

Catania, Sicily, Italy, 2-6 March 2009

What is the common thread between a project which uses [computer simulations to recreate sounds](#) from lost and ancient instruments, a computing platform designed to support [advance warning systems for flash floods](#) in the South of France, and a Web site that can give users [personalized movie recommendations](#)?

They are all products of research powered with distributed computing using the Enabling Grids for E-science Computing Grid infrastructure. EGEE supports applications from areas such as **astronomy, astrophysics, life sciences, computational chemistry, earth sciences, high energy physics, finance and fusion**. The latest findings from EGEE's user community will be on display at the upcoming EGEE User Forum, 2-6 March 2009, in Catania, Sicily, Italy.

This event, co-hosted and located with Open Grid Forum 25 & OGF-Europe's 2nd International Event, is a chance to speak with the scientists and IT professionals who shape Europe's grid computing landscape. There will be opportunities for talking to presenters and speakers during breaks throughout the week.

Keynote Speakers

- Jamie Shiers, Grid Support group leader, CERN IT Department
Global Grid Operations - What it means for the LHC Grid and the HEP Community
- Benny Rochwerger, IBM/RESERVOIR Project
Cloud Computing: The Dawn of a New (Computing) Era?
- Piero Poccianti, Competence & Innovation Center Leader, Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena
Internal Grid experiences in Monte dei Paschi di Siena Group

[View further details about the programme.](#)

We hope you will join us for this event, but if you cannot, follow the action on our [blog](#) with the [GridTalk](#) project and our [Twitter feed](#). Photographs from the event will be available on Flickr tagged "egeeuf09."

Venue

The event will be held at [Le Ciminiere Congress Centre](#), Le Ciminiere, Viale Africa, 95100 Catania, Sicily, Italy. The centre is serviced by [public transport](#).

Media registration

If you would like to attend the event please [register](#) as media. Contact Neasan O'Neill, EGEE Press and Events Manager, +44 (0)79 6281 8712, n.oneill@qmul.ac.uk, for more details.

Enabling Grids for E-Science

The Enabling Grids for E-science project, EGEE for short, supports the world's largest multidisciplinary grid infrastructure for research. The project, co-funded by the European Commission, connects approximately 300 sites in 50 countries to produce a reliable and scalable computing resource for the global science community.

By giving researchers in academia and business access to a production level grid infrastructure, with 80,000 processing cores and secure data transfer and storage independent of their geographic location, EGEE enables research that would not otherwise be possible.

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