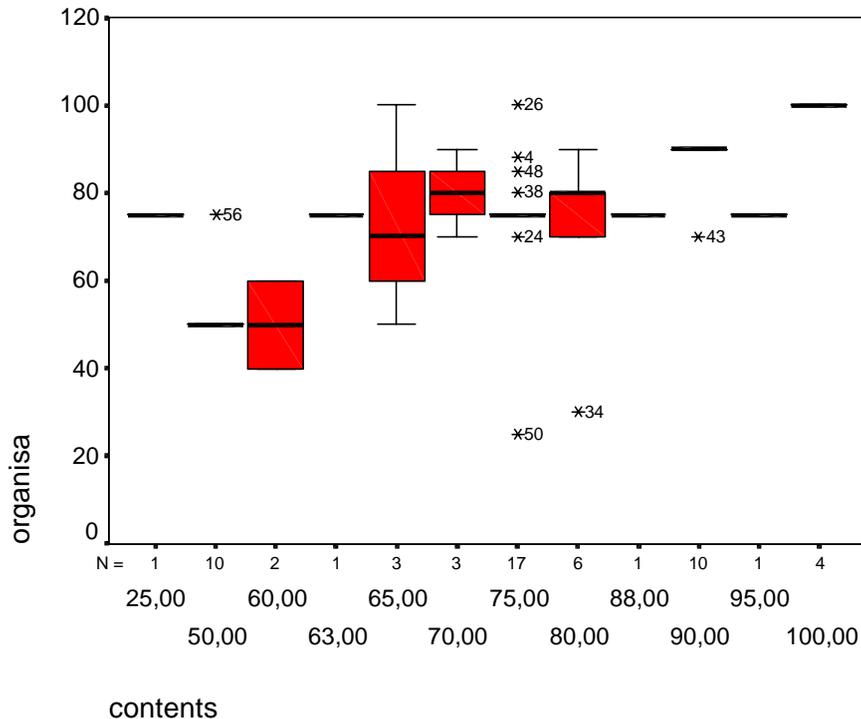


The radiations in the sunflowers refer to the number of the cases. As it can be observed from the figure the highest probabilities lie at 80% each. There are also cases of 100% of the organisation and the contents visible (s. questionnaire).

Fig. 3: Boxplot of organisation and contents of the symposium



The participants appreciated very much the special attention and the full dedication of the organising committee and „the great job“ that they had done (37x), the actuality of presented papers (16x), the agenda and the comprehensive approach of the symposium (8x), the web-based collaboration and networking (7x), the achievement of goals in a short time (5x), the accommodation and the food (9x), internationality/regionality (3x), involved organisations (2x).

The participants missed a „more advanced topic of Symposium“, more information, more participants from Southeast Asian regions, understanding of presentations, more general scientific contributions (they were partly very specific), enough time, reaction of participants after heavy issues, time for sight seeing, enough discussions and finally more cultural meetings, all similar and single statements. In thirty-six cases there were no comments on missed issues.

In 19 cases, no suggestions were made for the future. However, in 7 cases the participants claim the short time of call for papers, invitations came late. Besides this, there is a need for more information on the symposium in advance. There must be, at least, a minimum of three months for preparing themselves for the symposium. In three cases there was a wish to shorten the time of symposium to three days. Four participants appealed for a good balance between symposium and time for relaxation, shopping and sight-seeing. Three participants argued that the theme of the symposium should be broader, there should be more participation in the decision-making processes.

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