



Update – February 2008

NEWS

-- SURAGRID New Member --

SURAGRID welcomes University of Central Florida as a participating member. University of Central Florida, Institute for Simulation and Training (<http://www.ist.ucf.edu>) joins SURAGRID as a participating member.

-- SURAGRID In the News --

If you haven't seen it yet, Art Vandenberg and SURAGRID are featured in the IBM Systems Magazine. <http://www.ibmssystemsmag.com/opensystems/februarymarch08/casestudy/19299p1.aspx>.

-- SURAGRID Spring All Hands Meeting--

The SURAGRID Spring All Hands Meeting is scheduled for March 26th – 28th, 2008 at the SURA Offices in Washington, DC. The hotel block at the Morrison Clark Inn closes on February 25th. If you haven't made your reservations, please call 202-587-1386 and reference the SURA Block Room rate, which is \$199 per night.

The draft agenda for the meeting:

Wednesday March 26

1 – 5pm,

- Install Fest – Adding Resources to SURAGRID
SURAGRID install fests are hands-on working sessions for all SURAGRID participants. If you're interested adding a resource (small or large) to SURAGRID or just learning more about what it takes to do so, sign up for the install fest and receive in-person support from SURAGRID community members and SURA staff.

6:30pm Dinner (Co-sponsored by CASC and SURA)

Thursday March 27

8am – 5pm

- Joint Session with CASC (Briefings from capital hill and federal agency groups)

10am – 5pm

- The State of SURAGRID Address
- SURAGRID Funding Update
- SURAGRID Annual Report
- SURAGRID Site Reports
- SURAGRID Applications Report
- SURAGRID Working Group Reports
- SURAGRID Strategic Plan Discussion

6:30pm Dinner (Sponsored by SURA)

Friday March 28

8am – Noon

- SCOOP Briefing
- Communications & Documentation Survey
- SURAGRID Access Management Working Group

OTHER UPCOMING Events

- March 3 – 7, Open Science Grid Annual Meeting, RENC1, <http://indico.fnal.gov/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1037>
 - Linda Akli will represent SURAGRID on a Communication, Outreach and Training panel.
- Mar 2-7, 2008 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Orlando, FL, <http://www.aslo.org/orlando2008>

Stop by and visit the SURA exhibit booth staffed by Dali Wang, Luiz Bermudez, and Joanne Bintz. A sampling of the papers that will be presented by SURA staff and SURA member institutions at the conference include:

 - A NEW PARADIGM FOR STUDYING LARGE-SCALE COASTAL MORPHODYNAMIC PROCESSES: THE DISTRIBUTED COASTAL LABORATORY, L. Donelson Wright, Philip Bogden and Joanne Bintz of SURA
 - SCOOP DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COASTAL MODELING, Sara Graves, Matt Smith, Helen Conover, Ken Keiser of University of Alabama in Huntsville
 - SCOOP AND SURAGRID: POWERING NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE TO MITIGATE COASTAL DISASTERS, Philip Bogden, Gary Crane, Joanne Bintz of SURA
- Mar 31 – Apr 5, High Performance Computer Science Week (HPCSW), Denver, CO, http://www.hpcsw.org/symposium_agenda.shtml
- April 3 – 6, Association of Computer/Information Sciences and Engineering Departments at Minority Institutions (ADMI), Symposium on Computing at Minority Institutions, Virginia Beach, VA, <http://www.admi.us/>

Each year, the Association of Computer and Information Science/Engineering Departments at Minority Institutions (ADMI) hosts a symposium devoted to computing issues relevant to minority students, education and institutions. The 2008 Symposium will highlight undergraduate and graduate research and focus particular interest on the important area of Information Assurance and Computer Security.

 - Nicole Gieger of Georgia State University will be presenting *SURAGRID Certificate Authority Model: Authentication Issues and Practices in a Regional Cyberinfrastructure Program*.
- April 7, 8, SURA Board of Trustees Meeting and IT Committee Meeting, Hampton, VA
- Apr 21 – 23, Spring 2008 Internet2 Member Meeting, Arlington, VA, <http://events.internet2.edu/2008/spring-mm>.
- Jun 9 – 13, TeraGrid08, Las Vegas, NV, <http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/tg08/>; Call for poster and visualizations proposals closes April 19.
- Jun 23 – 27, ACM/IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Distributed Computing Boston, MA, <http://www.hpdc.org>. The deadline for *Hot Topics* proposals is March 17, 2008.

All issues of SURGrid update can be found at http://sura.org/programs/sura_grid_communications.html. Please submit comments and contributions for inclusion to Linda Akli at akli@sura.org.

