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Dear Thomas,

I would like to thank you once again for adding a much-appreciated talk to the schedule at our recent Department of Energy SciDAC (Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing) conference in San Diego. Your talent for quickly picking up on the jargon of the conference and seamlessly integrating it into your presentation added greatly to the surprise of attendees as they gradually realized what was going on. As evidence of how convincing you were, more than one attendee was actually taking notes at the start of your talk. Even some of our most skeptical experts admitted they were taken in by your slides.

Your choice of “assistants” was also right on the money. It turns out the Ray Orbach is quite a fan of magic and enjoyed being the star of the program. I think the audience also enjoyed seeing Dr. Orbach as an engaged participant.

As you know, technical conferences can seem a little dry after several days, and many attendees were both engaged and energized after your session. In fact, they kept talking about it until the end of the conference. I am happy to recommend your services to any conference looking for a way to add some spark to the program.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Horst Simon
2009 SciDAC Conference General Chair