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Dear EGI-InSPIRE project members:

September is upon us and the countdown for the Technical Forum has now begun. The preparations for the very first meeting of the EGI community, hosted by the Dutch NGI, BiGGrid, and sponsored by IBM and Aruba Networks are now nearly complete.

It is still not too late to register at <http://www.egi.eu/EGITF2010>. The current registration fees will remain in place until 10th September. Some highlights from the meeting include:

- **EEF Requirements and the ESFRI projects.** A series of sessions focusing on the long-term needs of our scientific communities for e-Infrastructure.
- **User Training – Getting started with EGI.** A beginners guide to the wonderful world of grid computing, which will provide you with the basic knowledge through practical examples.
- **EGI User Community Support sessions.** An overview of user support services provided by EGI and first chance for NGIs to meet the User Community Support team.
- **Services for the EGI Heavy User Communities.** An update on the tools, services and capabilities provided by the high energy physics, earth and life sciences, astronomy and astrophysics communities which are also available for other users.
- The **Accounting and Operational Level Agreements Workshops** will be an excellent opportunity for NGIs, especially new ones, to bring their requirements and expertise along to contribute to the operational tools roadmap.
- **Operational Tools Roadmap and Software Rollout to the Production Infrastructure.** Join these sessions to learn about the development plans concerning the EGI operational tools, and to get familiar with the new EGI middleware deployment procedures.
- **Telling your story.** Tips for good communication with the media, how to get the story of your work out to a wider audience.
- **DCIs projects interactions.** A session to discover how the interactions among the EU-funded DCI projects will shape the future of distributed computing in Europe.
- **Regional projects** around the world contribute to the e-Infrastructure used alongside EGI by our user communities, and some of these new projects will be showcased during the week.

This is not all! The programme also includes more sessions and workshops on operations, policy, security, technology and the new projects in the EGI community.

Alongside the regular sessions we will be using this occasion for the EGI Council and the management boards within the EGI-InSPIRE project to meet. If you would like to book a meeting room for your project email events@egi.eu – there are still some spaces available!

You may have noticed the new logo in this letterhead and in the Inspired newsletter... this logo will appear on all of the EGI related websites over the next month and gradually as part of all our dissemination activities.

I'd like to welcome two new members to the team in Amsterdam:

- Michel Drescher, our Technical Manager, who will manage the software provisioning activity within the project, and
- Erika Swiderski, who joins the administrative team to streamline data for the project's documents, reports and websites.

I hope you will take the opportunity during the Technical Forum to meet with all of the new members of EGI.eu!

I look forward to meeting you all in Amsterdam on the 14th September!

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
20 th -22 nd September 2010	International Workshop on Science Gateways (IWSG2010). Catania, Italy http://agenda.ct.infn.it/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=34
27 th -29 th September 2010	ICT 2010. Brussels, Belgium http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/index_en.htm
30 th September 2010	International Conference on Research Infrastructure. Rome, Italy http://www.euroris-net.eu/home/index.dot
11 th -13 th October 2010	Cracow Grid Workshop (CGW'10), Krakow, Poland http://www.cyfronet.krakow.pl/cgw10/
25 th -29 th October 2010	OGF 30 Brussels http://www.ogf.org

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