

SAS[®] GLOBAL FORUM 2017

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Best Keynote Speaker

- Chris Hadfield



[Link to: keynote-interviews - colonel-chris-hadfield](#)

Best General Session Demo

- **SAS Graphics Accelerator**

- Presented by Ed Summers who is registered blind
- Talking computer to read what was on the screen was mind blowing
- Graphics Accelerator uses sound to represent data – one step beyond visualizing data.
- Developed for people who are visually impaired but adds a new dimension to messaging the data.

<http://video.sas.com/sasgf17/detail/videos/general-sessions/video/5383325526001/demo:-sas-graphics-accelerator?autoStart=true>

Best new feature (what is old is new again)

- **Debugger for Enterprise Guide**

- Similar to the old debugger we used to have but on steroids.
 - Don't have to remember all those commands (e _all_)
 - Can step through the code using the cursor
 - Can see the values of the PDV in a separate panel
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- Welcome back Debugger – I have missed you....
 - We will try to get a demo sorted for a future session.

<http://video.sas.com/sasgf17/detail/videos/general-sessions/video/5383313949001/demo:-data-step-debugging-in-enterprise-guide?autoStart=true>

Favourite Session

- **BBC – Using Data to tell a compelling Story – 0824-2017**

- Tell stories in a visually compelling way
- How things have changed from keeping audience engaged from using PC's (Point and Click) vs. using a mobile (swipe)
- How to make it relevant at a personal level, what does this mean for me
- Was requested as an encore

<http://video.sas.com/sasgf17/detail/videos/user-program/video/5383562321001/how-the-british-broadcasting-corporation-uses-data-to-tell-stories-in-a-visually-compelling-way?autoStart=true&page=3>

- **Tales from the help desk - 0273-2017**

- Anyone who wants tips and tricks this is an excellent paper.
- Author Bruce Gilson has many “Tales from the Help Desk”

<http://support.sas.com/resources/papers/proceedings17/0273-2017.pdf>

Other

- **Opportunity to meet the developers**
 - Favourite feature, things you hate – great opportunity to talk to the developers of SAS Products
- **Volunteer**
 - Pre Conference Training sessions – a way to get free training.
- **Social**
 - Canada Night Out
 - Industry/function specific meet ups
 - Kick back party – not sure if 2017 can be topped!

Future

- 2018
 - Denver, CO: April 8 – 11 - call for papers is now open
- 2019
 - Dallas, TX: April 28 – May 1
- 2020
 - Las Vegas, NV: May 3 - 6