

Discussion of format for site report presentations and discussions at ICM-6

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The looming squeeze

- As the number of sites within GRUAN grows, it is going to becoming increasingly difficult to have a 20 minute presentation from each site at ICMs on what they have been doing over the past year. Noting:
- It is essential that site representatives have a voice at ICMs.
- We must make the best possible use of us all being in the same place at the same time → one way communication of information from a site rep to the audience is not making the best use of our time. Use the time to discuss issues of common interest.
- We can consider this day as belonging to the Task Team on site representatives.

But I want to propose some ideas and get feedback...

A proposal

- Sites write an annual site report in advance of ICMs. In addition
 to the standard material on GRUAN specific site activities over
 the previous year, the report would highlight specific issues that
 the site would like to raise for discussion. These reports are
 submitted 4 weeks in advance of the meeting to Sites TT and WG.
- The WG reads the site reports and generates their own list of issues they would like to discuss at the ICM. This list is submitted to the Sites TT co-chairs 2 weeks before the ICM for their consideration.
- The Sites TT co-chairs combine the list of issues highlighted in the site reports, and that submitted by the WG, to structure the proceedings for the middle day of the meeting with an emphasis on two way discussion between the WG and the site representatives. Sites TT has final say in structure and content of day.
- Less likely to have individual site presentations but the Sites TT co-chairs may call on some site reps to make presentations on selected issues. Sites→WG communication of achievements and progress would be primarily via site reports.