

GDB Future

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Context

- As WLCG has evolved from deployment to stable operation and now to a new phase of development it is a good time to 'refresh' the GDB
 - Continue discussing and agreeing directions and details of implementation & deployment of the distributed computing infrastructure
 - Sponsor technical developments where needed
 - But avoiding duplication with other meetings
- Moving policy issues to the MB
- Dropping summary reports of operations etc.
 - But Ops team can propose discussions (such as the current information systems one)
- Focussing on the depth technical discussions
 - Arriving at agreement on how we should proceed

What is known

- WLCG Workshop in February
 - Priorities & renewed GDB format should be worked out there
- January will follow existing format
 - There is still space on the agenda so topics welcome!
- February cancelled
- Venue for March is being finalised
 - Most likely Amsterdam (to avoid clashing with Motor show)
- Assistance with note taking etc. will continue to be hugely valuable

What is not so clear

- There will be plenty of technical matters to discuss but precisely what topics will be prioritised, initially, at the February workshop
 - Ian has identified starting points
- What supporting structure we should have to best prepare & facilitate the discussions we need in the GDB also has to be agreed.
 - Therefore exactly what form the GDB will take from March next year is uncertain
 - Similarly for the pre-GDB slots

Finally

- Success of WLCG is not, in my view, of any particular technology.
- It is the ability to Set ambitious goals and work together to achieve them.
- We have already learned how to make changes to the running infrastructure
- We have further, perhaps more significant, changes ahead of us.
- I look forward to the GDB continuing its role at the heart of this developments
- This will mostly depend on your participation.