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### Report for the West Coast Optimization Meeting

The West Coast Optimization took place on October 9-10, 2015 at the Kelowna campus of the University of British Columbia (UBCO). The organizers were: Heinz Bauschke, Warren Hare, Yves Lucet and Shawn Wang. The West Coast Optimization Meetings have a good tradition in the Pacific Northwest, being held almost always in Spring at the University of Washington and in Fall at some Canadian university. It is informal, with no registration fee, but effective and truly embodies the Pacific spirit of PIMS.

We aimed at 40-50 attendees, and had a record 53 people register. Our attendance break down was 26% UBCO attendees, 24% other BC attendees, 10% other Canadian attendees, and 30% international attendees. International attendees included guests from China, Vietnam, and USA. In career format, our attendance break down was 42% faculty, 46% students and postdoctoral fellows, and 12% industrial researchers. Most registration details can be found here: <https://ocana.ok.ubc.ca/wcom15/participants.php>

We had 12 scientific talks, 6 of which were given students or postdoctoral fellows. Our speakers came from 9 different universities, including keynotes from U. Washington and U. Montreal. Full speaker details can be found at <https://ocana.ok.ubc.ca/wcom15/schedule.php>

The conference was supported by PIMS, NSERC, and internal UBCO grants.

The Demographic survey was filled out on paper, I will be happy to send you the forms if needed.

Respectfully submitted by

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Heinz Bauschke, Full Professor and Canada Research Chair (2006-2016)