

SCAT APPLE PRIZE

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One SCAT grantee will win a fantastic, brand new black MacBook, from Apple Computer, Inc.

Courtesy of Dr Massimo Marino, European Research & Scientific Programs, Apple EMEA.



Apples are for the good of science SCAT project support from Apple

By Dr Lorena Barba, project leader



Apple Computers believe that with Mac OS X they offer today the ideal platform for scientific researchers. Frankly, I do not disagree!

At the 2nd SCAT scientific workshop in Daresbury Laboratories, UK, Apple representatives attended to speak about the use of Macs for science, and about the use of podcasting for education. They also offered a prize!



The best SCAT grantee of 2006 will receive a gift of a powerful MacBook with Intel Core 2 Duo second generation chip.

This is a prize for achievement, and therefore there will be a selection process. All SCAT grantees are invited to submit an

entry, consisting of the following parts:

1. Summary of the research carried out so far during the SCAT visit.
2. Description of the research to be carried out, objectives and importance.
3. Personal goals for the future after the SCAT visit.
4. Why they think they want a Mac computer!

Hint: to answer part 4, applicants may want to read Dr Marino's presentation slides "Mac for Science: from Data Analysis to Publication, seamlessly".

These are available in the SCAT project's Blackboard site, in the folder of presentations for the Daresbury meeting.

Applicants should also request a letter of support (via email) from their supervisor at the SCAT host institution.

The selection will proceed together with deliberations for the award of the next round of mobility grants, in the 4th SCAT meeting in Valparaiso, Chile, on January 6, 2007. Therefore, entries must be received by 5pm Chile time, on 5 Jan. Please submit your entries by using Blackboard's digital dropbox (and confirming by email) or directly by email to: l.a.barba@bristol.ac.uk and boris.drappier@bristol.ac.uk

The winner will be announced on 8 Jan. at the SCAT summer school Valparaiso Opening Ceremony.