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Have fun at SIGGRAPH ASIA 2018 TOKYO

Short introduce about my research interest

I am very interested in visual data. I would like to capture real 3d objects and represent them in our computer by 3d reconstruction, which has significant potential to extend peoples physical experience by augmented or virtual reality. SIGGRAPH is the biggest graphics conference and it includes topics such as photo-realistic 3d object (i.e., hair, face) rendering.

Purpose of attending the conference

I attended SIGGRAPH ASIA in order to have a broad understanding about this field of research, which will be my play ground. More concretely, I would like to watch those famous and talented researchers presenting about their state-of-the-art methods in resolving certain challenges, and I also would like to have a look at how good they are at this field as well as how well they defend or explain their works to others. I thought that I could be one of the comparable researchers after knowing the state of the current research trend and their capabilities, which could guide me to plan my research path. In addition, I was really eager to meet several famous researchers, know about their research attitude, and finally motivate myself.

Preparation before going to the conference

1) Read interesting abstracts for scheduling!!
Because this conference, even if it is the biggest graphics conference, accepts about 100 papers, I was able to read all the paper titles and authors, and sort out the papers that had good fit with me. In addition, I was very eager to meet some of authors, and would like to ask some questions to them when they have a presentation, thus I read all abstracts of those interesting papers and read 3-4 entire articles so that I could follow the authors presentation. Finally, I could arrange my schedule that allowed me to attend as many as possible talks.
2) Contact in advance I sent contact email to some of those very interesting authors beforehand to make sure I could have enough time to talk with them. Even though many of them did not answer, I could meet at least some of them. (And those who did not answer to me actually did not attend the conference!)

At the conference (D-DAY!)

1) Please don't miss reception! (reception == official network party)
It is easy for novices to feel that reception is really tedious, they have nothing to introduce about themselves, and just be passive or leave the room. But, it is really precious time that you can broaden your area, make a valuable relationship in world-scale, and have some tips of what you want to know (i.e., possibility of internship or co-work) from them. In my case, my senior lab mates introduced their friends to me, those friends brought their friends to me, and it repeated! Finally, I realized that I was talking with some professors:)! As I was novice who had no paper published in this field, so I had no confidence about myself neither. However, it

was enough to show my current stage and it was truly fun!!

 2) Ask questions!
After the authors' presentation, audiences had a chance to ask some questions to them. I tried several times to ask questions at this conference, and it was really fun. It also helps you to keep active attitude during the sessions! I asked really simple questions, such as "I can see some undesired effect in your output, such as the reconstructed hair model in the back side is truncated even if the hair is actually long. Why this happen, and what did you try to overcome it?"

Last word

Please BE ACTIVE AS POSSIBLE!