

Dear EGEE-III project members,

I trust you are enjoying the long days of summer. In the last letter I mentioned the close of EGEE-II's final review. We now have the **reviewers' report** which has been distributed to the Project and Activity Management Boards. It reiterates the positive verbal feedback received at the review. Page four of the report states, "The review panel concludes that the project has been outstandingly successful, both in its individual activities and in its overall management." We can all be very proud of such warm praise.

All deliverables submitted for the review have been accepted. We also received 35 recommendations from the review committee, which we will follow-up actively during EGEE-III. The report also suggests that EGEE continue exploring the possibility of fusing cloud and grid computing for use in science and business.

The excitement surrounding cloud computing, and its relation to grids, make several sessions of the **EGEE'08 conference**, 22-26 September, especially timely. On the opening day, Monday, the business track will feature a session titled "Outsourcing Applications—Grids and Clouds". On Thursday, as part of the applications track, there will be a session called, "New Paradigms: Clouds, Virtualization and Co." Also, we are delighted to welcome Peter Vosshall, Vice President & Distinguished Engineer at Amazon.com, as one of our keynote speakers. On Wednesday he will deliver the talk "Web Scale Computing: The Power of Infrastructure as a Service". If you have not already registered for the conference, waste no time. It is sure to be a worthwhile week!

EGEE'08 will also host a workshop on **European Grid Initiative (EGI)** where an updated blueprint will be presented based on the feedback received during the summer. The transition from the existing project structure to EGI will be discussed and there will be plenty of opportunity for EGEE members to provide their input.

This month will see the introduction of the **PPT tool** for recording your time worked on the project. Its introduction will highlight any gaps in the execution plans for the activities and manpower allocated by each of the project partners.

Erwin Laure will be leaving CERN to take-up the position of director of PDC-HPC at KTH in Stockholm. As technical director and project deputy director, Erwin has been a key person in EGEE and, while we are all very happy for him in his new exciting high-level position, his departure will be deeply felt here at CERN and in the NA1 activity in particular. The arrangements for finding his replacement have been discussed within the PMB and, for those interested in applying for the position, full details can be found on the EGEE website's job pages, <http://eu-egee.org/index.php?id=395>. Candidates are invited to submit their CVs and cover letters by close of business 8 September 2008, to 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.

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.

Month	Event	LINK
September	1-2, <u>7th NREns and Grids Workshop</u> , Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	http://www.terena.org/activities/nrens-n-grids/workshop-07/
	6-18, <u>International Summer School on Grid Computing</u> , Hungary	http://www.iceage-eu.org/issgc08/index.cfm
	8-11, <u>UK e-Science 2008 All Hands Meeting</u> , Edinburgh, UK	http://www.allhands.org.uk/
	8-12, <u>International GridKa School</u> , Karlsruhe, Germany	http://www.fzk.de/gks08
	15-18, <u>Cost Training School On Molecular And Material Science Grid Applications</u> , Trieste, Italy	http://www.euindiagrid.eu/events/training-molecular-and-material-science-grid-applications/view
	15-19, <u>24th Open Grid Forum</u> , Singapore, Singapore	http://www.ogf.org/OGF24/
	22-24, <u>10th EGU Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms</u> , Nicosia, Cyprus	http://meetings.copernicus.org/plinius10/
	22-26, <u>EGEE'08 Conference</u> , Istanbul, Turkey	http://egee08.eu-egee.org/
October	18-24, <u>Grid Camp & HEPiX Fall 2008</u> , Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan	http://indico.twgrid.org/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=471
	28, <u>BEgrid Seminar</u> , Brussels, Belgium	http://www.begrid.be/index.php?module=blog&action=view_comments&id=25