

Dear EGEE-III project members,

As the weather turns colder and the days contract, I hope you are all enjoying a pleasant autumn. Many of you I know are very busy right now: in the thick of writing project proposals in advance of November 24th. To help strengthen many of these proposals, the project office has been considering and preparing many letters of support for those we hope are going to get through the evaluation stage and grow into full fledged projects in 2010.

One of outcomes from EGEE'09 is the emergence of the European E-Infrastructure Forum (EEF). This forum is an interaction point between EGI, DEISA – a consortium of the supercomputer centres in Europe, PRACE – the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe and GÉANT – the network connecting 34 European countries through 30 national research and education networks and TERENA – the Trans-European Research and Education Networking Association.

The EEF should help these organizations work together for Europe's e-Science computing ecosystem – some user communities require services which can only be achieved through the collaboration and seamless interoperation of these infrastructures. At the EU Concertation meeting in Brussels in late October we discussed this extensively and the EEF will be further developed at SuperComputing 09 this month in Portland, Oregon, US.

I'd like to draw you attention to a new feature on the EGEE website. Accessible from the left-hand menu bar, we are now announcing jobs of interest to the grid computing community (<http://www.eu-egee.org/index.php?id=666>). If you will be looking for a new contract soon, we hope this page will be useful to you. Also, if you are recruiting – please let us know!

Our plans for the final EGEE event – the User Forum in Uppsala, starting 12 April 2010 are already in full swing. Registration and the Call for Abstracts is now open. Register, submit your contributions and learn more about the venue at the User Forum website (<http://egee-uf5.eu-egee.org>). For this event, it will be especially important to register early, as due to new Swedish tax laws the registration fee will jump considerably for those who register after December 31.

As with past User Forums, this will be an excellent opportunity for users to showcase their work, learn about the latest advances in the community and form contacts with colleagues from EGEE, EGI and upcoming projects. Be sure to take full advantage of this event! But before then, remember there are only 44 more shopping days – and counting! – before Christmas.

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
December	7-9, UK e-Science All Hands Meeting 2009, Oxford, UK	www.allhands.org.uk
	9-10, SEE-GRID-SCI USER FORUM 2009, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey	sgsuf.ceng.metu.edu.tr
	9-11, 5th IEEE International Conference on e-Science, Oxford, UK	www.escience2009.org
January	No posted events	

If you are organising EGEE-related events that you would like to publicise here please email Neasan O'Neill at n.oneill@qmul.ac.uk

