Inter-Institutional Knowledge Mobilization: The Ontario Consortium of Undergraduate Biology Educators Model

On behalf of the oCUBE community

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Knowledge Mobilization

Community of Practice

"Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis".

Wenger, McDermott, and Snyder., 2002. A guide to to managing knowledge: Cultivating Communities of Practice . Harvard Business School Press

Characteristics of CoPs

(adapted from Wenger et al., 2002; Davis and Simmt, 2003)

1. Diversity & Evolution
2. Collective experience of members
3. Diffuse authority
4. Community spaces and rhythm
5. Focus on value
6. Enabling constraints
7. Familiarity and excitement!!!

oCUBE Mandate

sharing best practices with others

who are passionate about teaching

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In the spirit of community building, everyone is encouraged to create a wiki account, add themselves to this alphabetical list of members and then create a Profile page. Don't be modest with your profile. We need to see the glorious range of teaching opportunities, academic roles, scholarship, awards, nifty ideas and favourite recipes for hummus shared by oCUBE members. Post anything that you think will make you more "connectable" with others.

If you are adding yourself to this list, please be sure to email Jenn (jwaugh2 AT uwo DOT ca) to get on the mailing list.

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Participants determine Program & Topics discussed

Everyone is an Active Participant

oCUBE UnConference

Opportunities for Collaboration & Reflection

Notes taken are basis for the UnConference Proceedings

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UnConference
Wiki
(or Website)
Connecting
and Staying
Connected
* Journal
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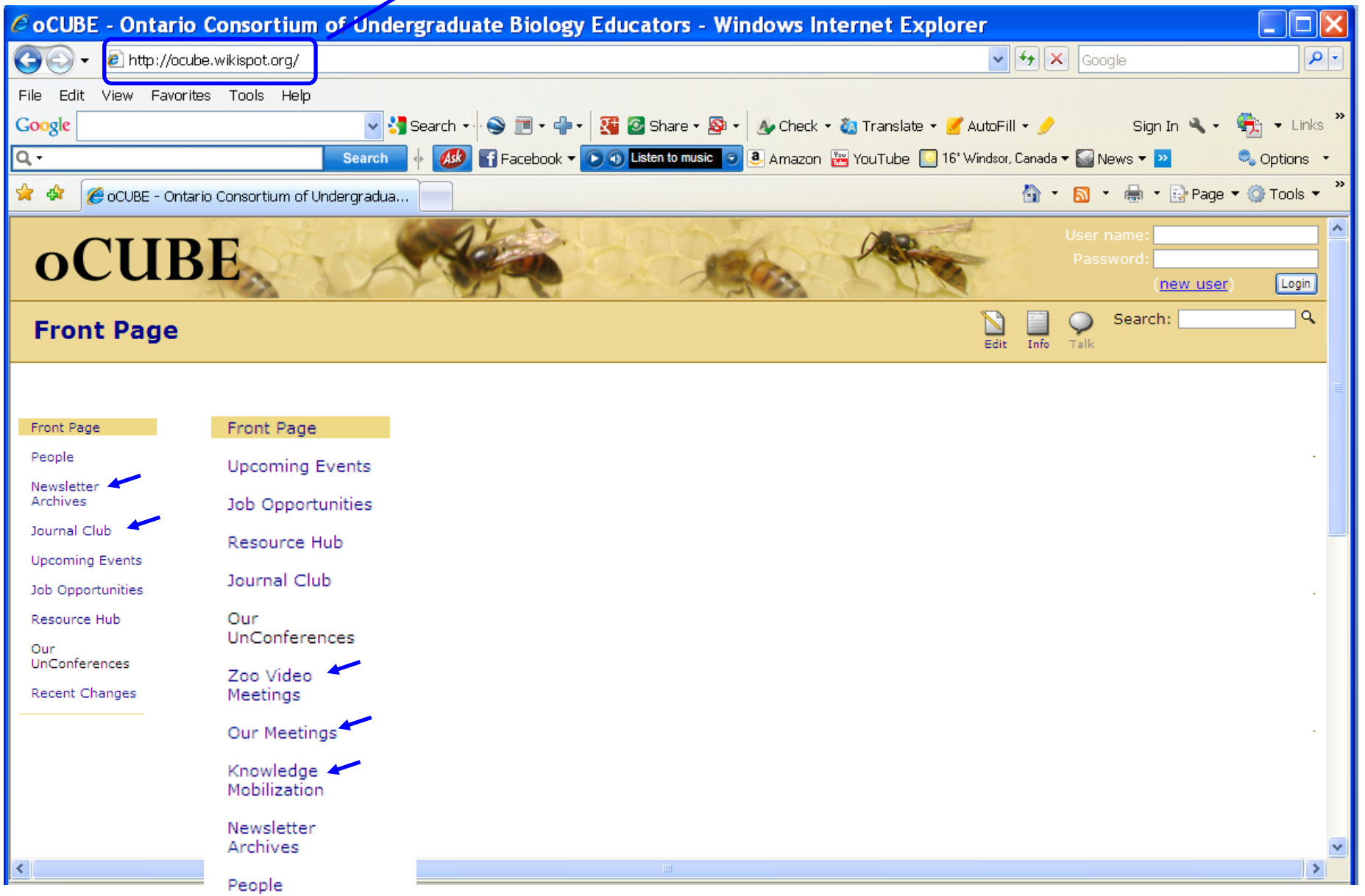

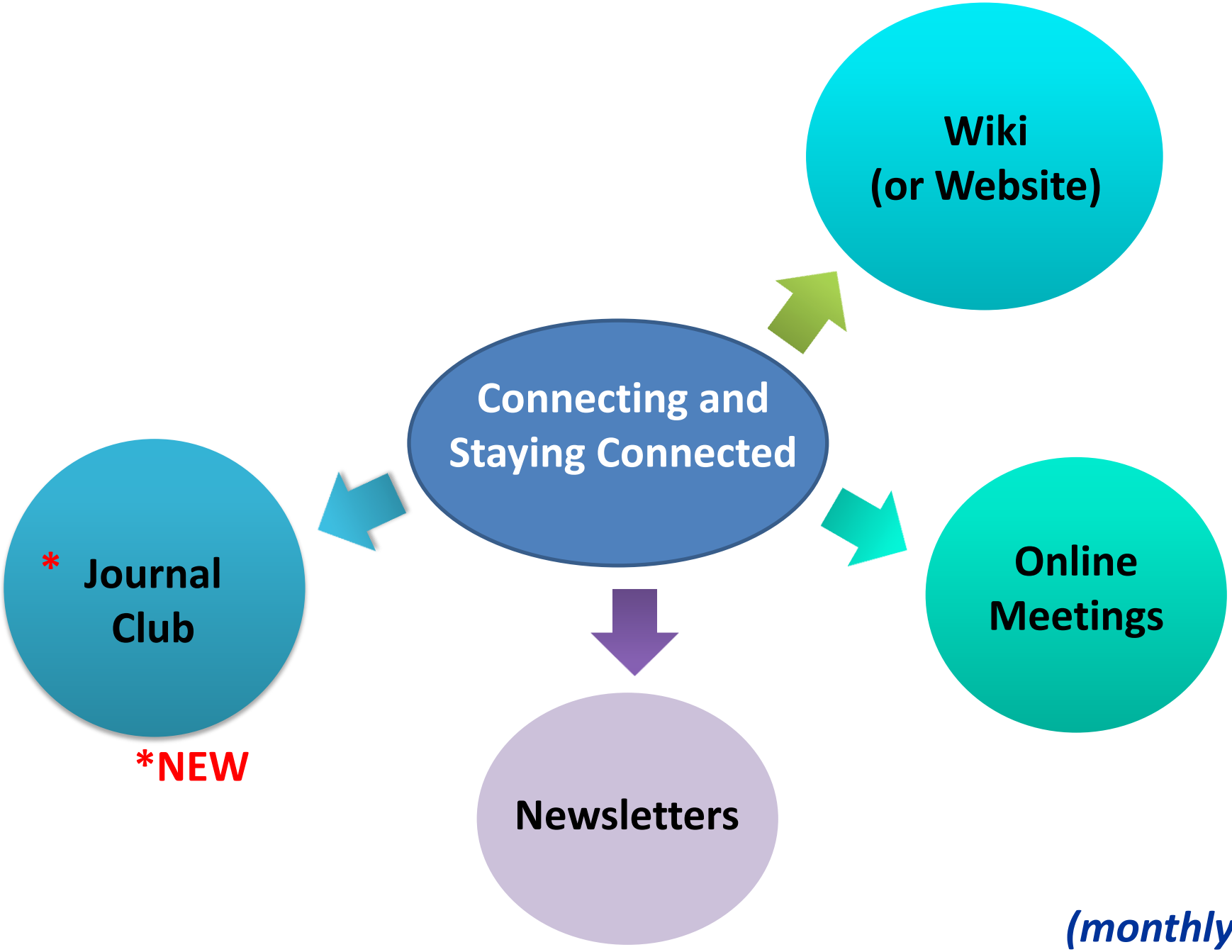
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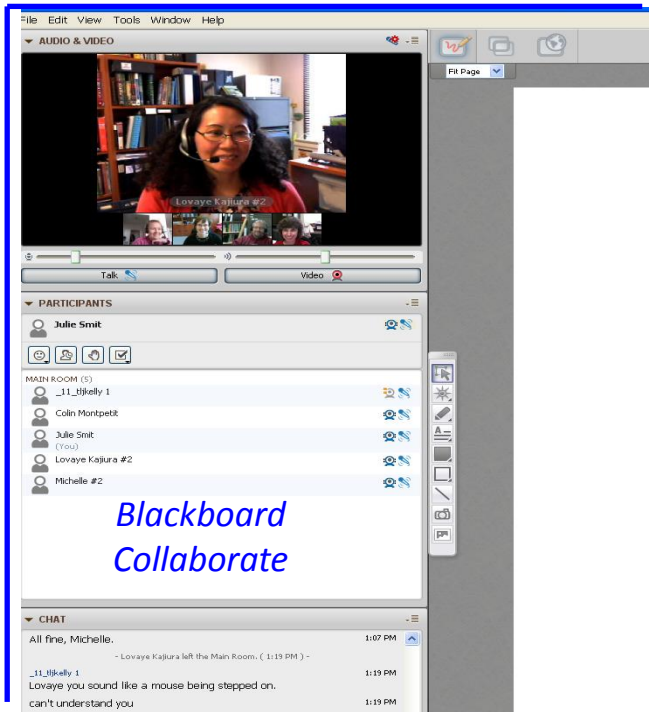
Online meetings:



Blackboard Collaborate

Monthly newsletter:

Journal Club:

First meeting: Tuesday June 25

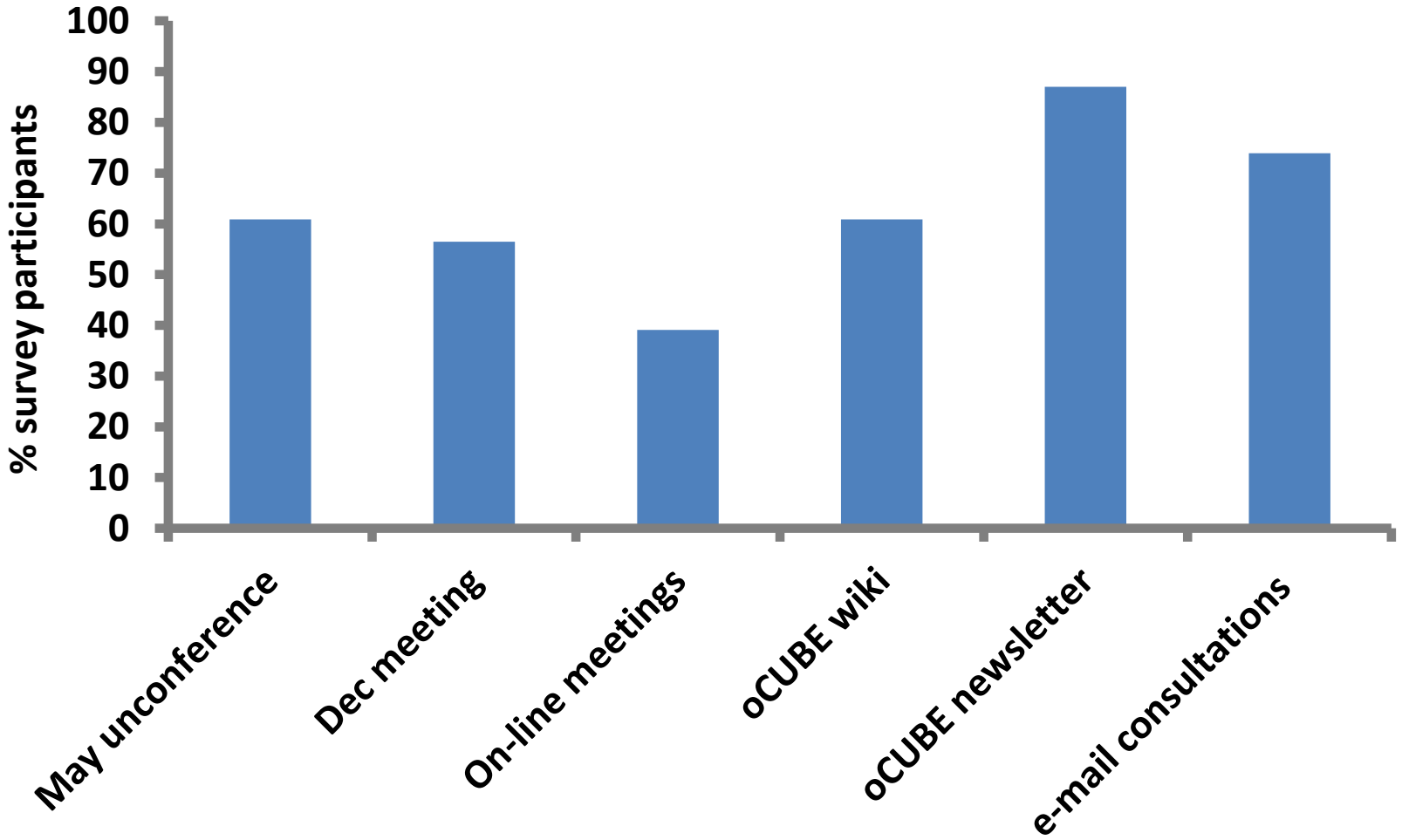
Schedule

Month (click on month to access paper)	**Facilitator**	**Topic(s) at a glance**
June 2013	Jennifer Waugh	preparation for learnin cases
July 2013	Tamara Kelly	TBA
August 2013	Colin Montpetit (I may change the paper as time approaches	TBA
September 2013	Jill Wheeler	TBA
October 2013	Melody Neumann	TBA
November 2013	Tom Haffie	TBA
December 2013	Michelle French	TBA

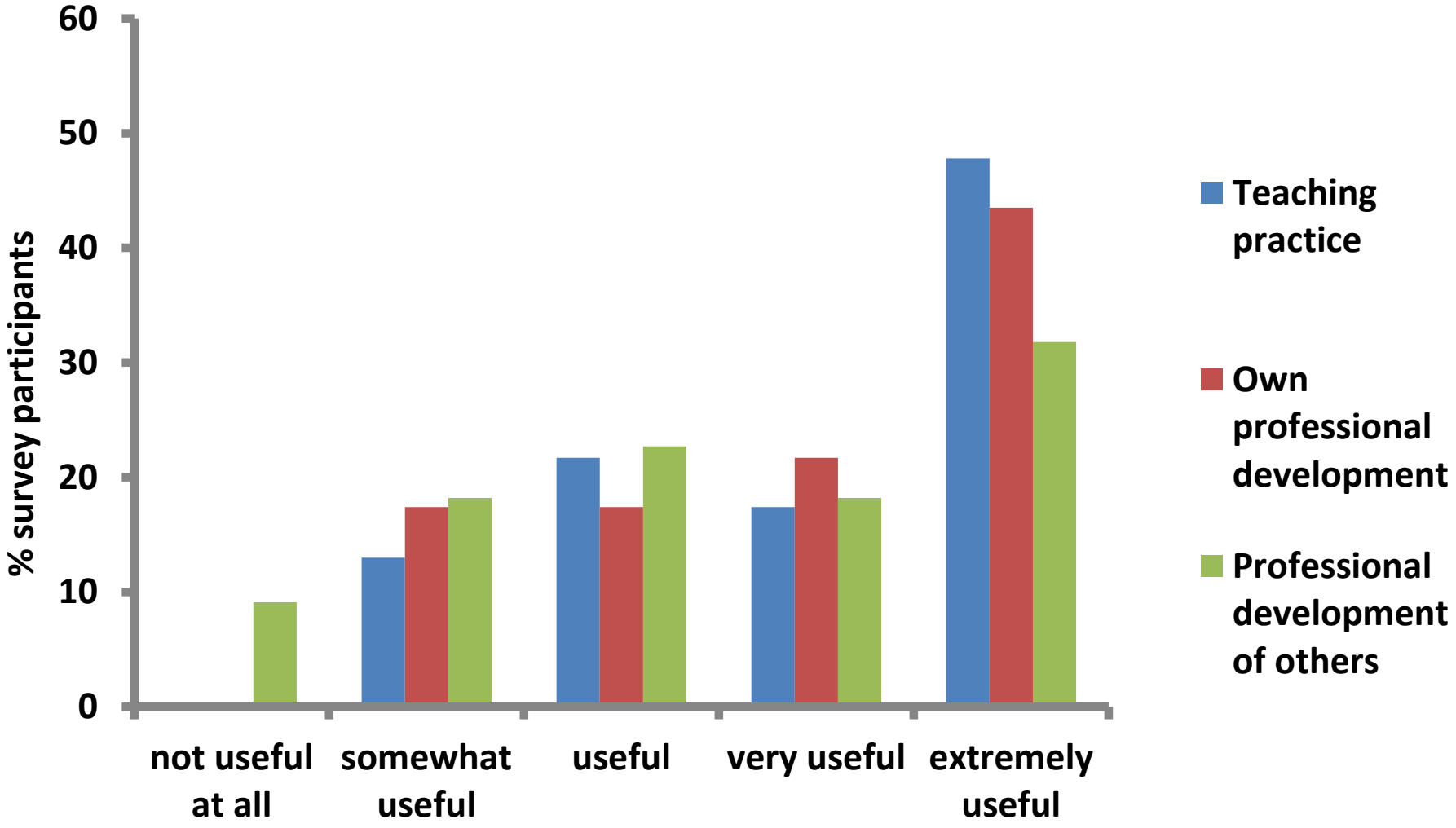
2013 Survey of oCUBE members

- link to on-line survey sent to 60 oCUBE members (June)
- gathered information about
  - participation in oCUBE (e.g. resources, usefulness)
  - oCUBE unconference
- 23 members participated in the survey
- almost 70% have taught for 6 or more years

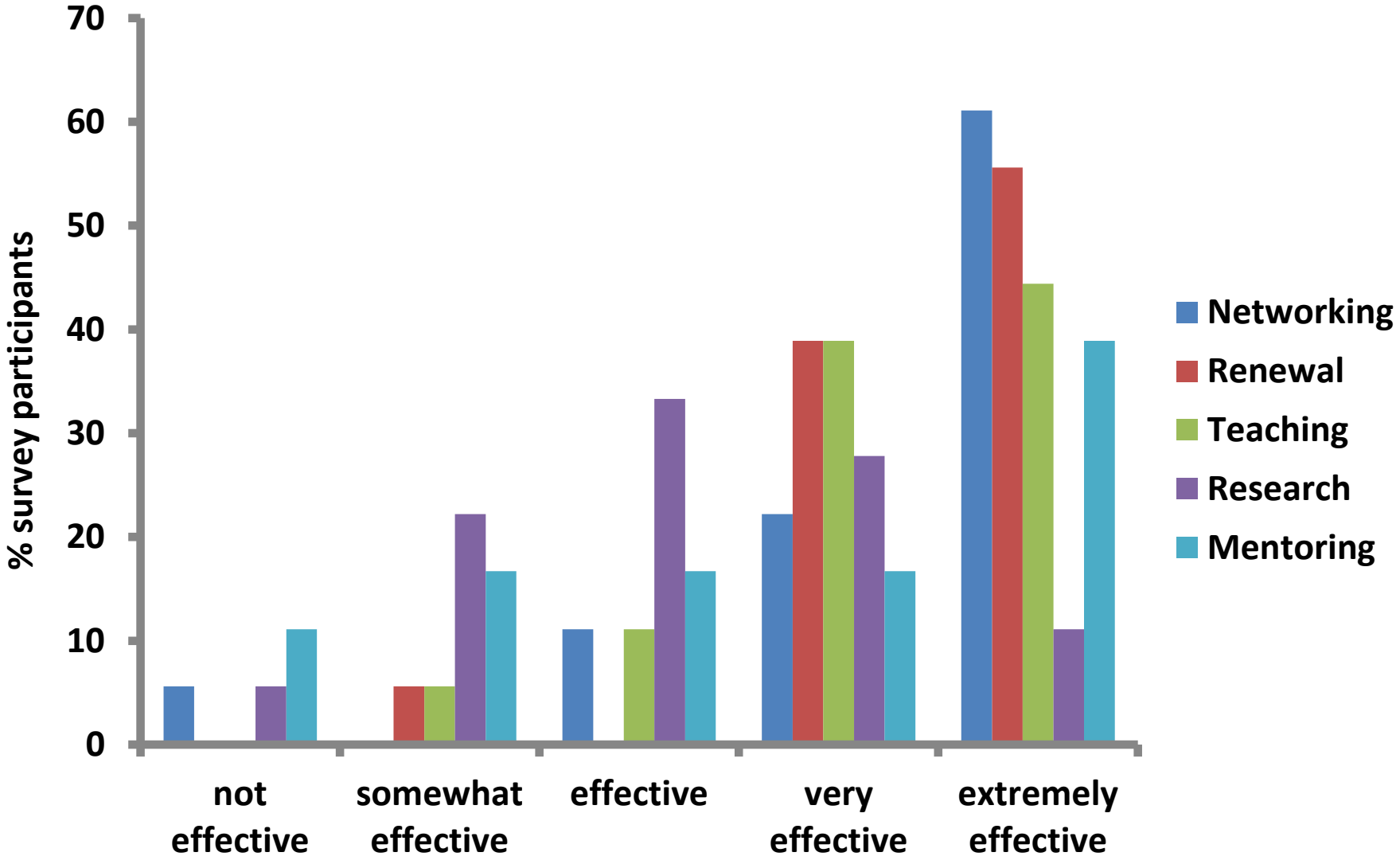
Use of/participation in oCUBE resources/events



Participation in oCUBE has been useful in improving teaching practice and professional development



oCUBE Unconference rated highly for key outcomes



Comments from survey participants

oCUBE

. . . has given me lots of ideas for new approaches to teaching

. . . is a great community within which to rejuvenate your spirit for teaching

. . . helped me connect with other societies for teaching and learning

Questions?

http://ocube.wikispot.org

Thank-you!