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Ludek Matyska Elected Chairman of the EGEE II Project Management Board
Posted on 22 September 2006 by CESNET

Ludek Matyska, leader of CESNET's grid research activities, has been elected chairman of the EGEE II Project Management Board. He will perform the new function until February 2007, when will take over to Professor Manuel Delfino from Spain. The election of Ludek Matyska as the leader of the PMB is perceived as an acknowledgement of the existing activities of Czech experts.

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The TERENA Technical Committee Approves Four Task Forces
Posted on 19 September 2006 by TERENA

Today the TERENA Technical Committee approved the Terms of Reference of four task forces. TF-Mobility and TF-EMC2 (Task Force on European Middleware Coordination and Collaboration) will carry on with their work under a new two-year mandate. Two new task forces, TF-VSS (Task Force on Videoconference Service Studies) and TF-ECS (Task Force on Enhanced Communications Services) will continue the work begun in Task Force for Voice, Video and Collaboration, which recently completed its mandate.

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6th Annual Global LambdaGrid Workshop Full of Eastern Promise

Posted on 18 September 2006 by TERENA

The 6th Annual Global LambdaGrid Workshop was held on the 11th and 12th of September 2006 in Tokyo, Japan. This was the latest annual workshop organised under the auspices of the Global Lambda Integrated Facility (GLIF), which provides the opportunity for managers, engineers, researchers and developers working on global optical internetworking to come together to discuss development and operational issues.

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SEEREN2 Summer School: 25-27 September, Greece

Posted on 15 September 2006 by GRNET

The forthcoming SEEREN2 Summer School, taking place on 25-27 September
2006 in Greece, will be streamed live! On 27 September there will be a session dedicated to the perfSONAR tool which was recently introduced in the South East European communities. Through the video streaming, researchers from SE Europe and other regions have the opportunity to follow the event and get acquainted with perfSONAR.

Further details can be obtained through the web page which is maintained
by TERENA: http://www.terena.nl/activities/seeren

The SEEREN2 Summer School is also announced on the GEANT2 website:
http://www.geant2.net/server/show/conEvent.304

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Call for Papers – TNC 2007 - Visible Services/Transparent Networks

Posted on 15 September 2006 by TERENA

The Programme Committee for the TERENA Networking Conference 2007 has issued a Call for Papers. The conference is organised by TERENA and hosted by UNI•C, the Danish IT centre for education and research.

Extended abstracts of 600 – 1200 words (rather than full papers) can be submitted via the drop box at:
http://tnc2007.terena.nl/submit/

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TEIN2's Success Recognised by Asian and European Leaders at ASEM6 Summit in Helsinki

Posted on 15 September 2006 by DANTE

38 Asian and European Heads of State endorsed the role of the Trans-Eurasia Information Network (TEIN2) in their Final Declaration at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit in Helsinki. The Summit which was held 10-11 September also saw the offical launch of TEIN2.

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EUMEDGRID 1st Conference: Empowering e-Science Across the Mediterranean Takes Place in Rome

Posted on 15 September 2006 by GARR

Jointly organised by INFN, GARR and the Department of Physics of the University of Roma Tre, the first EUMEDGRID Conference has just begun. International-level speakers will present the vision of Euro-Mediterranean collaborations in Research, Culture and Education and namely in the creation of cross-national eInfrastructures supporting such collaborations as a driving force towards widening the European Research Area and bridging the digital divide between Europe and the neighbouring Mediterranean Countries, thus bringing them closer to each other.

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Reduced Price for Domain Names

Posted on 14 September 2006 by SWITCH

SWITCH, the registry for domain names ending in .ch (Switzerland) and .li (Principality of Liechtenstein) is reducing the annual fee for domain names from CHF 35 to CHF 27 as of 1 November 2006.

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Asia-Europe Research Collaboration Attracts Potential New Members

Posted on 8 September 2006 by DANTE

- New applications and development of high speed TEIN2 network showcased at prominent ASEM 6 Summit.

Helsinki, 9 September 2006: Citizens across Asia and Europe are now benefiting from closer research collaboration between the two regions delivered by the high speed TEIN2 network. The first large-scale research and education network for Asia Pacific, TEIN2, links ten countries and more than 30 million users in the region, enabling them to work together on vital research, including disaster warning systems and telemedicine. The network, which is being formally launched at the ASEM 6 Summit in Helsinki, has already attracted interest from potential new members across Asia. Discussions are on-going with several new partners, including Brunei, Hong Kong, Laos and Cambodia.

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First Cross-border Dark Fibre Connection in South East Europe Becomes Fully Operational

Posted on 7 September 2006 by GRNET

The first cross-border dark fibre link that connects the National Research & Education Networks (NRENs) of Serbia and Hungary has become fully operational since August 2006, and remodels the map in Research & Education networks in South East Europe. The new connection, which was materialized within the framework of the EC FP6 SEEREN2 project (South East European Research & Education Network), leverages the redundancy of the SEEREN backbone network and offers a diverse of network scheme potentials.

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CESNET Has Become a PlanetLab Consortium Member

Posted on 1 September 2006 by CESNET

The CESNET association became a member of PlanetLab consortium which operates the first global

virtual network laboratory. PlanetLab solves future applications focused on eliminating the main problems of Internet.

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eduroam® Gains Ground in Asia

Posted on 31 August 2006 by TERENA

Operators of the eduroam server of the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) in SiChuan, ChengDu, China have announced that they now have one eduroam site connected and more are on the way. This follows news earlier this month that Hong Kong has set up an eduroam top-level server.

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Vacancy for a Junior Webmaster at TERENA Secretariat

Posted on 17 August 2006 by TERENA

TERENA currently has a vacancy for a part-time Junior Webmaster. For more information, please visit: http://www.terena.nl/about/employment/junior-webmaster-2006-08.html

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The Birth of Optical Private Networks in the Netherlands

Posted on 11 August 2006 by SURFnet

One application of lightpaths is an optical private network (OPN), a permanent set of lightpaths between several locations of one organisation. An OPN offers organisations a way to connect their locations by reliable and safe high-capacity connections. It is a particularly attractive option for organisations wishing to centralise their IT management.

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Dutch Student Accommodation Fully Equipped for HDTV

Posted on 11 August 2006 by SURFnet

SURFnet launched a project to upgrade the network facilities of student accommodation in several cities in the Netherlands. As a result, about 5,000 students will be able to view high definition video (HDTV) and use other advanced educational internet services on their computer. Every student will have a network connection of at least 20 megabits per second, roughly ten times the speed of an ADSL connection. At the same time the local network will be multicast enabled. Multicast is an important technique for receiving HDTV video.

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Video About SURFnet6: And Then There Was Light…

Posted on 11 August 2006 by SURFnet

To explain and promote hybrid networking SURFnet commissioned a short film explaining the basic facts and benefits of light paths. The film was produced as a combination of traditional and computer animation. It was shown to great acclaim at the festive opening of SURFnet6 in January 2006.

View video: https://videotheek.surfnet.nl/asset-view/22530/

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Research Makes Mount Etna Sing!

Posted on 9 August 2006 by DANTE

GÉANT2 and ALICE-RedCLARA networks supporting data-sonification to extend research to Ecuador's volcanoes

9th August 2006: Cambridge, United Kingdom – Predicting eruptions will become easier now scientists are using technology to translate the patterns in a volcano's behaviour into sound waves. The EU funded "Enabling Grids for E-sciencE" (EGEE) and the "E-Infrastructure shared between Europe and Latin America" (EELA) projects, which are already investigating volcano sonification at Mount Etna, Sicily, are using the GÉANT2 and ALICE-RedCLARA networks to further extend this important study to include Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano.

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Advanced EuroCAMP Registration Now Open

Posted on 1 August 2006 by TERENA

Registration for an Advanced EuroCAMP (European Campus Architectural Middleware Planning) is now open. The fourth EuroCAMP will be held in Malaga, Spain on the 18-19 October 2006 and is targeted at IT practitioners of academic and research institutions operating, deploying or developing federations. In contrast to the other EuroCAMP workshops that TERENA has previously organised, the advanced workshop is intended explicitly for people who already have good knowledge of, and some experience in, the field of federations and the technologies related to them. People without much experience in the field are advised not to attend this event, but one of the more basic EuroCAMPs that TERENA will organise in the near future.

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6DISS Goes Latin

Posted on 28 July 2006 by TERENA

The 6DISS project held its fifth IPv6 workshop on 26-28 July 2006 in Quito, Ecuador. The event comprised one of the tracks of WALC 2006, an annual training event targeted at Latin American networking professionals, and was organised in cooperation with CLARA, the Latin American research networking organisation. The workshop was coordinated by TERENA in collaboration with FCCN and RENATER, the Portuguese and French national research networking organisations. FCCN and its French sister organisation RENATER provided the lecturers for the event.

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Joint Regional CE EGEE and SEE-GRID-2 Summer School on Grid

Posted on 20 July 2006 by GRNET

Future Grid users and Grid developers from South East Europe gathered recently in Budapest in the framework of the Joint Regional CE EGEE and SEE-GRID- Summer School on Grid Application Support, with the aim to get acquainted with Grid technology, and to study and practice - together with their European colleagues - application development methods and tools, using the Central European

Virtual Organization of the European Grid Infrastructure (EGEE) and the South East European Grid Infrastructure (SEE-GRID). The summer school was mainly focusing on the end-user view of Grids and provided a unique occasion to get familiar with the usage of Grids from the general end-user perspective. Besides getting first-hand user experience, the school was an excellent forum to meet representatives of Grid user communities, Grid infrastructure providers and Grid tool developer groups.

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