



# **SIG Feedback**

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# Productive AG Sessions

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## Special Interest Group #3:

### **Conducting Productive AG Sessions – Trading Tips & Experiences**

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Anyone interested in effectively using the Access Grid (site representatives, new users), or anyone with success tips to share (current AG node operators, experienced users), is welcome to participate.



# Companies Represented

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- Argonne National Laboratory (1)
- National Center for Atmospheric Research (2)
- National Center for Supercomputing Applications (1)
- National Grid Office, Singapore (1)
- National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) (1)
- University of Chicago (5)
- various wandering alternate-SIG participants



# Essentials

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- who, what, when, where, why, how
- be proactive
- always take a few moments to introduce the technology to any newcomers
- cameras, volumes, mics, movements, wall layout, troubleshooting techniques, monitoring basics

# Take Charge Personalities

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- secure all presentation files, get agenda, test with other sites
- decide on AG toolkit version, as well as ensuring all sites have appropriate software loaded for event
- do not introduce new technology or visual aids during a meeting
- understand importance of current scheduling information

# Production to Polished

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- consider physical room cleanup and placement, wall layout, speaker seat
- start meeting early
- stay tuned to backchannel text
- address remote sites throughout meeting for sense of inclusion
- understand any cultural or international differences
- share any information you can so things run smoothly
- test prior to the event day if necessary

# Concerns for Users, 2.x

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- announcing or marketing an event over the AG
- AG phonebook
- operator training sessions on the AG
- getting through a meeting with 1.x, 2.x and inSORS these days
- server instability
- understanding of venue servers
- certificates for light users (group certs)
- tool for converting timezones/international datelines
- text chat connected to venue client\*\*\*\*\*
  - do you yahoo?
  - playing in the mud
  - IG chat
  - venue client chat



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# AG Retreat 2005



## 5th Annual Access Grid Retreat



*The AG technology was developed by the Futures Laboratory at Argonne National Laboratory, under research funding from the US Department of Energy Office of Science, the US National Science Foundation, and Microsoft Research. Argonne is operated by the University of Chicago.*

The AG Retreats provide an interactive forum for Access Grid community—including developers, node operators, and users—to share recent experiences and research findings, to present ideas for future AG technical directions, and to train and educate AG newcomers. Participants depend on the AG Retreats for updates on topics ranging from AG collaboration experiences to node installation and troubleshooting to AG development directions. The AG Retreats are critical to the continued development, utility, and improvement of AG.

**Send your ideas, topics of interest, request for involvement, or inquiries to [ag2005@accessgrid.org](mailto:ag2005@accessgrid.org).**

The Access Grid™ is an ensemble of resources including multimedia large-format displays, presentation and interactive environments, and interfaces to Grid middleware and to visualization environments. These resources are used to support group-to-group interactions across the Grid. The Access Grid differs from desktop-to-desktop tools that focus on individual communication.

