



Update – January 2010

NEWS

-- Next SURAGrid Monthly Call --

The next SURAGrid Monthly Call is scheduled for February 1, 2010 at 2pm. The call topic will be the implementation of the SURAGrid operational plan. All community members are encouraged to attend. Information on how to join the call will be distributed by January 29th.

-- SURAGrid Institutions Funded for CI-Days --

Through a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant awarded to a consortium of higher education associations led by Internet2, eight research universities were selected to receive funding to develop and host workshops on Cyberinfrastructure. Called "CI Days", these events seek to advance understanding of, planning for, and implementation of Cyberinfrastructure in the institutions. SURAGrid members, University of Kentucky and North Carolina State University are two of the eight institutions receiving funding for a CI-Day. Other grant recipients include: Colorado State University, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame, the Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, and University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The CI Days program is organized and supported by a consortium of associations working to advance use of information technology in research and higher education, including NSF, EDUCAUSE, Internet2, the Minority-Serving Institution Cyberinfrastructure Empowerment Coalition (MSI-CIEC), National LambdaRail, Open Science Grid, SURA and TeraGrid. Internet2 serves as the fiscal agent for the NSF grant. See the CI Days web site at www.cidays.org for further details.

-- Petascale Applications Proposal Writing Webinar --

Researchers can learn how to apply for time on Blue Waters, the petascale supercomputer coming online in 2011 at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. In order to receive an award of time on through the National Science Foundation allocation process, research teams must receive a pre-allocation through the current Petascale Computing Resource Allocations (PRAC) process. The next round of PRAC applications are due March 17.

Feb. 1, NCSA will host a two-hour webinar to provide details about the Blue Waters system, an overview of the PRAC program, and tips on writing successful PRAC proposals. Want to know more? Visit <http://www.ncsa.illinois.edu/News/10/0105Feb1webinar.html> for a workshop description and information on how to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 8 – 11, Open Science Grid All Hands Meeting, Fermilab, Batavia, IL
- Mar 22 – 24, Coalition for Academic Scientific Computing, Arlington, VA
- Mar 24 – 26, SURAGrid All Hands Meeting, Washington, DC
- Apr 26-28, Spring Internet2 Member Meeting, Arlington, VA

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