EGEE goals and requirements for OGF20 and the second EGEE User Forum, Manchester, May 2007

Introduction

To facilitate comparison we follow the format used by Dave Berry in his draft of Oct 14 which summarised goals and requirements for UK e-Science with respect to OGF 20/EGEE User Forum.

The notes follow discussions within our EGEE steering committee and take into account our aims for the complete OGF/EGEE event.

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Summary

The main theme for the EGEE User Forum is:
'the reality of grids for users – the practice and experience'

Target audience
Our target audience for this event is current and potential users from a wide range of applications areas, systems integrators, a broad business sector and funding agencies. It will include representatives from the many Collaborating Projects.

The main goals for EGEE for the complete OGF/EGEE event are.

1. **Provide opportunities for an active dialogue between the EGEE project and its users**. This will be mainly through the user forum from Wednesday to Friday where opportunities for interaction between users and the EGEE project will be given via talks, panels, demos and posters.

2. **Ensure a proper dialogue with Business**

   Business users will be encouraged to participate in the main user forum sessions reporting on their experiences and planning (see below). This will allow business to react to the experience of users by perhaps proposing solutions in areas such as security and support. In addition we foresee active EGEE participation in business tracks organised within the OGF20 programme.

3. **Active participation in OGF tracks, especially on standards, business and applications**.

   We would like to enable a dialogue between standards people and practitioners. In particular the joint program on Wednesday should facilitate this.

4. **Promote synergy between EGEE and UK e-Science, and encourage use of the EGEE infrastructure by UK users**

   EGEE members will, as appropriate, participate in sessions organized by UK e-Science, especially those oriented towards applications and users.
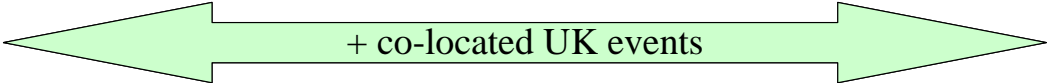
5. **Provide training opportunities in key areas on the weekend** following the joint event.

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Together with OGF and UK e-Science, we will define a shared day on Wednesday which will cover topics of general interest and encourage synergy between OGF, UK e-Science and EGEE.

Overall structure of the week

We reproduce below the timetable included by Dave Berry for his October 14 draft, showing the structure of the whole event, and also a possible OMII event before the EGEE UF-OGF 20 event.

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			OGF	OGF	OGF	OGF / EGEE	EGEE	EGEE	EGEE	EGEE
OMII AHM	OMII User Forum		GFSG	Com + Ind + Std	Com + Ind + Std	Forum +Com + Std	Forum + Std	Forum +Std	Train	Train
			OGF Rcpn			Joint Dinner	EGEE Poster and Reception			

+ co-located UK events

Proposed timetable for OGF20, EGEE User Forum and related events

We give below our current thinking on the structure of the shared day Wednesday, and of the EGEE User Forum, to which Thursday and Friday are primarily dedicated (i.e. the only parallel events with the EGEE Forum tracks will be in-depth, technical standards face-to-face meetings of working groups that choose to stay on).
We foresee that, following discussion in the overall OGF20 committee, that the program for Wednesday should be defined jointly by EGEE, OGF, and UK e-Science and will probably be composed of plenary talks by prestigious invited speakers on topics of interest to all communities as well as several joint sessions that bring the different communities together. We plan that the posters and demos will be already mounted by midday Wednesday (though the main demo/poster session is planned for Thursday 1600-2100). These will stay in place until Friday.
We propose that Thursday will be composed of 4 parallel 'thematic' sessions running from 0900-1600. These are to be followed by the main demo/poster session 1600-2100, with an accompanying reception drink held in the same location.

Strong candidates for the poster and demo themes are experience in large production systems, interactive work on the grid, data mining on the grid and the practicalities of VO and site management on the grid. A call for contributions will be launched in November and all contributions for talks, demos and posters will be refereed by the User Forum Programme Committee. We propose that Friday morning be used for plenary rapporteur talks based on the 4 parallel sessions.

We are currently discussing the programme for Friday afternoon; probably the parallel sessions will continue there.

Detailed requirements for the logistics of the plenary and parallel sessions are currently being prepared. We will need facilities supporting 4 sessions of ~100 people, and supporting ~ 30 demos.

Commercial Exhibition
In addition to the EGEE User Forum demo and poster area we propose to have commercial exhibition space co-located. This space should be available to commercial sponsors but also to projects and research groups that want to buy exhibition space. The exhibition should run until Thursday evening in order to overlap with the main EGEE User Forum demo and poster session. Stands should not be dismantled before Friday morning. We propose the exhibition to start on Tuesday, since 3 days is a typical duration of such an exhibition. Having an OGF welcome reception on Monday evening might cause an extension of the exhibition time. We should not distinguish between the two events but have one common exhibition.

Funding agencies and other invited people
The EGEE User forum PC intends to invite senior EU representatives, EGEE referees and external advisers. The EGEE User Forum will demonstrate a healthy and developing relationship with users.

Contributions from EGEE solicited sponsors
We need to agree the theme of the total event as presented to sponsors solicited by EGEE.

Participation by EGEE people and associated costs
EGEE members will be encouraged to come for the whole week. However some will only be able to come for 3 days, and the registration fee should be adjusted accordingly given that most come from an academic/research background. An upper limit of 100 US$ per day for the User Forum (i.e. a total of max. 300 US$) is considered appropriate.