

Dear EGEE-III project members,

It was a great pleasure to see so many people present from EGEE and other collaborating projects at EGEE'08 in Istanbul.

Particular highlights of the conference for me were seeing evidence that we've smoothly transitioned between EGEE-II and EGEE-III, with all activities present and engaged in the programme of work. It is remarkable that EGEE continues to expand in terms of user communities and resources, giving the project both an advantage and a challenge.

EGI planning was much discussed at the conference. This is of interest not only to EGEE but all collaborating projects. While the draft blueprint presented during EGEE'08 is a good step forward, much work remains to be done to be sure that a sustainable structure will be in place at the end of EGEE-III.

EGEE's contribution to this transition includes an important deliverable due next month. *Planning the EGI transition* (DNA1.4) will detail the steps needed to migrate EGEE's operation to EGI. It provides EGEE's input on how the transition is perceived from the project's viewpoint, identifying the major risks and shortcomings of the current organisation and management of the infrastructure as well as proposing mitigating strategies to ensure all possible parameters are in place for the success of EGI.

The deliverable will incorporate input from actors both within and outside the EGEE community. This deliverable may result in a change to the Description of Work for the second year of EGEE-III to comply with the transition plan. We will, of course, keep you fully informed of any alterations.

We are happy to announce that the call for abstracts for the next user forum, to be held in Catania, Italy, will come out this week and that the next annual conference, EGEE'09 conference will be held in Barcelona, Spain in September 2009.

Friday, 3 October, was also a noteworthy day at CERN. Grid-enthusiasts from around the world gathered to celebrate the success of the Worldwide Large Hadron Collider Computing Grid project. GridFest brought together approximately 50 international journalists and members from all the projects contributing to the WLCG.

If you were not able to attend in person, many of demonstrations from the day are posted by the GridTalk project as [virtual tours on YouTube](#) and don't miss the CERN-produced movie showing [highlights of the day](#). Detailed information from the event, including the program and images, is available in the online [media pack](#) and at the event [web site](#). For more coverage read the [current issue](#) of *International Science Grid this Week*.

As I end this letter, I would like to make special mention of a tragic event that took place at the EGEE'08. Some of you may already know that Fabio Farina was badly injured during the storm that broke out in Istanbul at the end of the week. We would like to start a fund for Fabio to help towards his hospital costs. Please contact Diana Bosio at [Diana.Bosio\[at\]cern.ch](mailto:Diana.Bosio[at]cern.ch) for further details.

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
October	18-24, Grid Camp & HEPiX Fall 2008 , Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan	http://indico.twgrid.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=471
	28, BEgrid Seminar , Brussels, Belgium	http://www.begrid.be/index.php?module=blog&action=view_comments&id=25
November	14-16, La Ville européenne des Sciences , Paris, France	http://www.villeeuropeennedessciences.fr/
	15-21, SC08 , Austin, Texas, U.S.	http://sc08.supercomputing.org/index.php
	25-27, ICT Lyon , Lyon, France	http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2008/index_en.htm

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