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Call for Preconference Seminar Proposals

The ACUTA Program/Content Committee is soliciting brief proposals to teach a 3-hour preconference seminar on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the ACUTA Annual Conference that will be held in Orlando, Florida. Feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues if they might be more appropriate. Potential instructors may be affiliated with an ACUTA institutional member or corporate affiliate, but proposals from non-members are also welcome.

We hope that one or more of the topics suggested below will pique your interest. Perhaps you have offered presentations on similar topics that could be customized for ACUTA members on college and university campuses who manage the ICT infrastructure that supports voice, data networking and video services.

Each seminar should be designed as a tutorial to enhance the skills and knowledge of ACUTA members. The information should be practical, include technical details, and be relevant to the college and university environment. The content should be vendor and product neutral, without marketing messages.

We'd love to receive a brief proposal from you if you are interested in teaching a preconference seminar. If you are interested, please **send an e-mail to dhall@acuta.org by August 31** with the following information:

- 1) A brief bio sketch about the proposed instructor(s) including his or her experience relevant to the topic and higher education as well as teaching or training experience. If the proposed instructor is someone other than yourself, please provide contact information as well (e.g., name, title, institution, mailing address, phone and email.) If you have taught at an ACUTA event in the past two years, a bio is unnecessary.
- 2) How you would approach the topic, the content you plan to cover, and what attendees would know at the end of the 3-hour session.
- 3) Describe any technologies or equipment you would require beyond a screen, projector, and microphone.
- 4) Suggest any compensation you might require. Please keep in mind that these seminars must be financially self-supporting. Thus the higher our expenses for instructor and equipment, the more registrations we need to get. Seminars that do not break even 30 days before the conference are cancelled.

Suggested topics

1. VoIP and/or the future of TDM: what will a university telephony system look like in 5 years? How should ACUTA members plan strategically and tactically?
2. Unified communications: Realistically, how are universities likely to implement UC over next 5 years and what it will take to do so?
3. In-building cellular coverage: Compare DAS and other alternatives, how should a campus configure cellular coverage? What are the short and long-term options and financial models to support it?
4. Strategic ways to reinvent your financial models that support ICT services.
5. What techniques should campus ICT managers use for identity management & federated identity?
6. Cloud paradigms: What options are available for cloud computing and cloud wireless? What are the benefits and potential ramifications long term?
7. Cyber security: what are the major threats on college and university campuses and how should network and ICT managers be prepared to address them?
8. DNS SEC – DNS security extensions implementations
9. Emergency communications: lessons learned, technology options, and implementation strategies
10. Disaster preparation / recovery: proven techniques and plans.
11. Update on cabling and infrastructure standards, particularly to accommodate bandwidth demand and video content.
12. Project management techniques for university ICT managers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I hope you will consider this opportunity.

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