

Call for Sessions: 2009 Summer ESIP Federation Meeting, July 7-10, 2009

We invite all members of the ESIP Federation community to submit session topics for this summer's ESIP Federation meeting at the University of California, Santa Barbara. We are looking forward to building on the success of last summer's member-driven forums. In an attempt to bring more of what you want to these meetings, we will devote a full day to breakout sessions that reflect what you wish to present. This day (July 9) will be all about collaboration, cooperation, creation, and discussion. The call for sessions will run through May 15, 2009. Session slots are limited to one hour (though, may be extended) and will be awarded based on the interest shown by your colleague's intent to attend. Anyone can propose a session.

In the truest sense, the Breakout Day goes back to the roots of what the ESIP Federation's creators envisioned. The breakouts are in effect Clusters, loose groupings of people interested in a common topic. The sessions and are intended to be working forums, where a well-defined topic of interest is considered. The sessions might include:

- technical problems
- policy issues
- inter-agency dialogue
- web services chain building
- issue area cluster meetings
- proposal writing
- collaboration finder
- general interest meetings aimed at forming a new cluster activity

Role of session leader:

- facilitate discussion among all participants
- provide background information and overview of session, its goals and objectives
- recruit participants and other key human resources to ensure session's success
- market your session both pre-meeting and during meeting
- provide your contact details on the wiki (include organization, phone and email)
- select a session recorder and post information to session's wiki page
- report out notes from the session and post to the wiki
- participate in reporting-out sessions after the morning and afternoon series

Ground rules for sessions:

- no product marketing pitches
- no PowerPoint presentations
- everyone participates
- vote with your feet
- add your name to the list of interested participants for one or more sessions

To propose your session, visit http://wiki.esipfed.org/index.php/Open_Meeting_Sessions. To see last summer's open meeting topics, visit http://wiki.esipfed.org/index.php/July_16-18%2C_2008%2C_ESIP_Federation_Meeting%2C_Durham%2C_NH#Open_Meeting_Sessions_.28July_17.2C_2008.29.

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