



EGEE Welcomes New Technical Director

Geneva, Switzerland, 23rd October 2008 - Enabling Grids for E-sciencE, the world's largest multi-disciplinary grid infrastructure project, is pleased to announce the appointment of its new technical director, Steven Newhouse, beginning 03 November 2008. As leader of the technical management board of EGEE, he will assist the project director in strategic planning, policy decisions and to analyse the project's progress as it strives to fulfil its programme of work.

Newhouse brings with him a profound knowledge of academic and business grids, experience with a range of applications and installations, and a clear vision for the future of e-Infrastructures. He has an international reputation and in-depth knowledge of grid standardisation issues and the EGEE developed and deployed middleware, gLite. He is an active member of Open Grid Forum, the largest standards body within the grid community, has been director of Open Middleware Infrastructure Institute UK, a collaborative e-Science project between the University of Southampton, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Manchester, and most recently been working at Microsoft as a program manager in the High Performance Computing group. The project looks forward to working with him as European grids move into a new era.

"As EGEE continues expands its deployment and breadth of user communities," said EGEE project director Bob Jones, "Steven's wide business and academic experience will be invaluable in the move towards a sustainable model."

"I'm very excited to be joining the EGEE project at this time" said Newhouse. "Consolidating EGEE's significant achievements in community building, grid operations and middleware development into a sustainable model for collaborative national, European and worldwide grid activity to support multi-disciplinary science and research presents us all with many exciting opportunities and challenges."

"Steven will be an excellent reinforcement of EGEE," said Erwin Laure, outgoing EGEE technical director. "I've been working closely with Steven in the context of OMII and OGF and with his dedication and leadership EGEE will master the future challenges of Grids in Europe and beyond."

Erwin Laure leaves the EGEE project on 31 October to take-up the position of director of PDC-HPC at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm, Sweden. As technical director and project deputy director, Laure has played a pivotal role in developing the EGEE infrastructure and its use by an increasing number of diverse scientific disciplines. The project extends warm thanks for his hard work and congratulations as he moves on to a new position.

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Enabling Grids for E-science

The Enabling Grids for E-science (EGEE) project is co-funded by the European Commission. The project aims to provide researchers in both academia and industry with access to major computing resources, independent of their geographic location.

EGEE's main aims are:

1. To build a secure, reliable and robust grid infrastructure
2. To supply a computing resource specifically intended to be used by many different scientific disciplines
3. To attract, engage and support a wide range of users from science and industry, and provide them with extensive technical and training support.

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