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Dear EGI-InSPIRE Project Members,

The summer holidays are underway across Europe but work continues within EGI.

July saw the first release of the Unified Middleware Distribution (UMD) 1.0.0 for use in EGI. This release contains components from EMI 1.0 that have passed the additional quality assurance and integration checks necessary to assure ourselves of its use in the production infrastructure. Today's incremental release of UMD 1.1.0 has provided additional components from EMI's update releases. Future releases of UMD will see components coming from the IGE project (September 2011) and other technology providers. Visit <http://repository.egi.eu> for more details and instructions on how to download the software.

This week is also your last opportunity to register (<http://go.egi.eu/tf11-registration>) at the 'early bird' registration fees for the EGI Technical Forum. A provisional programme for the event is available online (<http://go.egi.eu/tf11-timetable>) and contains many details of the events taking place alongside the EGI Technical Forum which includes meetings of the French Grid community, Globus Europe activities, the Grid2011 conference and Open Grid Forum 33.

We are taking advantage of our co-location with these other meetings to focus on capturing the operational experiences of running a large production infrastructure through standards and best practices. This knowledge will help our own community and other e-Infrastructure providers around the world, as we plan the adoption of a standards-based virtualised infrastructure that will enable the EGI community to provide a foundation to many of the EC flagship initiatives such as the Digital Agenda in Europe, and the supporting research infrastructures within the Horizon 2020 programme.

Dominique Boutigny, director of CC-IN2P3 representing the Institut des Grilles (the French NGI and our local host) will welcome us to Lyon. During the week our regular technical activity will be complemented by keynote speakers drawn from within and outside Europe, including:

- Alex Szalay, an astrophysicist based at Johns Hopkins University who has been involved in the data analysis of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey project, will share his experiences in using high performance networks for data transfer and analysis.
- Kostas Glinos, Head of the European Commission's GÉANT & e-Infrastructures Unit, will speak about strategies for e-Infrastructures in Europe.

- Andrew Grimshaw from the University of Virginia, a member of the Open Grid Forum and a technical architect with the XSEDE (Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment) project that has continued the work started in TeraGrid will be talking about the role standards are play in federating their large HPC and Campus based Grid.
- Erik Bongcam-Rudloff from the University of Uppsala, a biologist and computer scientist who has been active in the adoption of grids and distributed computing within the life-sciences community and the HealthGrid assoication.
- Carl-Christian Buhr from the Cabinet of Neelie Kroes (Vice-President of the European Commission and responsible for the Digital Agenda in Europe initiative), active in the EC's Cloud Computing strategy.

So before leaving on your summer holidays please take a moment to register for the EGI Technical Forum (<http://tf2011.egi.eu>) while the early bird registration lasts, and join us in the fabulous city of Lyon, France during 19-23 September 2011.

Yours sincerely,



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event Details
<b>29 Aug-2 Sept 2011</b>	Cloud Computing: Projects and Initiatives 2011 Bordeaux, France ( <a href="http://mosaic-cloud.eu">http://mosaic-cloud.eu</a> )
<b>5-9 September 2011</b>	GridKa School Karlsruhe, Germany ( <a href="http://gridka-school.scc.kit.edu/2011">http://gridka-school.scc.kit.edu/2011</a> )
<b>8-9 September 2011</b>	2011 Paradiso workshop Brussels, Belgium ( <a href="http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu">http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu</a> )
<b>19-23 September 2011</b>	<b>EGI Technical Forum</b> <b>Lyon, France (<a href="http://tf2011.egi.eu/">http://tf2011.egi.eu/</a>)</b>

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