Call for Abstracts: The fourth EGEE User Forum (UF4)

The Enabling Grids for EsciencE (EGEE) is the leading European grid project, providing the world's largest production grid infrastructure and integrated support services. This infrastructure is used routinely on a daily basis by numerous scientific applications around the world. In its almost five years of operation EGEE has helped promote the grid from being an experimental technology to a mature and stable enabling solution for thousands of scientists coming from various disciplines like Astronomy, Astrophysics, Computational Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Fusion, High Energy Physics and Life Sciences, among others.

The User Forum is an annual key event of the EGEE project. The first forum was organised in May 2006 at CERN, succeeded by the second in May 2007 at Manchester, UK and the third in February 2008 at Clermont-Ferrand, France. The forum provides an important opportunity for members of the grid community exploiting the technologies developed by EGEE and various collaborating projects, to present their work, discuss grid technology use with colleagues, and learn about advances in middleware and application services.

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 consists of daily plenary sessions featuring distinguished keynote speakers, followed by parallel sessions focusing on grid use within the many user disciplines, and also on specific grid technologies and techniques. A number of combined sessions between OGF and EGEE will also be organised providing the opportunity for interactions between standards bodies and user communities. Sessions for demonstrations and posters will augment the oral programme, and provide a key element of the forum.

The programme committee invites abstracts for contributions in one of following general topics:

- Scientific results obtained using grid technology
- Planned or on-going scientific work using the grid
- Experiences from application porting and deployment
- Grid Services exploiting and extending gLite middleware (job management, data management, monitoring, workflows etc)
- Programming environments
- End-user environments and portal technologies
- Emerging Technologies within the EGEE infrastructure (cloud, virtualization etc)

Contributions may be offered either for oral presentation, posters or demonstrations. The Programme Committee will assume responsibility for correctly assigning proposed contributions to the various parts of the event. The demonstrations can follow any of the above topics and must have a strong need for a visual or interactive presentation. Contributors should make sure that enough people will register and attend the User Forum in order for the demonstration to be manned continuously during the demo sessions.

The Programme Committee kindly requests that submitted abstracts follow the pre-defined template provided online from the User Forum web site at CERN's Indico system: (http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=40435). This will facilitate the evaluation of the abstracts and the production of a printed "Book of Abstracts" summarizing the contributions. Abstracts must be submitted using the "Submit a new abstract page" under the Call for Abstracts section in the above link. In the submission template it should also be indicated whether an oral submission could be placed as a poster if required. Precise information will be provided for the preparation of oral presentations, posters and demonstrations. Prospective authors should read the "Author Instructions" section which provides important information regarding abstract submission. Abstracts submitted via other means (email, etc.) or after the submission deadline will not be taken into consideration. Any enquiries regarding abstract submission should be forwarded to the Programme Committee chair.

Abstracts should be concise and follow the limits specified in the template. They should be well-written and provide updated results when similar contributions have been made to previous EGEE events (Conferences and User Forums). All abstracts will be evaluated according to their relevance with the defined topics, their completeness and significance in terms of the scientific contribution. Abstracts that do not meet the above required scientific and qualitative criteria will be rejected. As with previous EGEE User Forums, the Programme Committee will a select a limited number of abstracts, based on their scientific and technical impact, and facilitate their publication as full papers in scientific journals. The official language for the abstracts is English.

Tutorials and Trainings
In case you are interested to organise a tutorial or meeting in conjunction with the User Forum, you are invited to contact the Programme and Local Organisation Committee chairs. In general, parallel meetings and tutorials are not encouraged.

Important Dates:
Abstract submission opening date: *15th of October*
Deadline for abstract submission: *5th of December*
Notification of acceptance: *15th of January*

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