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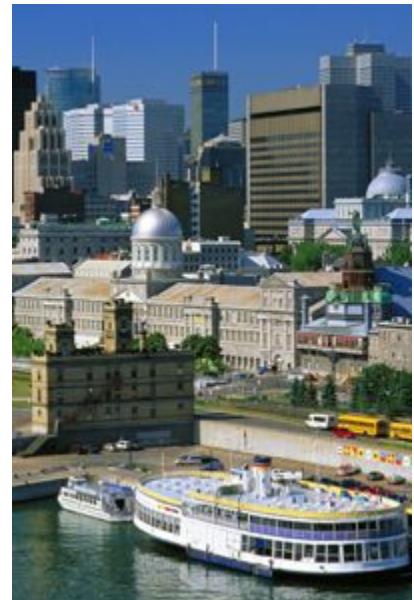
WE WANT YOU! At the SGIP Summer Meeting in Montreal

You are cordially invited to participate in the summer 2011 Face-to-Face Meeting and first international conference of the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) to be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from July 12th to 14th, 2011. We recognize that international travel can be more complicated than domestic travel with corporate approvals, passports, and additional expense. However, there are some compelling reasons to seriously consider attending in-person.

The meeting will kick off with the SGIP Governing Board meeting. For the first time ever, due to the sheer volume of ongoing work, this event is being split into a 2-day event, with the first portion of the meeting on Monday evening from 6:30PM – 9PM. The evening meeting is more informational, with reports from the SGIP Plenary Leadership, the Communications, Marketing, and Education Working Group, and the Intellectual Property Rights Working Group. The Tuesday morning meeting begins at 8AM sharp, adjourning at 11:30AM. The Tuesday session is more discussion-focused.

Our distinguished Board members will lead and voice their opinions on hot topics including:

- Dr. George Arnold's updates on key government Smart Grid activities, including the White House Task Force policy direction
- SGIP international coordination efforts, including a briefing from members of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) initiative on regulatory cooperation for Smart Grid interoperability
- Wayne Longcore will provide an update on the Program Management Office's (PMO) work with discussions on status and new changes in the Priority Action Plans (PAPs) and introductions of two newly completed and reviewed standards from PAP 5 and 11 which the Governing Board will vote on after the meeting
- PAP 18, the migration and coexistence of SEP 1.x and SEP 2.0, will provide an update and the Governing Board will openly discuss the current landscape and the open letter from the Wi-Fi Alliance sent to NIST in June
- John Caskey will present the latest details of the Governing Board's Vision, Mission, and Roadmap team and their current work to incorporate input from the SGAC and DEWGs





The SGIP plenary meeting begins immediately after the Governing Board meeting on Tuesday. Steve Widergren, the Plenary Chair, will be announcing the highly-anticipated and exciting news on the voting results by the SGIP members for the first six standards for inclusion in the Catalog of Standards (CoS). Additionally, Erich Gunther, CTO of the SGIP's Administration contractor, EnerNex, will speak about how to practically use the work already completed by the SGIP working groups to accelerate Smart Grid interoperability and make your life easier as a Smart Grid utility, vendor, or implementer.

Since all SGIP meetings are intended to “get real work done”, there will be the normal working meetings for the PAP Working Groups, the Domain Expert Working Groups (DEWGs), several meetings of the Smart Grid Architecture Committee (SGAC), Cyber Security Working Group (CSWG), and the Smart Grid Testing and Certification Committee (SGTCC). Discussions of how to practically utilize SGIP completed work products will continue in these breakouts as well as driving completion of ongoing deliverables.

Another very exciting activity is the start-up of 83 standards reviews that correspond to the “identified” standards in the NIST Framework document. The SGIP Plenary Leadership has assignments for SGIP working groups to review and process these standards for Governing Board and SGIP membership votes to include on the Catalog of Standards (CoS). The PMO has created the process based on the CoS Process and Structure document approved by the Governing Board in May, which will help expedite the large volume of standards reviews which need to take place. If you are interested in this activity, there is a great need for your help. The DEWGs, SGAC, CSWG, SGTCC, and IPRWG are going to be inundated with this important work activity. Please reach out to the leadership for those groups to volunteer your service.

Of course, Montreal was chosen as the meeting location for a very good reason. We have several international guests that have committed to attend the meeting and share their experiences, lessons learned, and Smart Grid standards needs. This is a fantastic opportunity to listen and collaborate with other international Smart Grid leaders to learn and grow our cause for Smart Grid interoperability on a global scale.

Please join us in Montreal on July 12-14 and volunteer to help out with the many (inter)national Smart Grid interoperability efforts the SGIP is working.



The agenda, registration form and information on hotel accommodations can be found on the SGIP TWiki under “News & Events” [<http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGIPCalendar>]. The conference site, the Le Centre Sheraton Montreal, is located in the heart of downtown Montreal. For out-of-town attendees, we have negotiated a reduced hotel room rate. This is particularly convenient for those wishing to extend their stay. Please note that participants requiring hotel accommodations must make their own reservations directly with the hotel and the cut-off date for obtaining a reduced rate is June 20 so please register as soon as possible.

Meeting Agenda

Event Registration

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