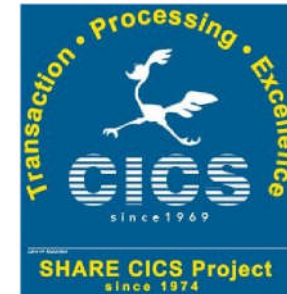# SHARE CICS Project
Opening
and
Product Update

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SHARE 118 -- Atlanta

Session # 10272

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Dogwood A

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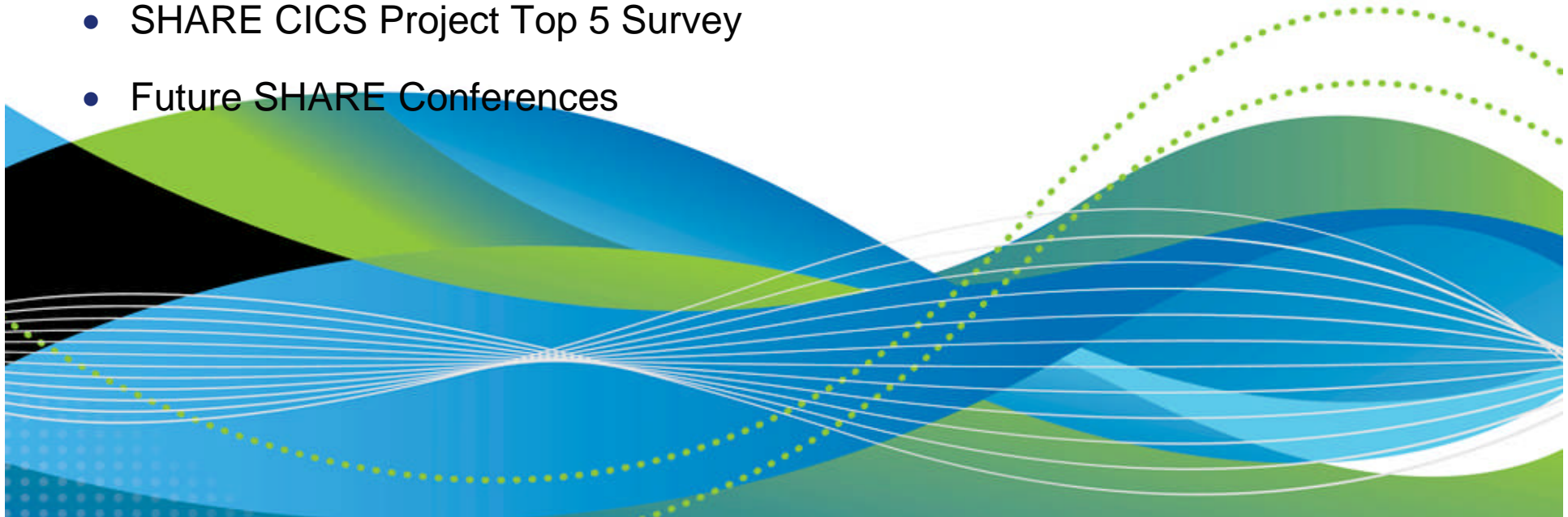
Agenda

- If you want the inside information on what is happening this week in the CICS Project, especially regarding the latest information regarding CICS TS V4.R2, then this is one of the many sessions that area available for you.
- During the first part of the session, the CICS Project Manager will give a brief description of the project and its organization. The schedule for the week will be discussed and other items of interest highlighted.
- During the second part, Mr. Ian Mitchell, IBM Distinguished Engineer, from the CICS group at Hursley Park will present a product update.
- Please join us in kicking off another information-packed week at SHARE.

Topics

- Introduction

- SHARE Session Administration

- About the SHARE CICS Project

- Q-Box, Prizes and Giveaways, CICS Grid, Surveys, SCIDS

- SHARE Presentation Selection

- SHARE CICS Project Top 5 Survey
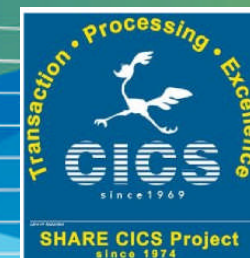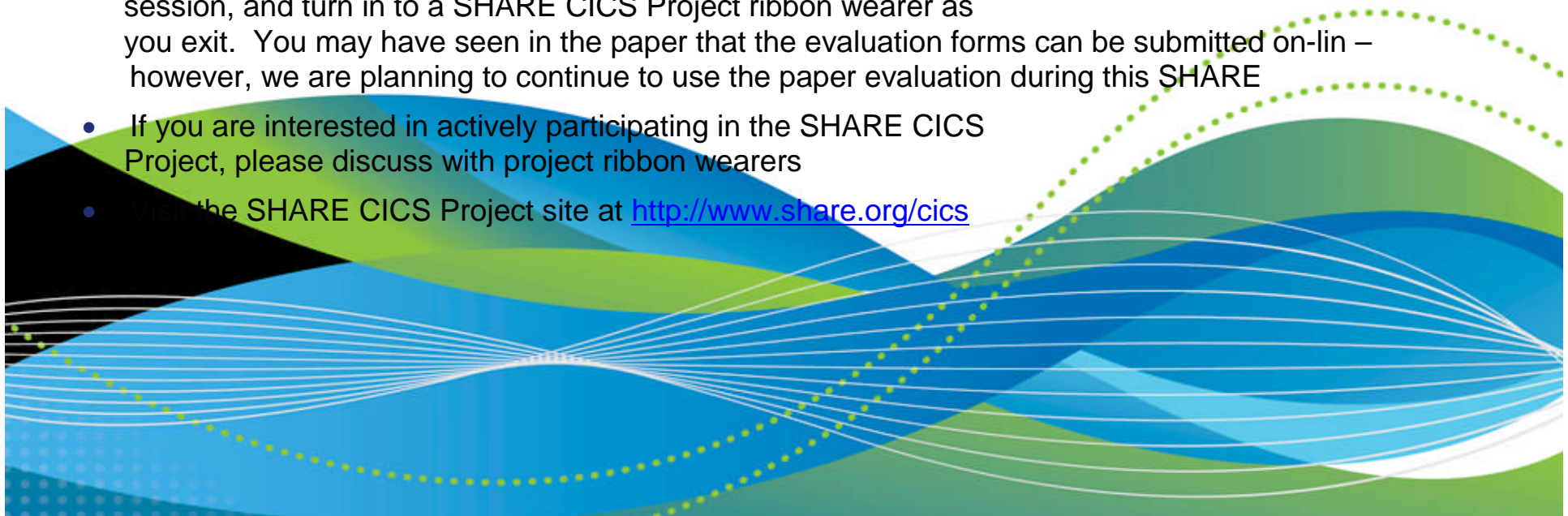
- Future SHARE Conferences

Introduction

Welcome to SHARE 118 in Atlanta GA or better know as home to the Atlanta Braves and Hawks.

The CICS Project is chartered to provide an exchange forum for users of the IBM CICS family of products and their ancillary services. The goals of this project include providing the membership with technical education, keeping them informed of new developments within the CICS family of products, promoting between members and IBM and among the membership itself, and submitting requirements and papers to IBM on technical needs and business directions in the CICS product line.
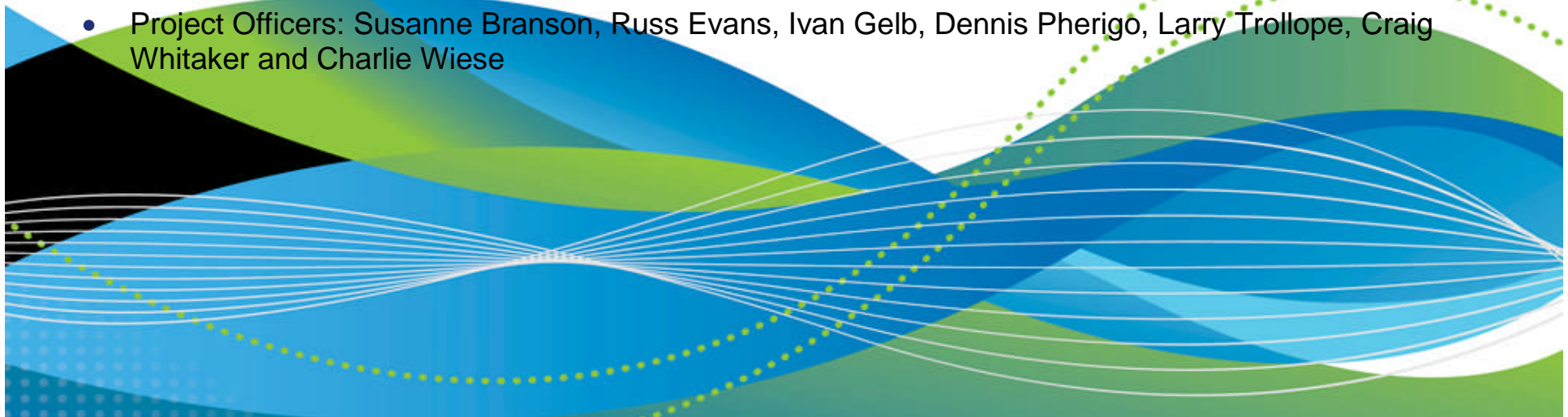
SHARE Session Administration

- No Smoking

- Wear your SHARE badge during all SHARE sessions

- Silence all phones, pagers, watches, computers, etc.

- Return completed forms and surveys (except session evaluation forms) to FORMS box in the front of the CICS sessions room

  - ➢ The Q&A session is scheduled for Thursday at 4:30 PM

  - ➢ So, please submit your surveys and questions early

- Please fill out the SHARE session evaluation form for each session, and turn in to a SHARE CICS Project ribbon wearer as you exit. You may have seen in the paper that the evaluation forms can be submitted on-lin – however, we are planning to continue to use the paper evaluation during this SHARE

- If you are interested in actively participating in the SHARE CICS Project, please discuss with project ribbon wearers
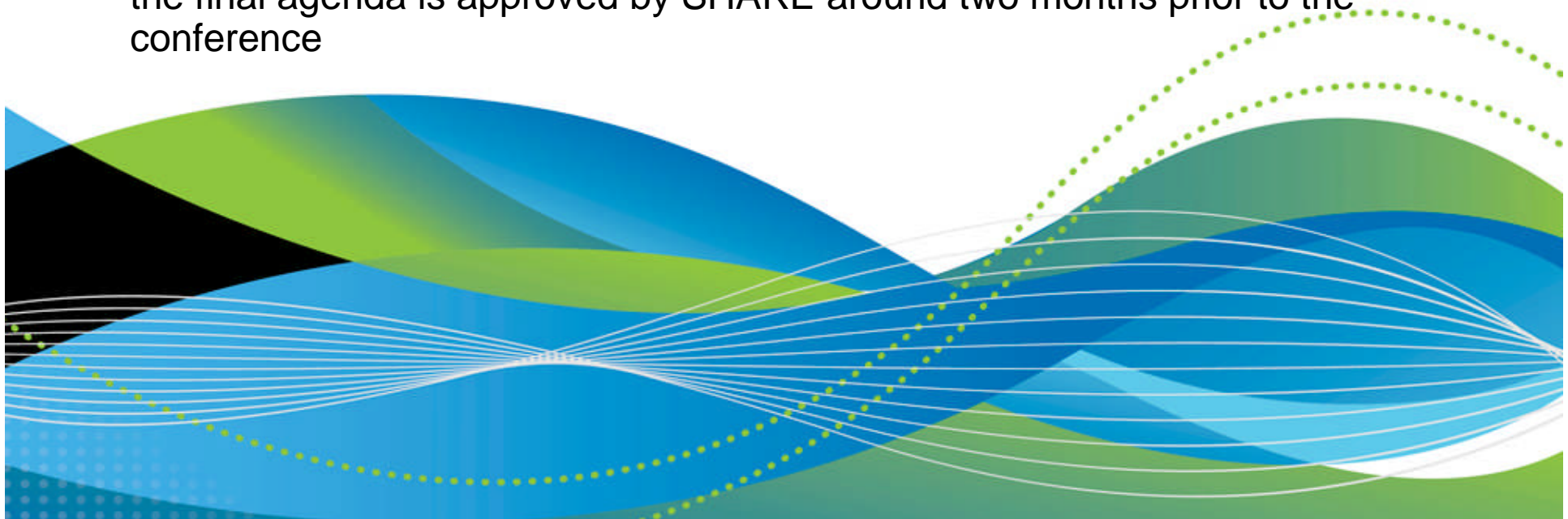
- Visit the SHARE CICS Project site at http://www.share.org/cics

SHARE CICS Project Organization

- Project Managers:
  - ➤ Gene Hudders

- Deputy Project Managers:
  - Glenn Schneck (Deputy Manager)
  - ➤ Gene Linefsky (Assistant Manager)
  - ➤ Tom Harper (Futures)
  - ➤ Lisa Fellows (Requirements)

- IBM CICS Representatives:
  - ➤ Geoff Pirie, Hursley Development
  - ➤ Dennis Weiand, Dallas Advanced Technical Support
  - ➤ Ed Addison, Raleigh Level 2

- Project Officers: Susanne Branson, Russ Evans, Ivan Gelb, Dennis Pherigo, Larry Trollope, Craig Whitaker and Charlie Wiese
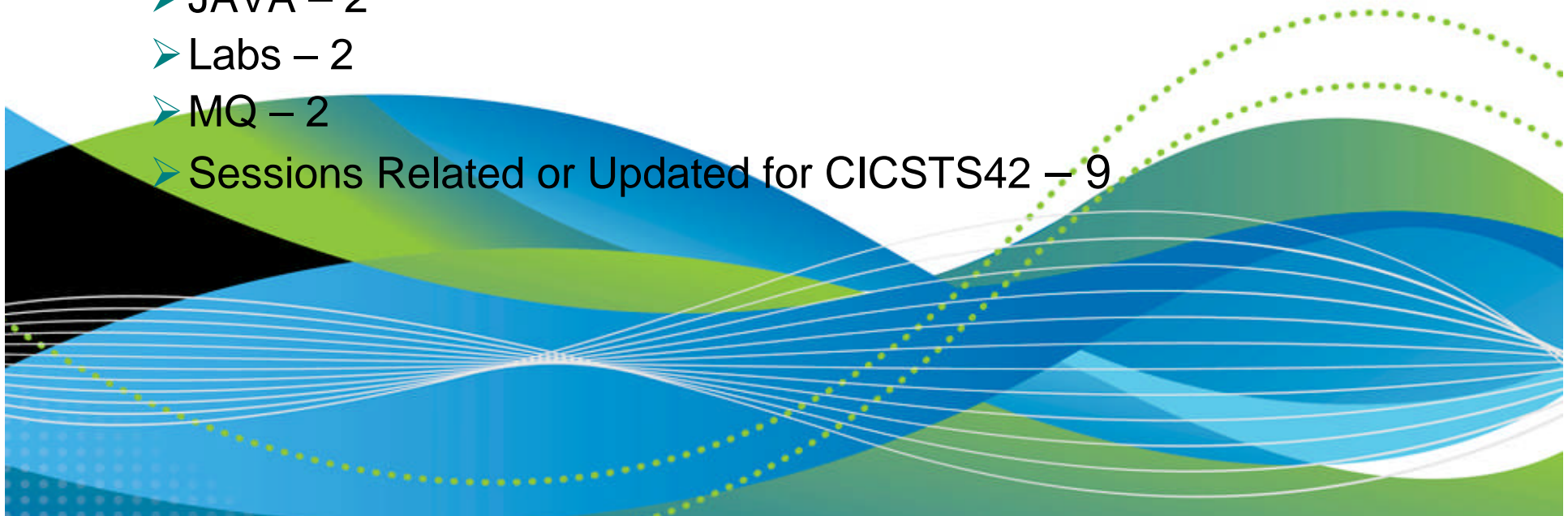
CICS Presentation Process

- Selected presentations are based on the results of the Top 5 survey
  - ➤ Your input is essential!!!
- Preliminary topics for the following SHARE agenda are reviewed and planned at the Sunday meeting before the conference
- The topics and presentations are formalized on the Friday afternoon after the conference ends
- The proposed agenda is presented several months before the conference and the final agenda is approved by SHARE around two months prior to the conference
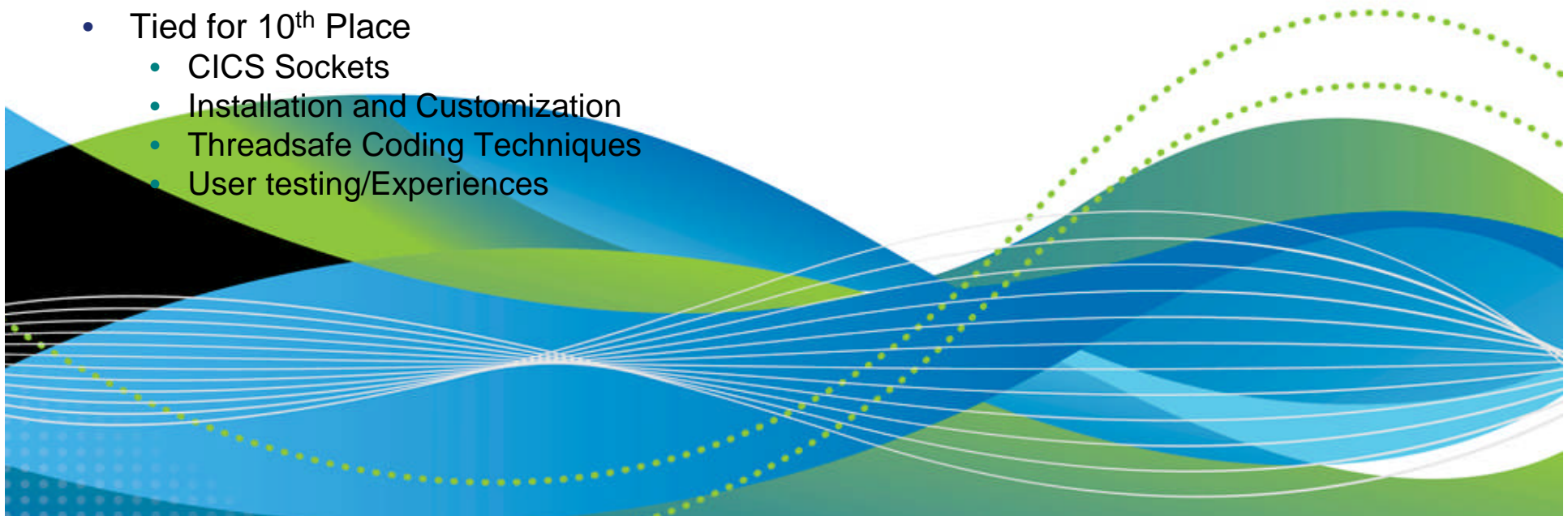
Atlanta CICS Session Summary

- We have an action packed week for you with 31 sessions scheduled
  - ➢ General – 7
  - ➢ Product Information & Installation – 6
  - ➢ Performance Tuning – 7
  - ➢ Problem Determination – 8
  - ➢ Web Support – 9
  - ➢ JAVA – 2
  - ➢ Labs – 2
  - ➢ MQ – 2
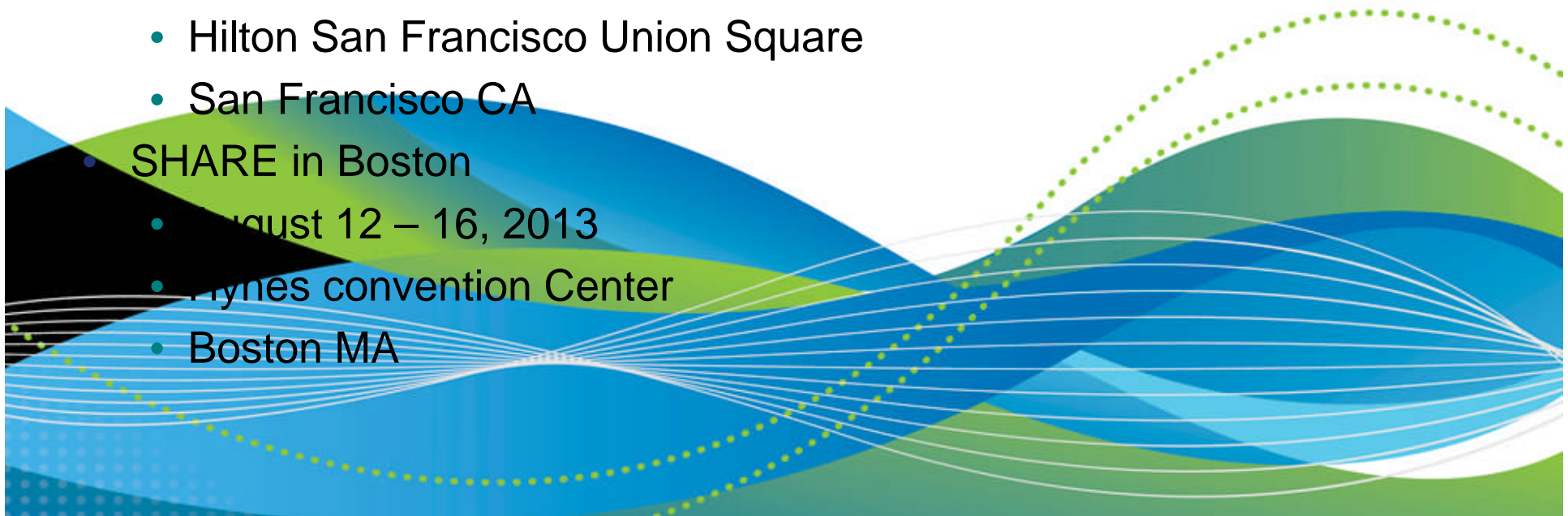 - ➢ Sessions Related or Updated for CICSTS42 – 9

Top 10 Topics
Orlando 117 Survey

- New Release Information
- Performance and Tuning
- Problem Determination
- Release Upgrade User Experience
- CICS and Threadsafe VSAM
- CICS Explorer
- CICSPlex SM
- CICS and TCP/IP
- CICS Web Services
- Tied for 10th Place
  - CICS Sockets
  - Installation and Customization
  - Threadsafe Coding Techniques
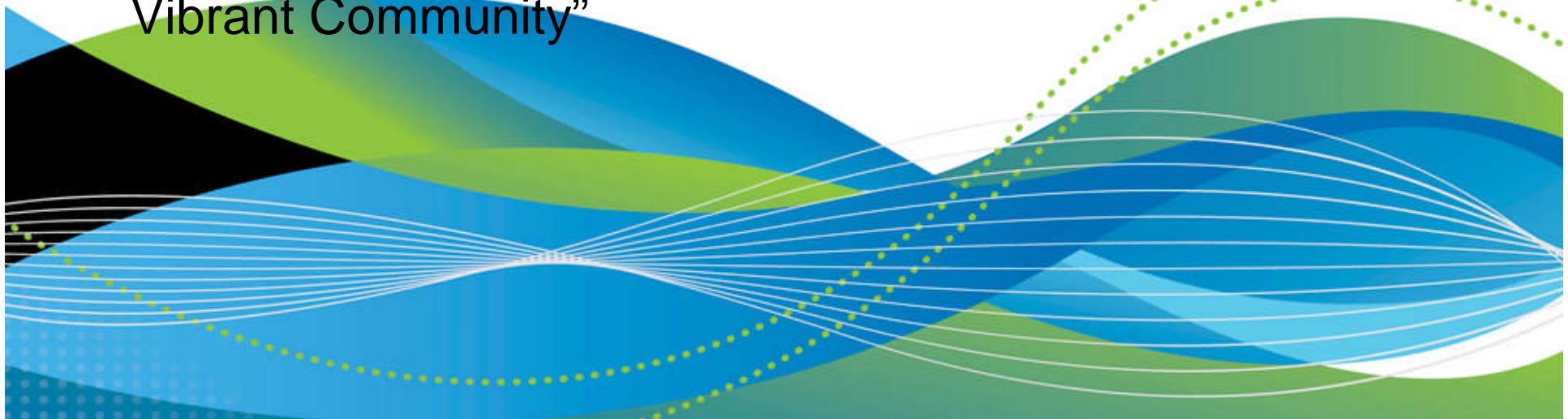 - User testing/Experiences

Future SHARE Conference

- SHARE in Anaheim
  - August 5 – 10, 2012
  - Anaheim Marriott
  - Anaheim CA
- SHARE in San Francisco
  - February 4 – 8, 2013
  - Hilton San Francisco Union Square
  - San Francisco CA
- SHARE in Boston
  - August 12 – 16, 2013
  - Hynes convention Center
  - Boston MA

Changes to the CICS Schedule

- Due to a late cancelation the CICS:CSI presentation scheduled for Thursday, March 15th at 3:00 PM has been replaced with session # 11103 "Reduce Sequential File Processing Overhead in CICS by Better than 99%!"

- Due to the late cancelation the CICS on the Grid presentation scheduled for Thursday at 12:15 PM has been replaced with "The Social Side of CICS - Building a Vibrant Community"

Presentation Rooms

- All but one CICS presentation will be held in Dogwood A
- One session this afternoon will be held in the International Ballroom F (10276)
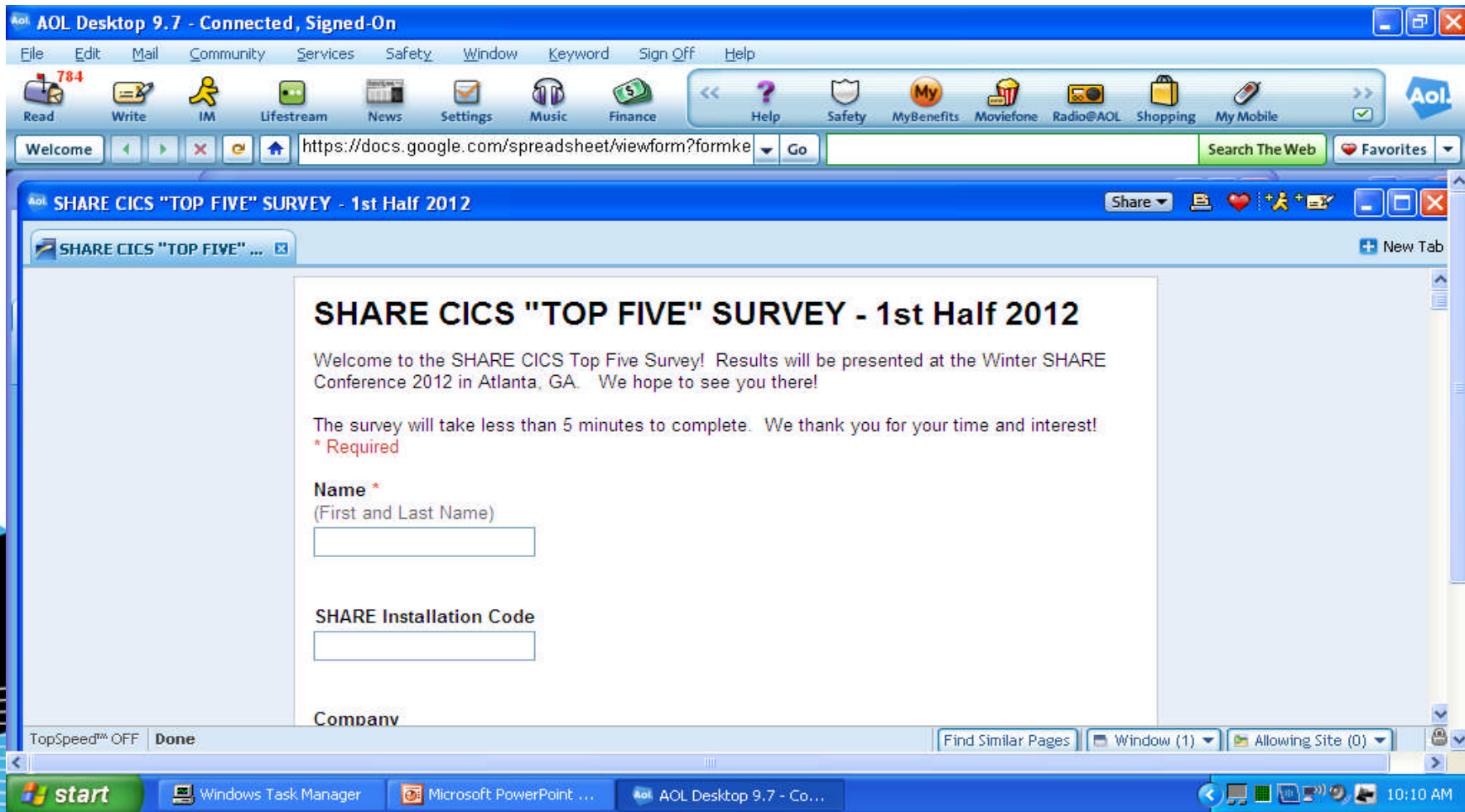- The two labs will be in Pine

On-Line Survey

- The CICS survey has been traditionally been handled directly at each SHARE conference
  - The survey is used to select the type of presentations that are to be given in the following SHARE
- We are pleased to announce that we have developed an on-line survey that will be made available over the next few weeks
  - **http://tinyurl.com/CICSSHARE2012**
- The major advantage is that we can now expand the scope of replies to a larger population such as using CICS-L
- Keep in touch for further information

SHARE Top 5 Survey

Questions

- How many have CICS TS 4.2 in a production environment?

- How many are planning to install CICS TS 4.2 in a production environment this year?

- How many are using Threadsafe VSAM?

- If not, what is the major reason for not using it?

- How many of your companies do not send people to conferences if the conference is given in Las Vegas?

CICS Product Update

- Now I would like to turn the program over to Mr. Ian Mitchell, IBM Distinguished Engineer from Hursley Park who will present the latest information on the CICS Product