

Dear EGEE-III project members,

It was a great pleasure to see so many of you in person recently at EGEE'09 in Barcelona – 631 delegates attended, making it the largest event of EGEE-III so far. With 108 sessions, 22 demos and 57 posters, it was a busy and productive week!

A good atmosphere permeated the week – everyone seemed optimistic and ambitious. All the key stakeholders were assembled in one place, including NGLs, the nascent SSCs and users representing a wide range of scientific disciplines. Having representatives from eleven ESFRI projects present was particularly exciting, promising rich interactions between large-scale science projects and e-Infrastructures for the future.

EGEE's online presence helped to generate a heightened buzz and provided real-time reporting of the event. If you didn't have time to visit the various EGEE channels during the event, you can see 20 of the demo videos online (at www.youtube.com/enablinggrids), watch filmed interviews and read the blogs (at www.gridcast.org) and subscribe to the EGEE [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds. The value of the online demos is clear – I have already used them to help convince the humanities user community of the relevance to their needs of the work being performed by EGEE and the collaborating projects.

Looking forward to the next few months – as EGI and its satellite projects come in to view ever more clearly – if we all maintain the upbeat enthusiasm that permeated EGEE'09, we can be very confident that Europe's researchers will enjoy the support of a thriving e-Infrastructure community for many years to come. Can we realise a sustainable European grid? Yes, absolutely we can!

While EGEE'09 was our final project conference, it is not our last event. Come April we'll be heading north for the final User Forum which will be held in collaboration with EGI and the Nordic DataGrid Facility in Uppsala, Sweden, 12-16 April 2010. With the establishment of sustainable European and National e-Infrastructures this event will be the ideal place for European e-Infrastructure users to meet, share experiences, and shape the future of European e-Infrastructures – and say goodbye to EGEE. See you there!

Yours sincerely,



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The following events are organised by EGEE or will feature important EGEE contributions. For further related events please see www.isgtw.org.

Month	Event	LINK
November	14-20, Supercomputing 09, Portland, Oregon, USA	sc09.supercomputing.org
December	7-9, UK e-Science All Hands Meeting 2009, Oxford, UK	www.allhands.org.uk
	9-11, 5th IEEE International Conference on e- Science, Oxford, UK	www.escience2009.org
	9-10, SEE-GRID-SCI USER FORUM 2009, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey	sgsuf.ceng.metu.edu.tr

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