Dear EGEE-III project members,

We are delighted to welcome Steven Newhouse as Enabling Grids for E-sciencE's new technical director. Steven began this month, joining the project at a very exciting time. His experience and expertise will be a great asset as we prepare the transition to the next phase of grids in Europe.

An important deliverable is being produced this month: *Planning the EGI transition* (DNA1.4). Migrating EGEE's current operations to those outlined for the European Grid Initiative requires careful planning. This report outlines the project's status on the planned transition, identifying any issues with the proposed organisation and management and suggesting paths to overcome them.

We have gathered input from all EGEE activities and several collaborating projects and non-European countries. This draft deliverable was discussed at the 6 November meeting of the Project Management Board and is being updated to take into the feedback received Refinement of the transition planning will continue as the composition and scope of EGI is finalised.

EGEE will be present at SuperComputing 2008 in Austin, Texas, US, and ICT 2008 (Information and Communication Technologies) in Lyon, France later this month. SC08 is the premier HPC event of the year and is a good chance to promote the project in an international setting. ICT08 presents Europe's future priorities for research funding in the ICT area and examines crucial issues of public policy for stimulating innovation through ICT development and uptake.

Looking forward to March 2009, it will be a pleasure to see many of you at the 4th EGEE User Forum will take place on 2-6 March 2009 in Catania, Sicily. The event is co-located with OGF25 and OGF-Europe's 2nd international event, and will be hosted by INFN. This combined event will once again strengthen the links between EGEE and the Open Grid Forum, bringing users and standards bodies together to ensure that the future of the Grid is complemented by the establishment of key standards.

The programme committee is accepting abstracts for the event until 5 December. For more information see the announcement on the EGEE Web portal (http://www.eu-egee.org/index.php?id=193&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=23&tx_ttnews[backPid]=65&cHash=1bdf 07b213). Request for sessions will be accepted until 15 December. For more information visit the event Web site (http://www.ogf.org/OGF25/cfp.php).

I would encourage all users to take full advantage of this chance to showcase their work, learn about the latest advances in grid technology and form contacts with your colleagues from EGEE and collaborating projects.

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	14-16, La Ville européenne des Sciences, Paris, France	http://www.villeeuropeennedessciences.fr/
	15-21, SC08, Austin, Texas, U.S.	http://sc08.supercomputing.org/index.php
	24, 6th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting, Lyon, France	http://www.beliefproject.org/events/6th-e-infrastructure-concertation-meeting
	25-27, ICT Lyon, Lyon, France	http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2008/index_en.htm
December	1-2, The World Summit of Cloud Computing conference, Israel	http://www.cloudcomputing.org.il/

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