

# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

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Access Grid Retreat 2004 - June 9-11, 2004  
Toronto, Canada  
Hosted by Ryerson University

<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/fl/flevents/ag/agr04/>

The Access Grid™ (AG) Retreat 2004 will be held June 9-11 in Toronto, Canada. This year's meeting will be hosted by Ryerson University in their Rogers Communication Center, an ideal venue for collaboration and interaction.

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. For example, the AG is used for large-scale distributed meetings, collaborative work sessions, seminars, lectures, tutorials, and training. The Access Grid began as a community effort in terms of development, support, education, and training and it continues to grow as a result of this approach. The AG Retreats, an annual tradition, reflect this community involvement and are critically to the continued development, utility, and improvement of the AG.

The AG Retreat program provides an interactive forum for Access Grid community including developers, node operators and users. The following topics represent priority issues for the Access Grid Retreat 2004 program:

- Outreach to View Communities
- Existing community presentations on:
  - Improving the AG
  - How is the AG used?
  - Requirements from Diverse Communities
- Examples of Shared Apps, Services
- Ideas for External Services
- Communities/Regional Activity Reports
- Technology Talks
  - pyGlobus, etc.
  - Networking
  - Multicast
  - SSM
  - IPv6 Services Support
- Security Issues
  - Firewall configuration
  - Certificate Authority Innovations

The Access Grid Retreat is an opportunity for the AG community 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 critical updates on topics ranging from AG collaboration experiences to node installation and troubleshooting to AG development directions.

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## HOW TO SUBMIT

Speakers are requested to submit extended abstracts of no more than 1000 words, not including figures or references. Speakers should define their interest in submitting a proposed **panel discussion** (including title and proposed speakers) or for an **individual presentation** (including title). Abstracts should be written so as to be self-contained and to provide the technical substance required for the program committee to evaluate the presenter's contribution, and to provide sufficient detail for the program.

Abstracts must be submitted by **Friday, April 20, 2004**. Please submit to [ag2004@accessgrid.org](mailto:ag2004@accessgrid.org).

## WHEN/HOW SPEAKERS WILL BE NOTIFIED

All speakers will be selected by late-April. Confirmations will be sent via email.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED OF SPEAKERS

For a **panel discussion**, a total of 60 minutes of content (including at least 10 minutes for questions & answers) should be planned. The AG Retreat 2004 Organizing Committee suggests a maximum 15-minute presentation per speaker in order to allow for sufficient audience interaction and discussion. Each speaker will be required to submit their completed presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint format, on/before by **Thursday, May 20, 2004**.

For an **individual presentation**, a 20-minute presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint format, due by **Thursday, May 20, 2004**, is required.

## AG SHOWCASE 2004

As a special feature, Day 1 of the AG Retreat 2004 has been designated as the AG Showcase - a full day of the most interesting, unique, creative and/or practical applications and uses of the Access Grid Toolkit. The AG Showcase will include 16 presentations and/or demonstrations, accompanied by related posters, selected from proposals received from the AG community-at-large.

Submissions for presentations in the AG Showcase should reflect the innovative range of applications of Access Grid technologies beyond video teleconferencing. Rather, these presentations will explore how the Access Grid is being repurposed in unique ways, which often are developed in tandem with other technologies. The AG Showcase will feature work drawn from research and development areas such as: Artistic Projects, Scientific Visualization, and Grid Computing among others.

Proposals for AG Showcase 2004 should be submitted to via email to [<ag2004@mcs.anl.gov>](mailto:ag2004@mcs.anl.gov), by **Wednesday, March 31, 2004**. Proposals should include a 2-4 page description of each exhibit / demonstration. Submitters should be prepared to provide a 30-minute demonstration presentation or talk, along with a poster or display.

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## **LOGISTICS**

Registration and housing information is available from AG Retreat 2004 website. Special housing arrangements have been made by Ryerson University, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The hosting organization has kindly planned to provide a schedule for local events and activities to accommodate those interested in Toronto (including weekend activities).

NOTE: Registration for this year's AG Retreat will be closed at 200 registrants.

## **KEY DATES AND DEADLINES**

- March 20, 2004 – Registration Open
- March 23, 2004 – Call for Participation Opens (Showcase and Program)
- March 31, 2004 – AG Showcase Proposals Due
- April 20, 2004 – Call for Participation Deadline
- (late) April 2004 – Notification to Speakers
- May 20, 2004 – Final Presentation Material Due
- May 25, 2004 – Registration Deadline (assuming availability)

For more information, please contact the AG Retreat 2004 Organizing Committee at <ag2004@accessgrid.org>.