

**FEEDBACK - The Future of the Lab**  
**November 30 - December 2, 2009**  
**Eindhoven, NL**  
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**1. What is your opinion on the overall organization of the meeting?**

*The event organization was excellent, as in the workshops and conferences as well as in the free times. Everything worked out fine and the quality of the group as human beings was exceptional.*

**2. What did you think of the format of the meeting (case studies, working groups, keynote, mapping session, etc.)?**

*I think that the case studies were exposed on a general way and just from one point of view, more than cases to be studied they became introductions of laboratories.*

*About the working groups, new formulas or groups could have been tried, where all the guests could get the chance to be related one to another.*

*Concerning to mapping sessions, it wasn't considered the place where the lab takes part in the city, and how it can affect the society as a whole. I think it could be important to do a mapping session including that matter.*

*The keynotes were concerning and brief.*

**3. What are the most concrete and promising outcomes for you from this meeting?**

*Definitively, having another one, where each one of the participants can expose their case of lab in particular, and how it works in a level production as well as a financial level, and how these labs have crushed on a social, artistic and technological development. On parallel, I believe it's important to create a decentralized level of collaboration, and this must be planned very carefully.*

**4. Would you like to continue in a more formalized collaboration with the participants involved (through, for example, the collab Google group and another meeting during ISEA2010)? What is required to make this collaboration successful and sustainable?**

*Personally, I think it's important for the (Latina American) region where I live and work. What we do need currently is to have a support of the different laboratories to sensitize different institutions on a regional level which can support the initiatives. The problem emerging on Latin American is that usually there aren't the resources to make these spaces sustentable, and maybe counting with a residence program between laboratories this situation could be subvert. For this, it'd be interesting to study financial mechanisms and see the way to get to them.*

**5. Would you be interested in contributing to an eventual publication around the topics explored during this meeting, and if so, in what capacity?**

*It's absolutely relevant to create a publication about the experience, but after a second meeting, where the ideas can be seen clearly and where there is a structure of the policies to be taken. It'd be a publication translated on several languages, this would help to implement more laboratories on a global level, and see the possibilities to study new financial ways various countries.*

**6. How could The Future of the Lab have been improved?**

*As a first approach to The Future of the Lab case, I think that everything worked well, but I think that a second meeting could generate more concrete statements.*

**Was there anything you missed/that lacked in your opinion?**

*A sort of critic about the configuration of the group on its whole, it was too centred on an Occidental European view. It'd be important that people of other countries, could get part of the general discussion.*

**What should we take on board for a follow up meeting?**

*How could be coordinated a more wide and heterogeneous work group, that should be the challenge to be stated.*