EGEE UF5 Programme Committee Kick-off Phone Conference

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 27 November 2009
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Agenda

14:00	**Call for Abstracts (20')**
	Update on the current status of submissions. Discussion for possible CfA extension.
14:20	**Keynote Speakers (30')**
	Decision for the invited keynote speakers
14:50	**AoB (10')**
	Schedule of next phone calls and any other business.

Participants:

1. Vangelis Floros (GRNET)
2. Frank Harris (Oxford and CERN)
3. Patricia Mendez Lorenzo (CERN)
4. Steven Newhouse (CERN)
5. Francesco Giacomini (INFN)
6. Catherine Gater (CERN)
7. Robin McConnel (NeSC)
8. Cecile Germain (LRI and LAL)
9. Christophe Blanchet (IBCP/ Bioinformatics)
10. Horst Schwichtenberg (Fraunhofer SCAI)
11. Erwin Laure (PDC/KTH)
12. Sverker Holmgren (Uppsala University)
13. Stuart Dunn (KCL/Humanities)
14. Paschalis Korosoglou (AUTH/Complex Systems)

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call for Abstracts

The CfA was opened and announced on schedule, on 21 October. So far we have a total of 5 abstracts submitted (two more were withdrawn after contacting the authors). With ten days to go till the deadline, we are within the statistical curve but we should start pushing a bit more our near colleagues and teams we collaborate with in order to prepare an abstract for their work. Overall we expect in the last 2 days before the deadline to receive almost 80% of all submissions.

Reminder that the early bird registration is open. It has been confirmed that a 25% VAT charge will be applied to all registrations after 1st of January. Along with the CfA above, we should also notify our colleagues about this and suggest

them to register as soon as possible. All PC members should try and give a good example and be among the first to register ☺.

Steven: Stress the issue of early-bird within the reminder. The sooner the better.

Erwin: Give it a positive perspective. The registration fees remain the same. Emphasize the issue of VAT.

Steven: People shouldn't wait till they are accepted before registering.

Action (all): Remind all colleagues about CfA deadline and the benefits of early bird registration taking into account the VAT surcharge.

Action (Vangelis and Kristina): To prepare and send a reminder on Tuesday. Encourage people to register as soon as they submit their abstract.

2. Keynote Speakers

A final list of proposed speakers has been circulated. We have 8 proposals to fill 5 available slots. The EC keynote will be scheduled during the opening plenary and will be given shorter time.

Vangelis: My suggested strategy is the following: Give priority to application-oriented presentations and if possible promote disciplines that haven't been presented in the past.

- Autonomic systems have a strong case and both alternative speakers are well respected and will make a good keynote.
- The talk from Orozco has been suggested by the EAC and we should give it priority.
- LHC's talk will be significant as long as it will present initial results of the LHC experiments. It would be good to see how the architecture and infrastructure we've been building all these years responds to the actual requirements of the experiments.
- The talk from Dan Hennigson has additional value since it will present local activities in DCIs. The plan is to deliver it during the opening plenary.
- The Fusion and ES talks have been proposed the last days and don't have a specific preference. We could chose a first-come-first served approach and give priority to the Fusion one.
- The NGI talk is a bit tricky in the sense that everything is still on the setup phase. I'm afraid that we will not be able to have concrete results to present. Per has already kindly declined the invitation considering that his role as EGI council chairman does will not help him to express the user requirements on the NGI level.
- EMI could be interesting but IMHO should be given lower precedence comparing with the rest.

Overall we don't have to reject any of the suggestions but we should give initial priority to five of them, and keep the rest 3 as a back-up plan in case of rejections.

Steven: We should have one speaker from Sweden. Maybe incorporate the NGI status in the Dan talk

Erwin: Not sure if Dan will give a good NGI aspect.

Sverker: I see the point that it's not mature topic. Dan will have some problems handling this. Better keep his presentation clean.

Frank: Understandable but remains an important issue and reserves visibility in the event

Steven: We can include such session in the oral program. The proposals might not actually reflect the point of view of NGIs as a whole.

Erwin, Steven: Fusion talk .

Horst: "Blue Planet" project is from the French. They want to prepare the whole picture of the globe in one week.

Frank: Par is capable if giving a good technical talk.

Patricia: We should choose topics and not names. If a person cannot make it we should aim for finding a replacement within the same topic (possibly from the same activity/institute/project)

Erwin: If one cannot make it the Program Committee should decide.

Frank: We should have half-page abstract early enough for the plenary talks.

Steven: Vangelis to send the invitations.

The final list of keynote speakers is the following:

#	Name	Topic	Institute/Company
1	Jeffrey Kephart	Autonomic Computing	IBM Research
2	Modesto Orozco	Computational Biology	Institute for Research in Biomedicine Barcelona
3	Par Strand	Fusion	EUFORIA
4	Sergio Bertolucci	LHC	CERN
5	Dan Henningson	Swedish eScience Research Center	KTH

The PC agreed that Vangelis will send the invitations putting in CC key persons from within PC who are affiliated with the invited speaker (typically the person who proposed him in the first place). We will keep the rest suggested names as runner-ups.

We should aim for an NGI-related session with a focus on User Communities. Should suggest to various key persons (e.g. coordinators of relevant proposals like ROSCOE and SAFE) to prepare abstracts.

Action (Vangelis): Prepare and send invitations.

Action (Erwin and Sverker). To communicate with Dan and discuss with him the inclusion of NGI-related issues in his talk.

3. AOB

Next Meetings: Suggest to have on short meeting one day before the 7 Dec deadline to evaluate the status of submissions and consider the possibility of giving an extension and for how long.

Meeting concluded at 14:50 CET