

Summary of HSF discussion, July 16th

Richard, Pere and David presented proposals for a bottom-up approach to launching the HSF (see slides). In this approach, the ad-hoc group would fulfill the role of an 'Interim 'Foundation Board (IFB)' charged with steering the preparatory phase up to the launch of the HSF.

The first step is to prepare a "call for volunteers" who can devote the time in the coming months to lead the work that has to be done.

Once this is achieved, it is to be expected that some established software projects would be invited to act as guinea pigs so that progress can then be made in understanding the infrastructure, support and services the HSF needs to offer.

An important issue brought up during discussion is the need to define the scope of the HSF, both in terms of the software domains it would cover, as well as its openness to other scientific disciplines.

There was also an exchange of views on how aggressive we can be in defining the timeline we set ourselves. Ian reminded us that there is a general expectation in the wider community (LHCC, SPC, etc.) that visible progress needs to be made in addressing high priority topics, such as those discussed in the Concurrency Forum. One of the first milestones will be to organise a 'Launch Workshop' in order to present to the whole community a concrete proposal.

Finally, it was agreed that the ad-hoc group (IFB) would meet bi-weekly, keeping the same day/time slot, for as long as necessary in order to get things moving. The 'Call for volunteers' will be one topic to be discussed/agreed at the next meeting in 2 weeks time.

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