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Get the Most Out of Our April '08 Summit

Some tips for getting an edge, being productive, dining well.

There is an art to getting the most out of a conference. Our next Summit is April 28 – 30, in Dallas at the Hyatt Regency DFW. Here are a half dozen tips to help you make your time at the Summit as productive and enjoyable as it can be.

Reserve your hotel room early. You'll get maximum value out of the Summit by staying in the host hotel. Our agenda is packed from morning until evening with great activities - and staying on site makes it easier to attend them all. We chose the venue with your convenience in mind; its attractions include guest rooms above the conference area that you can reach with a quick elevator ride. Attendees at our last event there in September praised the fact the exhibit hall is just a dozen steps or so across the foyer from the conference and banquet rooms. "It was ideal for networking," said one attendee. She added: "Whenever I saw someone I wanted to speak with, it was easy meeting up. And my feet never got tired." Rooms are now available. But they may sell out early, so act now.

Check our website regularly. In the days ahead, we'll be adding more information about each session. One attendee wrote: "Got so much out of last conf. by being informed. Our team flew in from Colo. with specific questions to get answered." Note that the site has an Agenda-in-Brief page that links to in-depth descriptions for each track, plus a Full Agenda page listing the speakers, as well as a page of speaker bios.

Contact us with your ideas. Our team is always searching for ways to improve every aspect of the Summit. We value your suggestions and earnestly scrutinize the input you send us, whether it con-

cerns more sessions on GePON, or matters such as this note: "Great energy from u'r healthy, delicious snacks. Can't live w/out strong coffee!" If you have not sent in one of our questionnaires, feel free to request one — or to simply call or email us with your thoughts.

Participate in the Cornerstone Awards. Anyone can nominate a community, municipality, developer, or other entity or person who deserves recognition for improving lives with advanced broadband communications. Vision and execution of a project are more important than scale. You can download the forms and Cornerstone background from our website. Even if your nominee's project does not win a prestigious Cornerstone this year, you will be doing a service by bringing it to our attention.

Have dinner with a client at Mr. G's. We recommend with gusto this four-star restaurant in a hidden corner of the hotel as a place for doing business and enjoying rare wines. In fact, we hear of bon vivants who fly in just for dinner at this small but well-regarded hideaway. You can download a review from the hotel page on our website.

Stay informed by reading every issue. The impressive wealth of information our editors write and assemble in these pages will keep you informed on developments in broadband technologies here and abroad. You'll be fully armed with knowledge about the individuals, companies, and trends you'll encounter at the Summit.

So, start reading this great issue now!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott DeGarmo'.