

Dear EGEE-III project members,

We've returned from summer holidays to a very active time in the project. Excitement is mounting as the start-up of the Large Hadron Collider grows closer. CERN will be celebrating this event—the start of the most ambitious scientific undertaking of our time—with a series of special days.

Next Wednesday, **10 September** is **First Beam day**: at 9:30 CET the CERN Control Centre will inject the first beam with the goal of circulating it throughout the entire length of the LHC. (More information on the event is available at <http://lhc-first-beam.web.cern.ch>.)

On Friday, **3 October** the CERN IT Department will host the **LHC Grid Fest**: the day the WLCG consortium will announce the readiness of the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid, the e-infrastructure that will support the 15 million gigabytes of data the LHC will produce each year. During the morning, I will be giving a talk highlighting EGEE's contributions to this infrastructure. Throughout the day a number of EGEE-related demos will showcase the functionality of grids in many disciplines. (More information on that event, including the programme, is available at <http://lcg.web.cern.ch/LCG/lhcgridfest>.)

As a final celebration, CERN has organized two events for Tuesday, **21 October**: the **LHC official inauguration** and the **LHC-fest**. The official inauguration ceremony involves the highest representatives from the member states of CERN and from the other communities participating in the LHC adventure. For more information on the programme see <http://www.cern.ch/lhc2008>.

You can tune in to a live webcast of all these LHC events by going to <http://webcast.cern.ch> on the day.

Moving on from the LHC start-up, the **PPT tool**, for recording your time worked on the project, is now running in production mode. All members are requested to retroactively fill out their timesheets from May 2008 to ensure all effort is accounted for future reporting. The cost claim tab is still under construction and should be made available next month. If you have any questions about PPT use, contact [project-eu-egee-po@cern.ch](mailto:project-eu-egee-po@cern.ch) or come and meet EGEE's financial officer Dita Mocova at EGEE'08.

As a reminder, with the departure of Erwin Laure, who is leaving CERN to take-up the position of director of PDC-HPC at KTH in Stockholm on November 1st, the project is seeking a new technical director and project deputy director. Those interested in applying for the position can find the full details at <http://eu-egee.org/index.php?id=395>. Candidates must submit their CVs and cover letters by close of business next Monday, **8 September**, to [egee-searchcommittee@cern.ch](mailto:egee-searchcommittee@cern.ch).

The process to **bid to host the EGEE'09 conference** is still open, and all details of how to prepare and submit bids are included in the EGEE'09 Bidders' pack on <https://edms.cern.ch/document/936392/1>. Full bids are due to the project office by **14 September 2008**.

Finally, you can still register, if you haven't yet, for **EGEE'08** (<http://egee08.eu-egee.org>). We have two new features to offer attendees. A GAP (Gender Action Plan) **networking lunch** is planned for Tuesday, **23 September** at 12:30 p.m. Come by and have a chat! And we will be **blogging through the GridCast website** before, during and after the conference to relay events and share experiences as they happen (online at (<http://gridcast.web.cern.ch/gridcast>)).

See you in Istanbul!

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](http://www.isgtw.org).

Month	Event	LINK
September	8-11, <a href="#">UK e-Science 2008 All Hands Meeting</a> , Edinburgh, UK	<a href="http://www.allhands.org.uk/">http://www.allhands.org.uk/</a>
	8-12, <a href="#">International GridKa School</a> , Karlsruhe, Germany	<a href="http://www.fzk.de/gks08">http://www.fzk.de/gks08</a>
	15-18, <a href="#">Cost Training School On Molecular And Material Science Grid Applications</a> , Trieste, Italy	<a href="http://www.euindia-grid.eu/events/training-molecular-and-material-science-grid-applications/view">http://www.euindia-grid.eu/events/training-molecular-and-material-science-grid-applications/view</a>
	15-19, <a href="#">24th Open Grid Forum</a> , Singapore, Singapore	<a href="http://www.ogf.org/OGF24/">http://www.ogf.org/OGF24/</a>
	22-24, <a href="#">10th EGU Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms</a> , Nicosia, Cyprus	<a href="http://meetings.copernicus.org/plinius10/">http://meetings.copernicus.org/plinius10/</a>
	22-26, <a href="#">EGEE'08 Conference</a> , Istanbul, Turkey	<a href="http://egee08.eu-egee.org/">http://egee08.eu-egee.org/</a>
	13-15, <a href="#">Cracow Grid Workshop'08</a> , Kraków, Poland	<a href="http://www.cyf-kr.edu.pl/cgw08/">http://www.cyf-kr.edu.pl/cgw08/</a>
October	18-24, <a href="#">Grid Camp &amp; HEPiX Fall 2008</a> , Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan	<a href="http://indico.twgrid.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=471">http://indico.twgrid.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=471</a>
	28, <a href="#">BEgrid Seminar</a> , Brussels, Belgium	<a href="http://www.begrid.be/index.php?module=blog&amp;action=view_comments&amp;id=25">http://www.begrid.be/index.php?module=blog&amp;action=view_comments&amp;id=25</a>
	3-7, <a href="#">ACAT2008</a> , Erice, Italy	<a href="http://acat2008.cern.ch/">http://acat2008.cern.ch/</a>
November	15-21, <a href="#">SC08</a> , Austin, Texas, U.S.	<a href="http://sc08.supercomputing.org/index.php">http://sc08.supercomputing.org/index.php</a>

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](mailto:n.oneill@qmul.ac.uk).