

Brief Bio and (PR)²: Problems & Pitches – Rants & Raves by *Sharon Jordan*

Self Introduction



Sharon M. Jordan is Assistant Director for Program Integration in the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI, www.osti.gov) within the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. Her responsibilities include leading the Department-wide Scientific and Technical Information Program, which includes representatives from each DOE laboratory and office, and developing and implementing scientific and technical information policy to ensure the broadest possible access to DOE's R&D findings, within applicable laws and regulations. Ms. Jordan was instrumental in transforming various systems used for acquiring and announcing R&D results to Web-based systems. To this end, OSTI has forged collaborations and opened science portals for efficient, one-stop searching by researchers and the general public. She also manages OSTI communications and outreach activities as well as interagency e-gov initiatives, including Science.gov (www.science.gov), for which she received a Meritorious Service award in 2005 from the interagency STI managers group known as CENDI. Ms. Jordan has served in a range of information and program management positions with DOE since 1974.

General Questions

- 1) What is (are) your main interest(s) in attending the workshop?
To become more familiar with current capabilities and applications appropriate for broad use in communicating visually information about R&D results and their impacts.
- 2) What information/knowledge management expertise do you have?
Primarily in managing bibliographic information (large databases) that describe DOE and other agency R&D projects and R&D outputs in the form of technical reports, papers, etc.
- 3) What is the most insightful visualization of static or dynamic phenomena you know?
Maps that show "you are here"
Images of things not observable with the human eye
Any visualization that evokes an immediate "ah ha" reaction
- 4) What would you like to learn / achieve at the workshop?
To identify a good next step for OSTI as relates to visualization and our vast repository of R&D information.