



What is the Developers Forum?

The Developers Forum is an opportunity for inventors and manufacturers of computer and communication technology to demonstrate new products in an informal setting along with other manufacturers, practitioners and end-users. This is an excellent opportunity for expert feedback on emerging products. The forum is held during the annual RESNA 2005 (Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America) Conference. New and small companies not participating in the exhibit hall may find the Developers Forum to be an excellent avenue to reach members of their target market. RESNA and the Computer Applications Special Interest Group (SIG-11) organize this event.

When & Where

This year's Developers Forum will be held in the Computer Tech Lab in the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. Attendees are invited to this event on Saturday, June 25 from 7-9 pm.

Who

The Developers Forum is open to all RESNA conference attendees!

Promotion for the Developers Forum will be included in the conference materials. Conference registration must be received in the RESNA office *no later than May 13, 2005* in order to be included in the program. In addition, a flyer listing the companies/organizations who will be participating in this year's event, along with the products they plan to demonstrate, will be placed into each attendee's information packet. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available during this event (depending on sponsorship).

Why

The purpose of the Developers Forum is to provide an informal opportunity for product developers, researchers and manufacturers to meet with clinicians, RESNA attendees and end users. The Forum provides an opportunity to discuss new technology, as well as opportunities to provide feedback on existing technology, and to formulate ideas for new products. The event focuses on products in the areas of computer software/hardware, augmentative communication and environmental control and is an excellent opportunity for clinicians, engineers and consumers who use this type of assistive technology to provide input into the development process.

How

The atmosphere for this event is that of a mini-exhibit hall, with each developer having a display table in the computer lab. At the beginning of the Forum, developer introductions will be made to the group-at-large. Those attending the event are encouraged to move freely about the room and mingle with developers and manufacturers.

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