

Report on the C-RSG: Computing Resources Scrutiny Group (1/2)

Last year the WLCG Overview Board created a new committee, the C-RSG.

The purpose of the C-RSG is to inform the decisions of the Computing Resources Review Board (C-RRB) for the LHC experiments.

The C-RSG helps the C-RRB to make well-founded budget decisions each autumn. The starting point is the request information presented at the spring C-RRB meeting and any guidance that the C-RRB cares to give. From that time the C-RSG enters into a sustained dialogue with each experiment and with the LCG project, seeking to understand to what extent the computing resource requests are well motivated.

Note that the C-RSG is NOT expected to perform the role of mediator between the experiments and the resource providers. Its role is restricted to refereeing the resource requests that the experiments make.

The members of the C-RSG are: J. Knobloch (CERN), B. Vinter (Nordic Grid), W. Trischuk (Canada), C. Diaconu (France), H. Marten (Germany), C. Bozzi (Italy), D. Espriu (Spain), J. Flynn (UK), D. Groep (the Netherlands), A. Lazzarini (USA), E. Domenec (DSU). Taiwan representative not yet appointed.

H. Renshall is the Scientific Secretary (D. Jacobs kindly replaced him at the inaugural meeting). The chairman is yet to be confirmed.

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- The inaugural meeting was held on 10 December 2007 chaired by J.Engelen where he had asked the experiments to present their computing plans as being fundamental background information for the group. There was also a statement from F.Forti of the LHCC LCG referees to ensure mutual understanding between them and the C-RSG.
- The inaugural meeting requested D.Jacobs to turn the formalistic description of the mandate given in the WLCG MoU into a more practical guide of its role and working methods and this has been done.
- The meeting also decided it needed to meet in March, not wait till after the April Computing Resources Review Board, in order to look at two specific items of interest to it:
 - The outcome of the combined computing resources challenge in February. This should give a first idea of how sites and WLCG in general can handle all the experiments attempting to run together.
 - Progress with the capacity ramp-up at the sites which should reach in April the resources pledged for 2008.