



Update – JUNE 2008

NEWS

- - SURAgrid Governance Committee Elections - -

The Annual Election for SURAgrid Governance Committee (SGC) is complete. Congratulations to the newly elected members of the SURAgrid Governance Committee. The SGC is comprised of eight members elected from the SURAgrid community and one SURA appointed member. The New SURAgrid Governance Committee is as follows with term period indicated in parenthesis.

- P.R. Blackwell** – Stephen F. Austin State University (1 year term)
- Gary Crane** – Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA appointed member)
- Jason Hale** – University of Mississippi (1 year term)
- Steve Johnson** – Texas A&M University (1 year term)
- Dan Katz** – Louisiana State University (2 year term)
- John-Paul Robinson** – University of Alabama at Birmingham (2 year term)
- Mike Sachon** – Old Dominion University (2 year term)
- Phil Smith** - Texas Tech University (1 year term)
- Art Vandenberg** – Georgia State University (2 year term)

- - SURA Microsoft Bioinformatics Pilot - -

Microsoft has funded SURA to lead a short demonstration project. Working with the University of Kentucky, Norfolk State University, Cornell University and Microsoft Cluster Compute Server technical support staff, the SURA Microsoft Bioinformatics Pilot project will create a Microsoft CCS-based bioinformatics compute resource for SURAgrid. This project also serves to assist Norfolk State University in configuring and supporting a Windows CCS environment on an existing Dell cluster.

- - Clemson Hosts CI-Day Conference - -



Led by Clemson’s CIO, Jim Bottum, Clemson University hosted an outstanding CI-Day conference. Sue Fratkin, Jill Gemmill, and many other leaders in national cyberinfrastructure presented to an audience of over 300 Clemson faculty, graduate students and IT staff. It was a two-way exchange with faculty from across engineering, humanities, and science disciplines presenting projects that are leveraging Clemson CI.

Top left: Scott Lathrop, TeraGrid and Sue Fratkin
Bottom left: John McGee, RENCI and Linda Akli
Below: Jill Gemmill, Clemson University



- - The Austin Statesman Declares Jay Boisseau a Tech Star - -

Jay Boisseau Director of TACC is featured as a tech star in the Austin Statesman along with a second article on Ranger. <http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/05/25/0525boisseau.html>
<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/05/25/0525bigbrains.html>

- - Packaged Stack Install Development - -

The first version of the SURAGRID packaged stack installation as integrated with Version 3 of the "Adding Resources to SURAGRID" user guide is now released and available on the SURAGRID Web site (http://www.sura.org/sgresources/adding_resources/). The combination of an updated Web-based guide with packaged software is a significant step in improving the scalability, process and support of bringing resources onto SURAGRID. It is being made possible through contributions of software development and maintenance by TTU, pilot testing by SURAGRID participants (GMU, GSU, UMD, OleMiss), and close coordination by SURA IT staff. Visit http://www.sura.org/sgresources/adding_resources/ to see the updated "Adding Resources to SURAGRID".

UPCOMING Events

- June 9 – 13, TeraGrid08, Las Vegas, NV, <http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/tg08/>; SURA staff will represent SURAGRID and are participating in a SURAGRID poster presentation.
- October 13 – 16, Fall 2008 Internet2 Member Meeting, New Orleans, LA, <http://events.internet2.edu/2008/fall-mm>
- October 28–31, EDUCAUSE 2008 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, <http://www.educause.edu/e08>
- November 15 – 21, SC08, Austin, TX, <http://sc08.supercomputing.org>

FUNDING Opportunities

The primary purpose of the NSF Strategic Technologies for Cyberinfrastructure Program (STCI) is to support work leading to the development and/or demonstration of innovative cyberinfrastructure services for science and engineering research and education that fill gaps left by more targeted funding opportunities. Proposals are due August 14, 2008. For more information, go to http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=500066&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund.

Looking for collaborators or ideas on how you can leverage your SURAGRID participation for upcoming proposals? Contact Gary Crane at gcrane@sura.org.

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.

