**Champions Teleconference Topics 13 Dec 2012 – Input from Champions**

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| 1. | From **Eleni Katragkou**  I was having in mind to attend the European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2013 (<http://www.egu2013.eu/>) in April which is a huge event  bringing together geoscientists from all over the world into one meeting covering all disciplines of the Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences. There is a variety of programs covered: <http://www.egu2013.eu/information/programme_committee.html> I am usually within climate and/or atmospheric science.  I was wondering whether EGI has a dedicated session in the informatics  "Earth & Space Science Informatics" or other.  This year, I was thinking of presenting in EGU2013 my grid-enabled work on Climate model simulations (climate section), eventually under the EGI champion umbrella? I don't know what you think about that.  It would be very helpful for me to discuss in our telecon, which are the messages we should convey to our audience, and in what exactly we are targeting. I guess, it will be informing the audience about EGI activities and attracting grid users?  It would be great if we could, somehow, be more specific on those issues. | CG  SN  CG lead with All for detail |
| 2. | From **Mark Santcroos**  I will join you at Science Park tomorrow morning.  For me it would be good to learn about the achievements of others, how they did that, but also the stumbling blocks they encountered (and possibly overcame).  Another item I "always struggle" with is the difference between eScience and "grids". In a way my users don't need a grid per-se, they want to get something done. Thus, grids are just (part of ) a possible solution for them. My take is that for larger projects/communities the added value of grid computing is much more obvious than for small ones.  A question I have currently is the type of events EGI is thinking of. Recently I got an invitation to speak for a group of bioinformaticians in Luxemburg. Not in an "event", but just at their department. The number of participants won't be spectacular of course, but it might be relatively high quality time. | RMcL  CG  SN  CG |
| 3. | From **Tomáš Kulhánek**  1) The small teams I work with them lack of human resources to integrate their workflows into grids or clouds. And I and my colleagues may probably need deeper contribution from NGI or EGI support. Not only solving questions (why I cannot execute script A), but a contribution on design or implementation of our projects.  2) The other thought is about commercialize scientific application results. We plan to try commercialize part of our scientific result. We had some debates whether we will then separate and migrate the commercial part of our application from EGI cloud to some commercial one or such case is or whether this will be somehow solved within EGI generally?  3) relates to 2) with discussing our NGI representatives. EGI grids and clouds prefers Linux systems, but provides some type of licences to access other platforms (MS Windows), but with some restrictions. We can bring some licensed software with ourselves, but in some cases it is cheaper to rent it from commercial clouds. Question to discussion is whether some type of services in commercial clouds which aren't part of current EGI/NGI could be rent with name of NGI as it would probably get better pricing position than small teams? | TF/GS  SA  SN support from SA |
| 4. | From **Stella Arnaouti**  1. I know how grid helped in my research, but I do not have a more broad idea of what EGI can do. Who can give me or where can I get more information? 2. you mention about funding some conference attendance. To what extend do you cover that kind of events? Does it have to be a 'computing' conference or it can be any kind of science conference? 3. I came into contact with 'auth grid team' and they told me that they will arrange a seminar in our university that will explain what Grid computing can do, why to use it and how to use it. The grid auth team will be happy to add a lecture presented by me where I can explain my experience about using the grid. I am sure that sometimes it is more useful to have a speech about computing to a non-computing expert audience by a non-computing expert lecturer. I guess that this is something that conforms well with our grid champion role. However, this event is prepared by the auth grid team. Can we come into contact with other grid teams of our country or in general? I mean, is there a regional limit of our role? And what exactly is our role compared to the grid team role? Do we have the same role, that is of promoting grid use? | CG with TF and GS/RMcL  CG  SN |
| 5. | From **Ashiq Anjum:**  I intend to be at CBMS 2013 in Portugal. The biomedical community is actively seeking to use/contribute Grids resources and  I intend to present EGI to the community. I know a number of people in the community and will try to liaise with them..    The second related event is the annual Health Grid conference in June 2013 in Rome.  The details are not yet out there but I want to mark this in my calendar.    Of course I will like to be at EGI Forum in Manchester in April 2013. There are some other ideas in mind but will share it once we meet face to face. |  |