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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

As the summer sun starts to shine across the whole of Europe, many of us are completing our preparations for the project's first year review by the European Commission. This will take place on 30th June & 1st July in Amsterdam and we look forward to walking the reviewers through our achievements - <http://go.egi.eu/ECReview1>.

May was a good month for middleware! We saw the first release from the European Middleware Initiative (EMI) project – EMI 1 (Kebnekaise) – which consolidates middleware components from ARC, dCache, gLite and UNICORE into a single integrated release from a single repository for Scientific Linux 5 64bit. The Initiative for Globus in Europe (IGE) published its first software release (1.0.0) based upon the Globus Middleware Toolkit (5.0.3). IGE provides customisation and packaging to meet the needs of the European Globus community and this release includes a configuration change that allows optional usage statistics to be sent to a European instead of an overseas data collection point.

I recently had the opportunity to visit community meetings for both of these projects. The first European Globus Community Forum meeting (<http://www.ige-project.eu/events/egcf1>) brought together a mixture of both developers and end-users working to understand how IGE could improve the support it offers to the European user community. We also want to strengthen support for Globus from an EGI perspective. We are already working with the IGE project and some NGIs to fully integrate Globus into the European production infrastructure – if you are an end-user or a site using Globus please get in touch with your local NGI to ensure they know about your needs. You can email operations@egi.eu if you need help obtaining your NGI's contact details.

The 2nd EMI All Hands Meeting (<http://go.egi.eu/EMI-AHM2>) brought together many of the developers working on EMI for its regular biannual meeting. Its main focus was to review the work done over the last year to understand where improvements could be made to their processes, and to plan the work of next year to meet the requirements coming from EGI and other communities.

One of the significant work items being discussed for EMI over the next year is the support that EMI can provide for virtualised resources. The introduction of virtualised resources into EGI. This was the topic of a dedicated workshop in Amsterdam last month – <http://go.egi.eu/uvw1>. Full minutes (<http://go.egi.eu/535>) and a brief overview of the workshop (<http://go.egi.eu/559>) are available. Many of EGI's technology providers and NGIs were represented during the meeting, allowing a useful exchange of requirements and

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operational issues relating to giving virtual research communities greater flexibility in the services they deploy to take place. These discussions will be followed up over the next few months and we will hold another community meeting during the Technical Forum in Lyon in September.

The call for proposed contributions for the Technical Forum (<http://tf2011.egi.eu>) will remain open, but we will start using the requests received so far for sessions, workshops and training to develop a provisional timetable before opening registration later this month. Submission for posters and demonstrations will remain open, and requests for other contributions will be accepted as space allows.

And finally, today has been a really big day for EGI.eu. I am writing this letter from our new permanent offices on the Science Park in Amsterdam, which we share with SARA (the Dutch National HPC provider), while I admire the leafy, sunny view out over the canals. My thanks, to Arjen van Rijn, the staff at Nikhef and the support of the BiGGrid project (which is the Dutch NGI) for being such excellent hosts over the last year during our startup phase.

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
19-23 June 2011	ISC11 International Supercomputing Conference Hamburg, Germany http://www.supercomp.de/isc11/
27-28 June 2011	HealthGrid 2011 Conference Bristol, UK http://bristol2011.healthgrid.org/index.php?id=1
28-29 June 2011	European Cloud Computing Strategic Plan Workshop ESA/ESRIN Frascati/Rome, Italy
4-8 July 2011	International Workshop on Security and Performance in Cloud Computing Istanbul, Turkey http://hpcs11.cisedu.info/
11-16 July 2011	DCI Summer School Budapest, Hungary http://www.lpds.sztaki.hu/eudciss2011/

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