

RHIC Program Review 2003

RHIC & AGS Users' Center

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Outline

- Major responsibilities of Users' Center

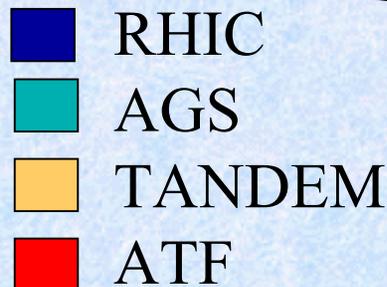
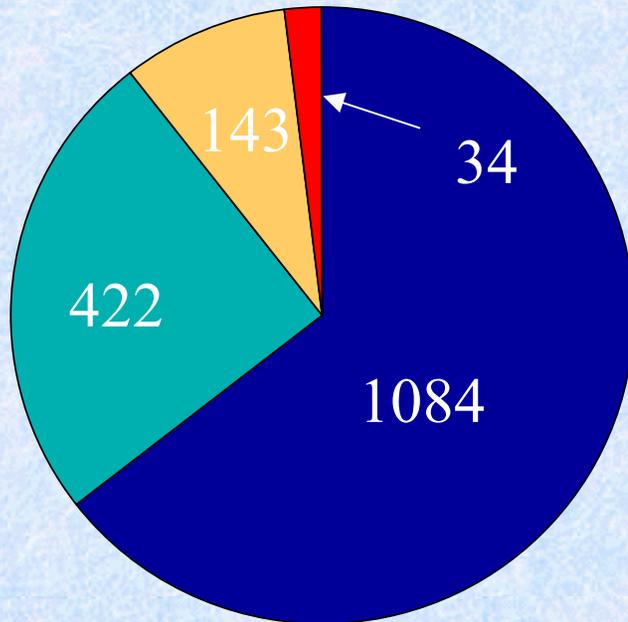
- User Statistics for FY 2002

- Key Issues for Users' Center
 - Foreign Visits & Assignments (FVA)
 - Association for Students & Post-docs (ASAP)
 - Guest Information System (GIS)
 - NASA Space Radiation Laboratory (NSRL)

Responsibilities

- All guests of the RHIC, AGS, Tandem, ATF, & NSRL
- Administer guest appointments (GIS)
- Administer Foreign Visits & Assignments Program
- Check-in & orientation of guests
 - insurance, BNL ID cards, radiation badges, RHIC access cards, encoding for NSRL, personal needs
- Training
 - initial, retraining, Training Coordinator

Statistics



Brookhaven Science Associates
U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Users* = 561

Foreign Users* = 812

*excluding off-site others & employees

Students/Post-docs 370

Subsidized

Collaborators 161

Off-site Others 171

Compliance with FVA Directives (non-US citizens)

- Foreign nationals need approval prior to access to BNL
 - Non-sensitive country foreign nationals require:
 - Local approval (FVA, Safeguards, Export Control, Tech Transfer, Counter Intelligence, Tom Sheridan)
 - Sensitive country foreign nationals require:
 - Indices clearance
 - Specific Security Plans & Cyber Security Plans
 - Local approval
 - Foreign nationals from countries deems terrorist by State Department require:
 - Indices clearance
 - Approval by Secretary of Energy's Senior Management Council
 - Specific Security Plans & Cyber Security Plans
 - Local approval

Compliance with FVA Directives cont.

- Front gate scanning
 - Check-in/out
 - Using GIS to check approvals and visa info
- Visa & duration of stay documentation (I-94)
 - Check each visit
 - Information maintained in GIS
 - Information forwarded to FACTS
- Close-out (host) reports for all foreign nationals

BNL's Association for Students & Post-docs

- Initiative of UEC with the help of BNL's Quality of Life Committee
- Mission
 - Foster communications and interactions
 - Improve the quality of life & educational experience for students/post-docs while at BNL
 - Advocate for visiting and resident students and post-docs
- Charter & elected board members & web page
<http://www2.bnl.gov/~students/>
- Grand opening of ASAP lounge – May 9th
- First social event – July 2nd BBQ

BNL's Guest Information System (GIS)

- Lab-wide, PeopleSoft based guest database
 - Front gate scanning
 - FACTS
 - Training (BTMS)
 - LDAP
- Update from last year
 - Automatic feed to FACTS (still underway)
 - Renewal/extension process (completed)
 - Check-in/out (under development/controversial)
 - Automatic retraining notifications (underway)
 - Subsidized guests (just initiated)

NASA Space Radiation Laboratory

- Training
- Web pages
- Database
- Users' Agreement
- Electronic proposal system (idea stage)

Summary

- Users' Center has support from management
- FVA is a major concern for Users' Center
 - Unreasonable regulations
 - Creates a high level of frustration for experiments and experimenters
- GIS
 - Lack of coordination for guests at laboratory level
 - Inadequate level of programming support