

# Student-Reported Barriers to ISPOR Conference Attendance: A North America vs. Rest of World Analysis 2025-2026

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## INTRODUCTION

- The ISPOR Student Interest Survey is an annual survey of active students, with the 2025-2026 version representing the most recent data on student perspectives and engagement.
- Conference participation is an important part of professional development in Health Economics and Outcomes Research (HEOR), but access is often limited by factors such as cost, visa restrictions, and lack of institutional support.
- Understanding how these barriers vary across regions is essential to identifying gaps in access and improving inclusivity in global conference participation.

## AIM

- The ISPOR Survey and Evaluation Committee sought to understand barriers to student participation at ISPOR annual regional conferences regarding past ISPOR attendance, anticipated future attendance.

## METHOD

### Study Design

A prospective cross-sectional survey design was conducted. An existing student interest survey from previous years was revised between August and pretested using Qualtrics in September 2025 to collect self-reported current student network needs.

### Study Population

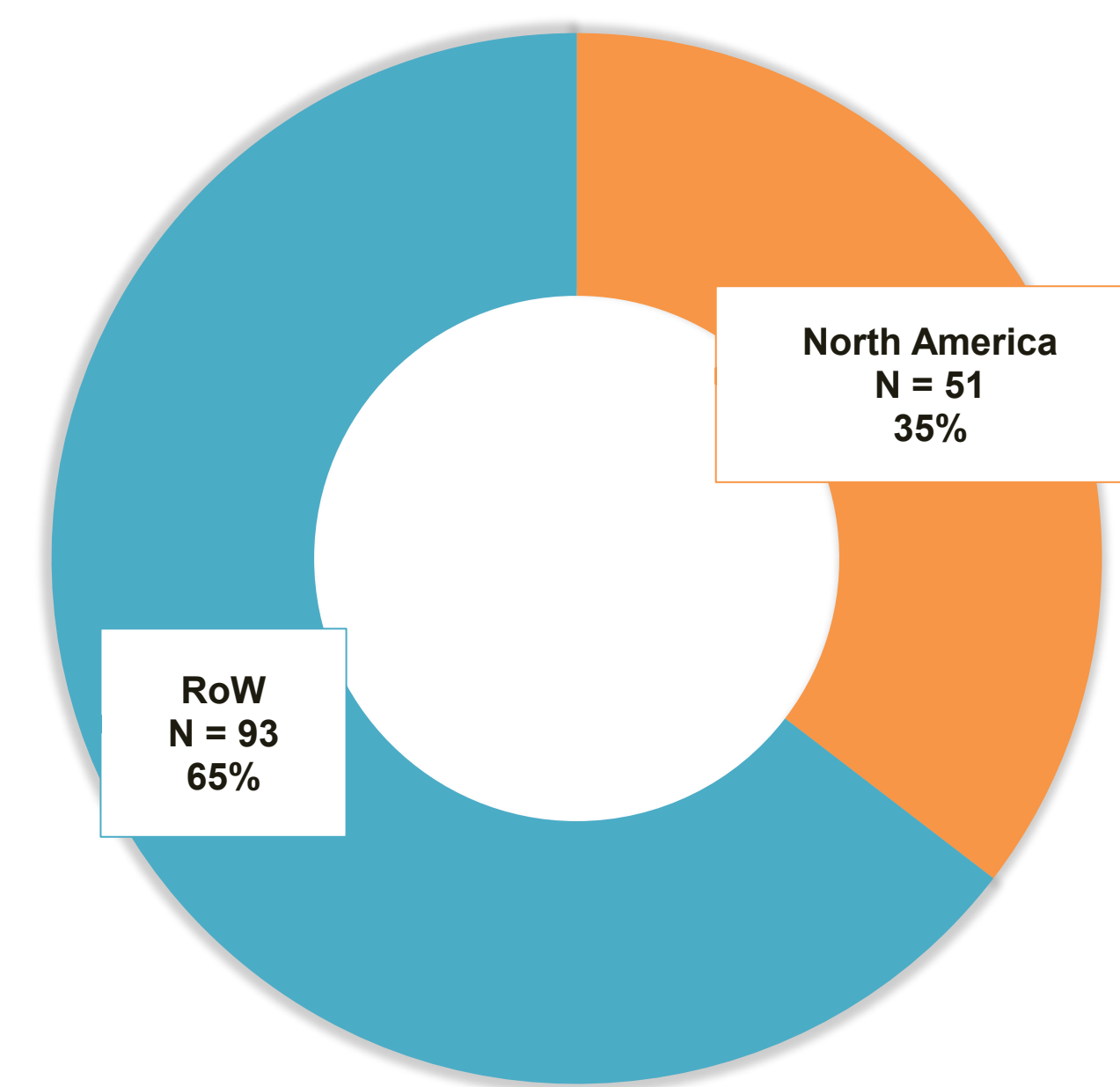
The survey was sent distributed to ISPOR Student Network members globally via email listservs and official social media channels between October and December 2025.

### Statistical Analysis

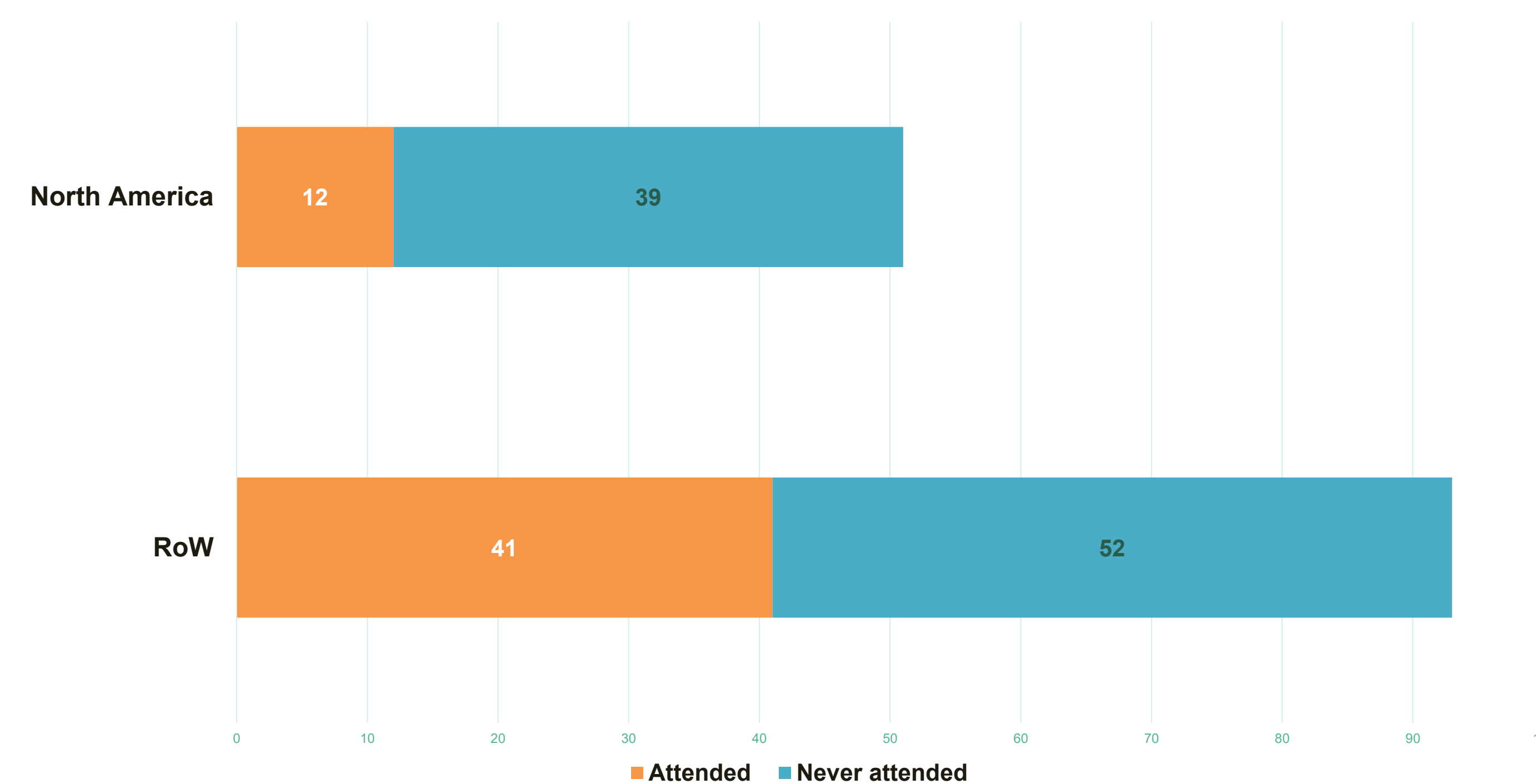
Descriptive analysis was used to summarize the demographic characteristics of respondents, as well as students reported barriers to ISPOR conference attendance. Bivariate analysis using Fischer's exact test was employed for determining associations in attendance.

## RESULTS

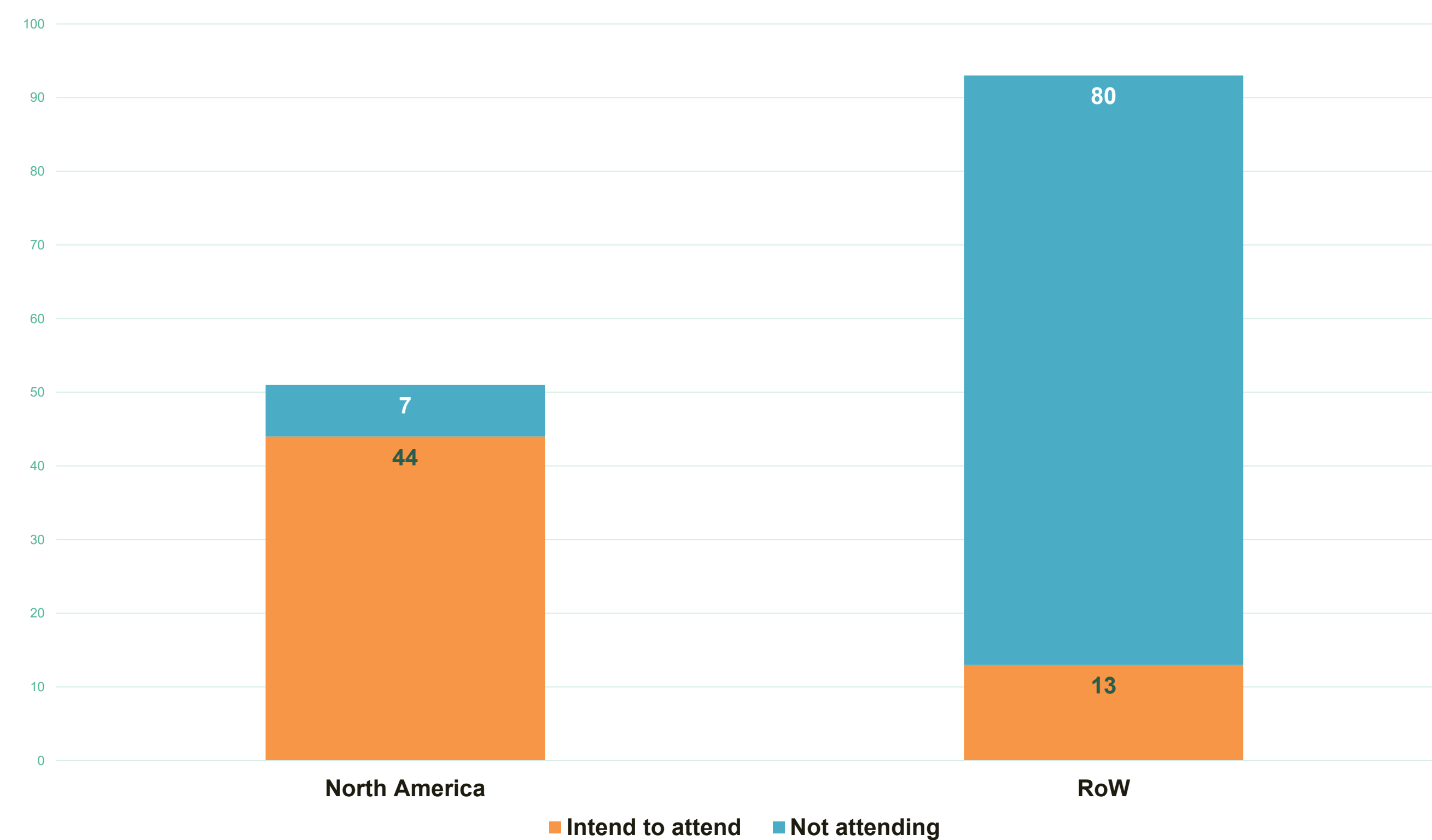
ORIGIN OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS BY REGION  
N = 144



PREVIOUS ISPOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

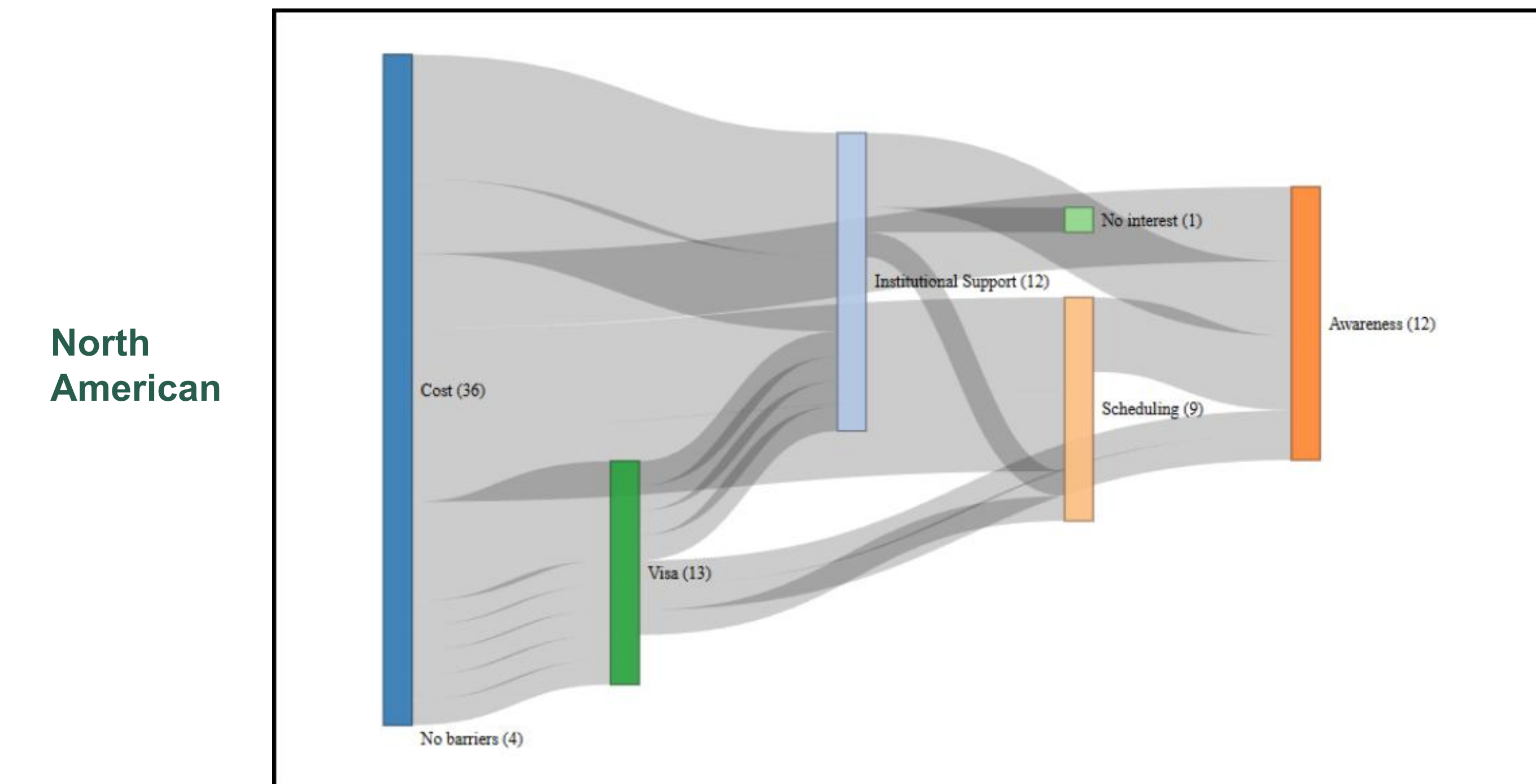


Intentions to Attend ISPOR 2026 North America Conference

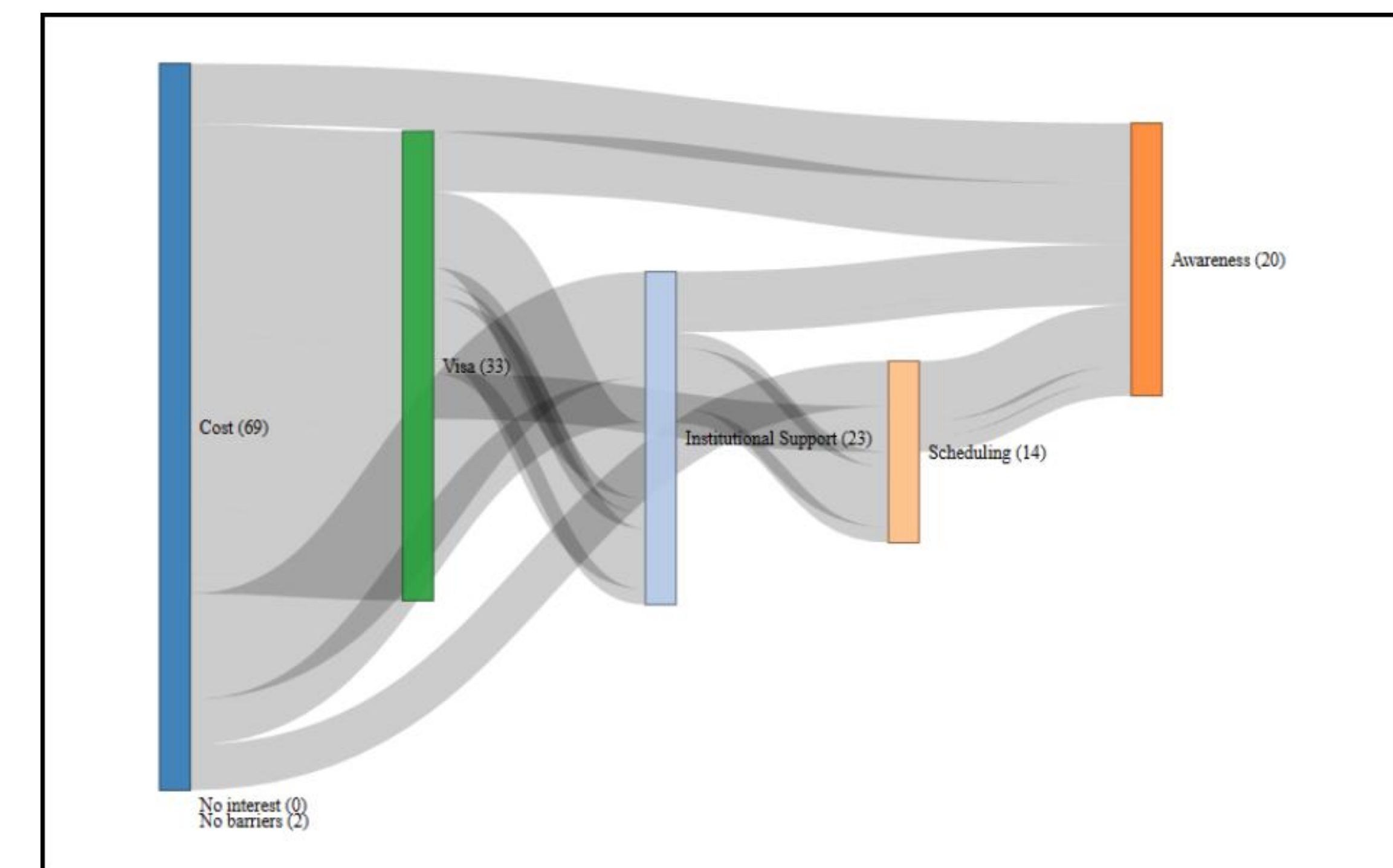


## RESULTS (continued)

BARRIERS TO ISPOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE



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## DISCUSSION

- Disparities in attendance, participation intentions, and structural barriers underscore the need for targeted solutions, such as financial support, visa assistance, and stronger institutional partnerships across regions to ensure equitable global access to ISPOR conferences and professional development.
- Stakeholders should prioritize coordinated investment and collaboration to systematically reduce these barriers and broaden global participation.

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