User Conference Interactions

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Each year (frequency?) EGI will hold a user conference (Cal)

- **What should the structure/format be?**
  - Focus (user-oriented) is the same. Leave as more relaxed. Expanding (naturally). What happens with supercomputing? Alternate co-location/separate events for prace. Keep current time table (spring).
- **Who selects/nominates the venue?**
  - Continue to use bidding process. Probably co-committee from UFSC evaluates—decision back to council.
- **Who selects/elects/nominates the chair?**
  - Technical chair always EGI.org. Honorary chair selected. User Forum SC selects theme and honorary chair.
- **Who runs the registration?**
  - EGI.org takes responsibility for the tools, maintenance; probably outsourced.
- **Who makes the announcements?**
  - EGI dissemination people make/provide materials.
- **Who contacts the media?**
  - EGI dissemination people. Others send material out locally.
- **Who decides the programme?**
  - UFSC decides the program committee, scope, etc.
- **Who controls the budget?**
  - Host takes financial responsibility. Keep event self-financed. Sponsors at least 1 year before. EC is completely funding right now.
- **Co-location policy?**
  - Completely changes event. Politically attractive, but not so much technically. EGI conference can do co-location with OGF.
- **Transition:**
  - Already try UF5 to do combined events. Spring 2010 tests model (model by end of march). Person needs to be in place well in advance.
- **Proceedings:**
  - Much more effort to do this. BOA or something needs to be available.

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- **Technical chair (EGI.org).**

- **UFSC proposes honorary chair/program committee.**

- **Dissemination "officer" inside EGI.org.**

- **Host for each event. (UFSC/EGI Council)**

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- **Logistical support (tools) provided by EGI.org (probably outsourced).**

- **Statements:**
  - UF focus should remain the same; user-focused, relaxed.
  - Scope naturally expands with MW/communities supported.
  - UFSC at the center of the process.
  - Event continues to be self-financed.

- **Recommend:**
  - UF5 (2010) already uses EGI model.

- **Issues:**
  - Need EGI.org personnel in place well in advance.
  - Model needs to be decided by end of March 2009.
  - Abstracts/papers and BoA/proceedings. (Much more effort for proceedings.)
  - Co-location policy. (Alternate co-location, e.g. with PRACE).