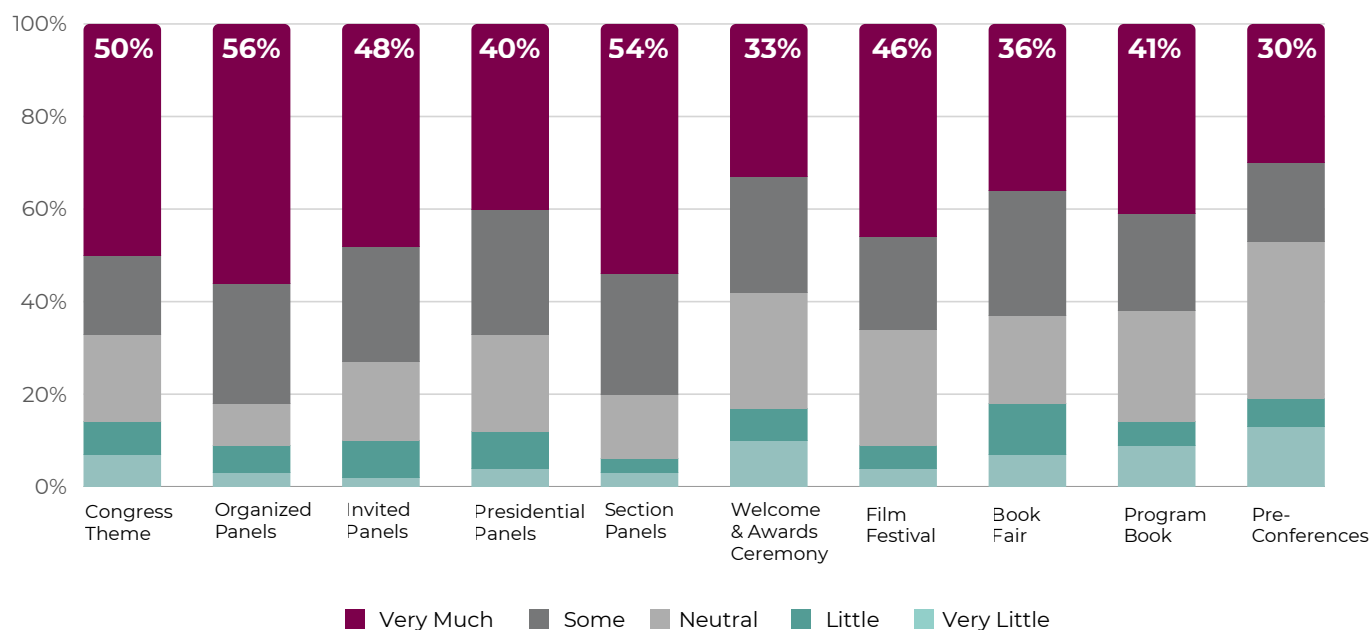
Overall, 76% of respondents were satisfied with the LASA2025 Hybrid Congress, lower than last year (87%). 9% were neutral, and only 15% were dissatisfied.



GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH MEETINGS



SATISFACTION WITH ACADEMIC ELEMENTS



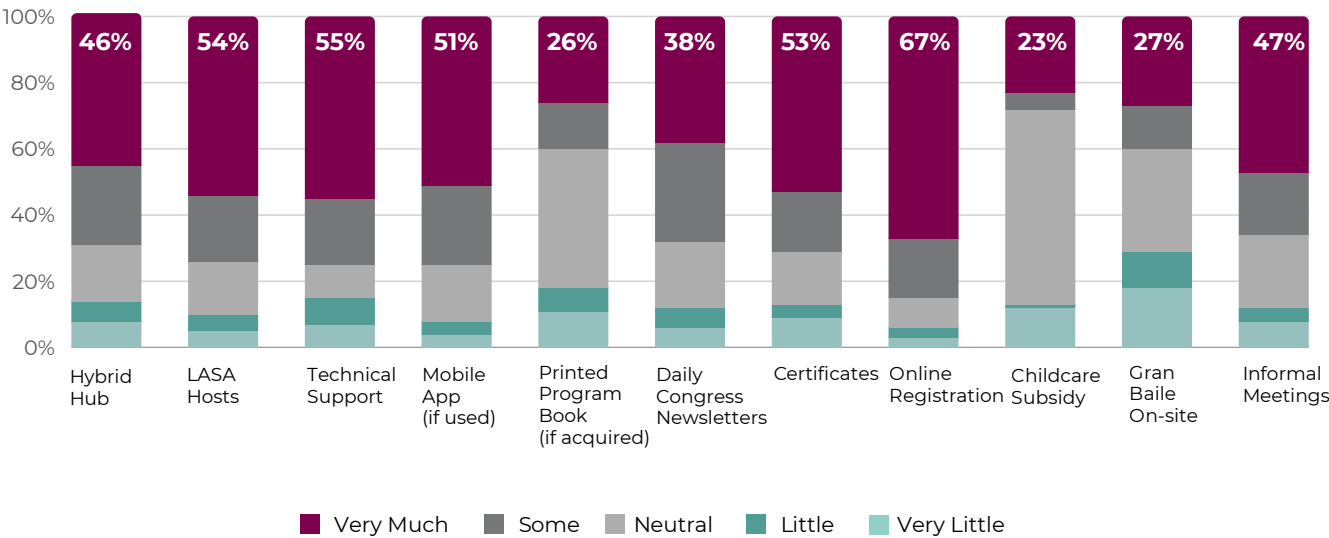
These are the approval percentages (respondents who indicated they were *some* or *very satisfied*) with the academic aspects of the Congress, ranked from highest to lowest.

Organized Panels	81%
Section Panels	80%
Invited Panels	73%
Congress Theme	67%
Presidential Panels	66%

Film Festival	66%
Book Fair	63%
Program Book	62%
Welcome & Awards Ceremony	57%
Pre-Conferences	47%

Consistent with the previous two years, *Organized Panels* and *Section Panels* remained the two most highly approved academic aspects of the Congress. However, this year the approval rates for both of these academic aspects declined, with *Organized Panels* decreasing from 90% (2024) to 81% and *Section Panels* decreasing from 85% (2024) to 80%.

SATISFACTION WITH NON-ACADEMIC ELEMENTS



Compared to 2024, higher “*very much satisfied*” ratings were observed in only three non-academic categories: Hybrid Hub (from 45% in 2024 to 46% in 2025), Mobile App (from 41% in 2024 to 51% in 2025), and Online Registration (from 63% to 67% in the same years).

These are the approval percentages (respondents who indicated they were *some* or *very satisfied*) with the non-academic aspects of the Congress, ranked from highest to lowest.

Online Registration	85%	Daily Congress Newsletters	67%
Technical Support	75%	Informal Meetings	67%
Mobile App (if used)	74%	Gran Baile On-site	40%
LASA Hosts	74%	Printed Program Book (if acquired)	40%
Certificates	71%	Childcare Subsidy	28%
Hybrid Hub	70%		

Between 2024 and 2025, the only element that showed an increase in approval was the Mobile App, which rose from 68% (2024) to 74%, while Online Registration and the Hybrid Hub remained stable with no change. The remaining non-academic elements experienced modest declines in 2025 compared to the previous year.

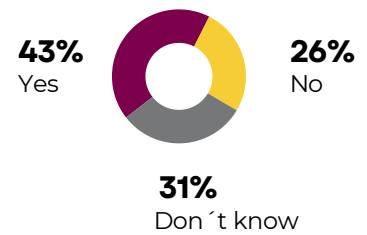
LODGING USED FOR LASA2025

Hotels recommended by LASA	39%
Other	31%
Hotels not recommended by LASA	22%
Friends / Colleagues homes	5%
Airbnb	3%

FUTURE ATTENDANCE

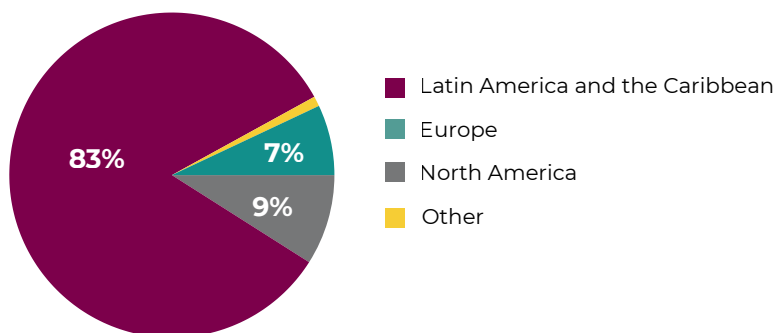
PLANNING TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR

43% of respondents said they are planning to attend next year, about one third (31%) are unsure, and 26% answered they are not planning to attend to LASA2026.

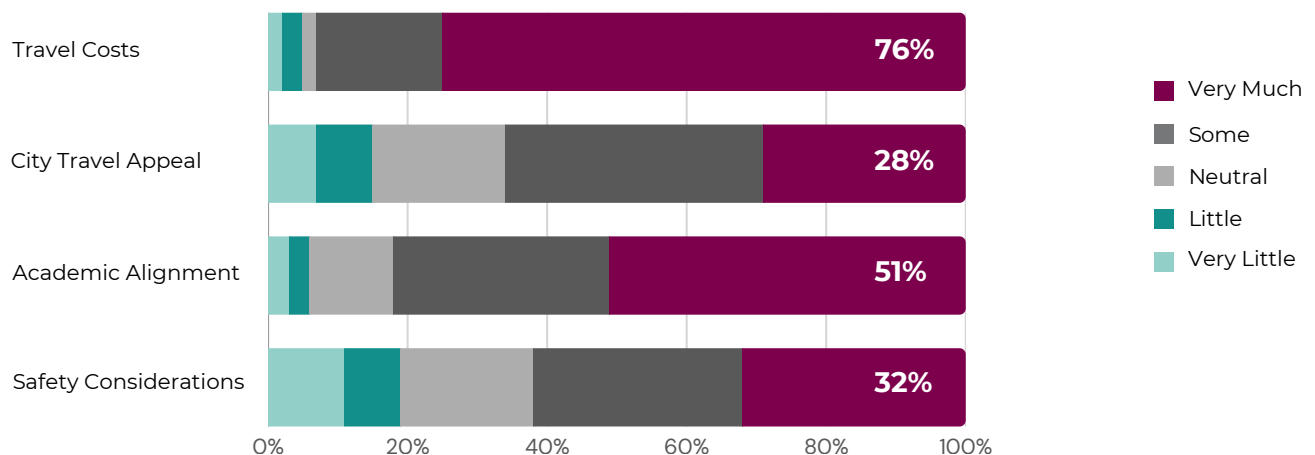


PREFERRED LOCATION FOR FUTURE CONGRESSES

Most respondents (83%) said they prefer future LASA International Congresses to be located in Latin America and the Caribbean.



EXTENT OF FACTORS IN DECISIONS TO ATTEND A LASA CONGRESS



MOBILE APP

As in 2024, 66% of respondents downloaded the app in 2025. However, the share of users among those who downloaded it rose from 88% in 2024 to 94% in 2025.

Downloaded App

34%
No



66%
Yes

Used App

6%
No



94%
Yes

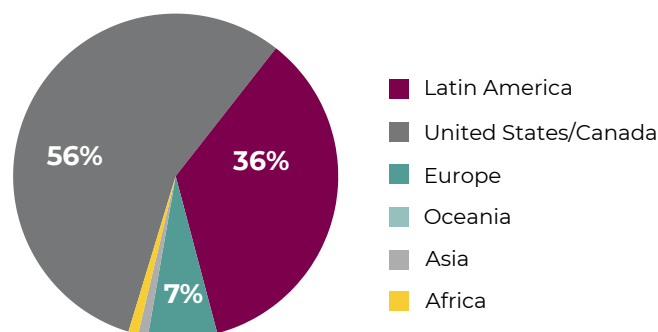
DEMOGRAPHICS

SCHOLARS RESIDENCY

This year, most respondents were based in the United States and Canada (57%), followed by Latin America (36%).

Compared to last year, representation from the United States and Canada increased (from 44%), while representation from Latin America declined (from 45%).

Respondents from Europe accounted for 7% of the total, a proportion similar to last year (9%).

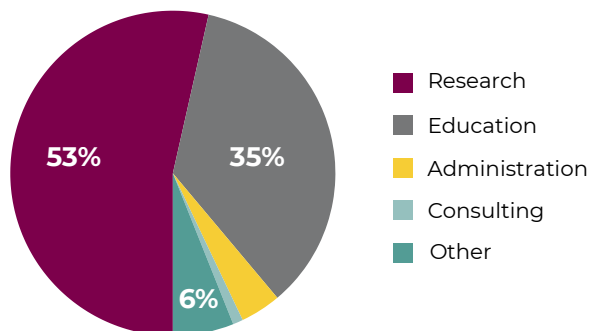


EMPLOYMENT TITLE

Full Professor	31%
Associate Professor	16%
Student	15%
Other	15%
Assistant Professor	12%
Independent Scholar	4%
Emeritus Professor	3%
Researcher in NGO	1%
Independent Consultant	1%
Retired	1%

PRIMARY ACTIVITY

The number of scholars focused on research (53%) and education (35%), was about the same as last year (55% and 37% respectively in 2024).



WERE YOU REIMBURSED FOR REGISTRATION EXPENSES INCURRED TO ATTEND THE CONGRESS?

In 2025, over one third (38%) of respondents said they had been reimbursed for registration, and among those who were reimbursed, most received between 81% and 100% (71%).

Results were similar last year (2024), when 31% of respondents reported being reimbursed and 75% received between 81% and 100%.



IF YES, TO WHAT EXTENT?

1%-20%	1%
21%-40%	5%
41%-60%	11%
61%-80%	11%
81%-100%	71%

FILM FESTIVAL

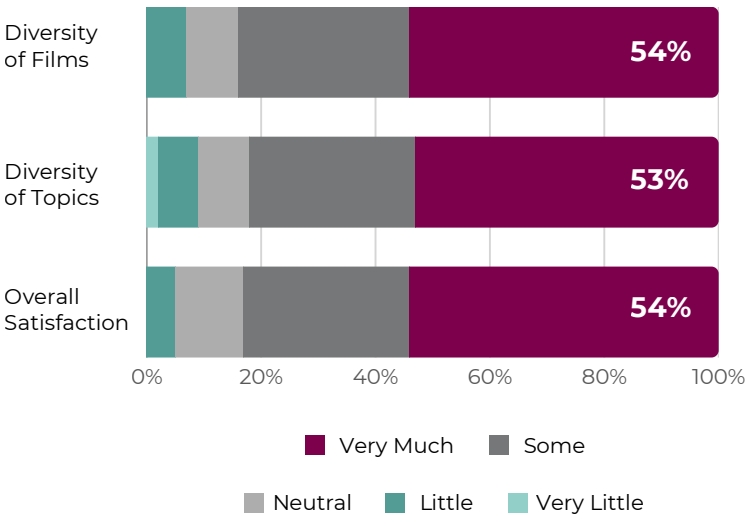
DID YOU ATTEND THE FILM FESTIVAL?

Film Festival attendance increased from 20% in 2024 to 27% in 2025, while the share of respondents who did not attend decreased from 80% to 73%.



DID YOU CONSIDER THE SELECTION OF THE MOVIES DIVERSE?

Examples: Documentaries, biographies, drama, etc.



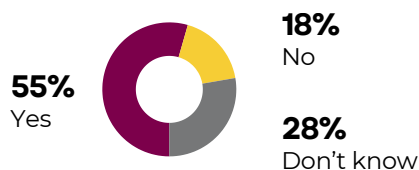
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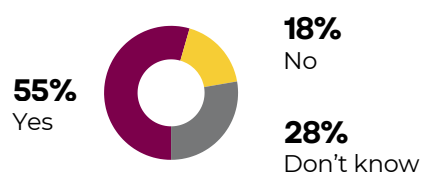
Overall, 55% used the All Access model (membership plus discounted congress registration), 75% were aware of the savings it offers, and 55% indicated they are more likely to use All Access in the future due to its advantages.

DID YOU SEEK SUPPORT TO ATTEND LASA2025 FROM YOUR INSTITUTION?



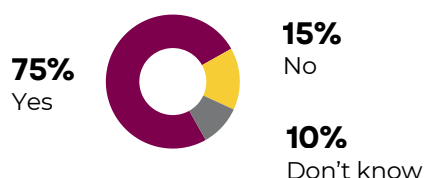
DID YOU USE THE "ALL ACCESS" MODEL?

(Membership + congress registration with discount)



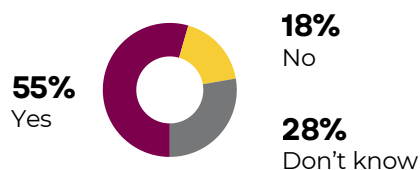
WERE YOU AWARE OF THE SAVINGS PROVIDED BY "ALL ACCESS" WHEN YOU LAST UPDATED YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR REGISTERED FOR LASA2025?

(Membership + congress registration with discount)



GIVEN THE SAVINGS IT OFFERS, ARE YOU MORE LIKELY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "ALL ACCESS" OPTION IN THE FUTURE?

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