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Upcoming OSG Events

FIGS'08 Grid School
Florida International University, Miami
January 23-25, 2008

Open Grid Forum
Cambridge, Massachusetts
February 25-29, 2008

All Hands OSG Consortium Meeting
Renaissance Computing Institute, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
March 3-7, 2008

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Spotlight on an OSG contributor: John McGee

John McGee, of the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) is the Engagement Coordinator for OSG. As such, he helps new communities ramp up their computational science to new levels, and helps recruit university campuses to implement campus grids that interconnect with OSG.



John McGee

"The best part of working with OSG is the razor sharp focus on getting large scale computations completed with scientists who are unfamiliar with national cyberinfrastructure," says John. "Getting on the radar of busy scientists and educators can be a difficult task, and asking them to change how they work is often more difficult. However, with the talented staff that we have working on the engagement activity and the strong support of the entire OSG organization, we find it very rewarding. It's great to see a faculty member running two thousand jobs simultaneously for a day or two in preparation for a scientific journal submission or preliminary results for a new proposal."

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December 5, 2007 - [Open Science Grid crunches through CMS simulations](#)

Site Admins Unite

The Site Administrators Meeting this month enabled communication of a lot of useful information to help administrators make their sites the best ever and to make their work interesting and fun. The workshop was attended by about forty people. We hope you will read the following presentations: [Configuring Resource Service Validation \(RSV\)](#), [How to upgrade your OSG installation and keep jobs running](#) and the [Status of OSG 0.8.0 Deployment](#). A list of action items from the meeting are included in the [minutes](#), and will be followed up on in phone meetings next year.



The OSG Site Administrators Meeting covered issues regarding installing configuring and supporting OSG sites.
Image courtesy Horst Severini

Site Administrators, we strongly encourage you all to attend the phone and face to face meetings. The aim of these meetings is to **help YOU in your work!**

opensciencegrid.org gets a makeover!



The [OSG home page](#) has been redesigned to reflect various activities the consortium is involved in and to make information more readily available.

communicating that a lot of work is being done in the OSG! Most of all, we wanted to put more information at your fingertips.

This site should work for everybody -- users, resource administrators and staff members. We always welcome comments and suggestions as to how we're doing and how we can improve. Email osg-webmaster@opensciencegrid.org.

From the Editor

Oh the weather outside is frightful, (at least, in Illinois) but I hope no matter the weather, that everyone's holidays are

NYSGrid CI Days

Sebastien Goasguen from Clemson University and Anne Heavey from Fermilab represented the OSG at the [NYSGrid regional Cyberinfra structure \(CI\) Day](#) on December in Albany. (add link to) It was attended mostly by IT people from various New York campuses, many of which are already part of NYSGrid and use the OSG software stack



Sebastien Goasguen (Clemson) & Anne Heavey (Cornell)
Image courtesy Li Callahan

SUNY-Buffalo reported that the NYSGrid resources will upgrade OSG 0.8.0 in January and implement GUMS. An MoU between OSG and NYSGrid has been signed which lays the foundation for more collaboration.

The talks are posted on the web and are worth a visit. As always happens, many interesting discussions did not come with separate portals for end users, urban vs. campus, consortium building, integrating instrumentation in addition to grid resources, and so on.

"This was our first regional CI day and it was a good learning experience," said Russ Hobby, OSG Internet2, the CI Days lead. However, he thinks having a CI day hosted by and targeted to a single campus, with visitors from regional campuses, is a more productive way to go.

Both CUNY and Columbia showed interest in hosting a CI day in the next year. Hobby is thinking of holding a Manhattan



Mark Shephard (Rutgers) & Gurcharan Khanna (Columbia)
NYSGrid steering committee

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Chander Sehgal

delightful, and that you all have a
happy, healthy new year.

We are looking forward to
bringing you more OSG news
next year and as always, we
welcome your contributions.



Marcia Teckenbrock

regional CI
day at
which all
NYC-based
institutions
would be
welcome.

committee), Dav
Stampf, (BNL) & Mi
Ridley (Nystar);
*Image courtesy Li
Callahan*

“The visitors would see us actu
working through the process,” h
said. “This would be valuable
knowledge for them to take bac
their own campuses.”

Read more about CI Days at
cidays.org.

~ Anne Heavey, Sebastien Goa
and Russ Hobby (Internet2)

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