

NOAA Science On a Sphere Users Collaborative Network Workshop
NOTES
Day 2, CHOICE OF BREAK-OUT GROUPS Session
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In this session the topic for two of the four break-out groups were selected. The other two break-out group topics had been pre-selected as *docent training* and *future of the network*.

The initial list of topic choices presented at the start of the workshop was:

1. *Increasing interactivity with the sphere: efforts done by network members to facilitate interactivity*
2. *Spherical display system exhibit setups that maximize engagement of audiences need to adequately train their docents. Supplemental info that should be with the dataset, how to create the best docents.*
3. *Use with educators/with formal education groups—linking content to formal education*
4. *Connections with other technologies (other spheres, domes, virtual globes, flat screens)*
5. *Synergistic uses of Magic Planet and SOS. How to share data between Magic Planet and SOS, etc.*
6. *Incorporating “real time” data*
7. *SOS hardware & software issues (installation, portability, higher resolution projectors, possibility for SOS to be configured to run on fewer computers). How should the system be improved, what’s working well, what’s not?*
8. *Additional topics suggested by participants*

New ideas were contributed and the list was edited to be:

1. *Interactivity on SOS*
2. *Formal Education Concerns*
3. *Synergies with other technologies, including Magic Planet*
4. *SOS New Features and automation control interface*
5. *Incorporating real-time data*
6. *Curatorial Process for content, 2-way communications with scientists*
7. *Beyond data, incorporating interesting images*
8. *Evaluation*

The group then voted for the top two with two votes allowed per participant. The vote totals were:

1. *Interactivity on SOS (vote total: 16)*
2. *Formal Education Concerns (vote total: 9)*
3. *Synergies with other technologies, including Magic Planet (vote total: 6)*
4. *SOS system new features and automation control interface (vote total: 15)*
5. *Incorporating real-time data (vote total: 2)*
6. *Curatorial Process for content, 2-way communications with scientists (vote total: 10)*
7. *Beyond data, incorporating interesting images (vote total: 7)*

8. Evaluation (vote total: 8)

So, *Interactivity on SOS* and *SOS system new features and automation control interface* were chosen as the topics to be covered.