

Dear EGEE-III project members,

As we enter the summer months EGEE finds itself, as always, with much to do.

We're glad to tell you that we've set preparations for the **EGEE-II final review**. This will be held in Geneva from 8 to 9 July. We extend a warm welcome to our reviewers appointed by the European Commission, namely John Martin, Martin Walker, Johan Zuidweg, Jean Pierre Prost and Karsten Decker, our project officer Enric Mitjana and project members.

The aim of this two-day review is to survey the progress of the project's second phase and judge its success. We've already held one rehearsal for the review and a dress rehearsal is planned for 3 and 4 July. I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of these important rehearsals.

Concurrent with the official review, the Project Management Board will meet to discuss the final financial reports of EGEE-II, the final fund distribution and the draft of the European Grid Initiative Blueprint, which was presented at the Geneva workshop on 30 June.

We received, at last, the **Grant Agreement for EGEE-III** signed by the Commission on 25 June. All administrative procedures are close to being finalised and Month 1 and 2 deliverables are in preparation.

The **PPT tool is in preparation pending completion of the activity execution plans** and the registration of members and should therefore be ready by the end of July. In the meantime project members are recommended to keep track of their time spent working on the project using Excel spreadsheets. You will be asked to retroactively fill put PPT timesheets for May, June and July.

Registration is open for the **EGEE'08 Conference**, to be held in Istanbul on 22-26 September 2008. Early bird registration closes 17 July. We will soon open bids for partners to host the EGEE'09 conference in autumn 2009.

I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of the forthcoming review which will be the last major event for the project before the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Bob Jones

The following events may be of interest to EGEE members. For more related events please see [www.isgtw.org](http://www.isgtw.org).

Month	Event	URL
July	6-18, <a href="#">International Summer School on Grid Computing</a> , Balatonfüred, Hungary	<a href="http://www.iceage-eu.org/issgc08/index.cfm">http://www.iceage-eu.org/issgc08/index.cfm</a>
	8-9, <a href="#">EGEE-II Final Review</a> , Geneva, Switzerland	<a href="http://egee-technical.web.cern.ch/egee-technical/EU-reviews/review-july08/index.htm">http://egee-technical.web.cern.ch/egee-technical/EU-reviews/review-july08/index.htm</a>
August	25-28, <a href="#">CoreGRID Symposium</a> , Canary Island, Spain	<a href="http://www.coregrid.net/mambo/content/view/578/378/">http://www.coregrid.net/mambo/content/view/578/378/</a>
	25-September 5, <a href="#">CERN School of Computing 2008</a> , Gjøvik, Norway	<a href="https://csc.web.cern.ch/csc/Default.asp">https://csc.web.cern.ch/csc/Default.asp</a>
September	22-26, <a href="#">EGEE'08 Conference</a> , Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://egee08.eu-egee.org/">http://egee08.eu-egee.org/</a>

