

Dear EGI-InSPIRE project members:

The holiday season is well under way and here in Amsterdam we are enjoying a mix of warm days and spells of rain while continuing to bring EGI.eu up to speed. It's been another busy month!

Programme details for the EGI Technical Forum (<http://www.egi.eu/EGITF2010>) in September are being finalised and early bird registration has been extended for another week – until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. So don't forget to add your name to the growing list of participants. We are also still accepting proposals for demonstrations and posters, and exhibition booths are still available.

I'm delighted to announce three of our keynote speakers, Kostas Glinos, Alex Hardisty and Paul Strong.

- Kostas is the head of the e-Infrastructures and GEANT unit in the European Commission that funds EGI-InSPIRE and many of our partner projects.
- Alex works at the Cardiff School of Computer Science and Informatics in the UK and will be explaining how the European Grid Infrastructure could be used by LifeWatch, an ESFRI project for biodiversity data and ecosystem research.
- Paul has been active in the Open Grid Forum exploring how to standardise the management of large virtualised distributed computing systems through his experience at ebay research labs.

On 6<sup>th</sup> July we held the first meeting of the EGI-InSPIRE Project Management Board (PMB) at EGI.eu. Dieter Kranzlmüller, from the Leibniz-Rechenzentrum (LRZ) in Munich was elected to chair the PMB for the next year. Dieter is Germany's representative on the EGI Council, a member of the Executive Board and has been involved in grid infrastructure projects since before the inception of EGI in the design study.

We also reviewed the administrative and technical start-up of the EGI-InSPIRE project. The Grant Agreement is being finalised with the European Commission and the Consortium Agreement is likewise ready to be signed by the project's partners. This means that in August we'll have a formal document in place to govern the way we work together within the project.

The PMB also reviewed the progress being made with the initial set of Milestones and Deliverables. These will establish policy and advisory boards, and many of the initial technical procedures that we use within the project. Watch out for news on our website - we'll be announcing Milestones and Deliverables as soon as they have been completed.

As part of the continued transition towards a European Grid Infrastructure, I'd like to welcome the emergence of 19 new national operational structures. This marks the continued transition from the regional operational centres (primarily in Central and South Eastern Europe) to national operational structures.

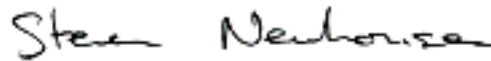
Here in the Project Office, our team at EGI.eu continues to grow and in July we were joined by three new team members:

- Celine Bitoune, our Project Finance Officer that will work with the administrative and financial contacts within the project to ensure we stay on budget
- Sara Coelho, our Dissemination Officer who should be your first point of contact with news about your successes and upcoming events, and
- Marie-Louise van der Weijde, who joins the administrative team to assist in the day-to-day running of the Project Office and EGI.eu.

More announcements will follow as we complete our recruitment activities.

Finally, don't forget to register for the EGI Technical Forum in Amsterdam while the early bird registration lasts... until we meet in September, enjoy the summer holiday season!

Yours sincerely,



Steven Newhouse  
EGI-InSPIRE Project Director

Upcoming Events:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
6th-10th September 2010	8th International GridKa School - Grid and Cloud Computing at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. <a href="http://www.kit.edu/gridka-school">http://www.kit.edu/gridka-school</a>
14th-17th September 2010	EGI Technical Forum 2010 in Amsterdam. <a href="http://www.egi.eu/EGITF2010">http://www.egi.eu/EGITF2010</a>
25th-29th October 2010	OGF 30 Brussels <a href="http://www.ogf.org">http://www.ogf.org</a>

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