LSVRC
Life-Science Virtual Research Community

Meeting minutes

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Meeting date: 4/07/2011, 9am
Participants:

- vlemed VO: Mark Santcroos

- biomed VO / French NGI: Franck Michel, Tristan Glatard, Johan Montagnat

- HealthGrid Yannick Legré

- EGI.eu: Sara Coelho

Next meeting: 8/8/2011, 9am

1 Meeting agenda

- Dissemination

- News

- Follow-up on EGI MoU actions

- Funding

- Technicals

- Training

2 Dissemination

Discussion went on with EGI during the HG meeting about publishing some LSGC activities in the mainstream media. Sara Coelho, the dissemination officer at EGI.eu was invited to this meeting to explain how this should be conducted.

SC: Looking after stories with a human interest. How do things change people life. New discoveries. Example: impact on doctors. Stories about things that change people's life. Not "start of a new project" or "we are going to do this".

YL: what is the exact objective of targeting general media for EGI purposes? SC: one of the goals is to raise awareness of grids for society benefit. Way to do this is not of talking about the infrastructure itself but what comes out of it.

SC: Things generally work the following way: things based on papers based on journals; good place to start a story. Write a little press release about the story and send it to the journalist. In a nutshell:

1. you need a good story; science that's going to make an impact

2. Sara doesn't mind writing the press release as a story. Not things on the funding, projects, etc. Very focused.

SC: having something in the media once or twice a year would be very good. SC: every time you have a paper out, please notify.

Actions:

- ask people from the VOs for stories → Tristan

- check the next steps with Sarra in September at the EGI TF.

YL: mentions twitter account @HealthGrid. SC: add twitter account to the press release.

3 News

Two German VOs are now officially part of the LSGC:

- medigrid

- pneumogrid

See URLs on the wiki.

A group of in-vitro biologists approached us at the HealthGrid conference. Silvia is following up on this contact (contact: Tamas Kiss).

We are in the process of signing a letter of intent with the Scalalife project (contact: Rossen Apostolov). Tristan follows up on it.

The DECIDE project was also approached (contact: Valeria Ardizzone).

4 Follow-up on EGI MoU actions

- no progress on Tristan's actions yet

- review of provided VS requested services: organize a dedicated meeting on that (silvia, franck, dagmar) to sketch a first list.

- Silvia reported the following points about the application database:

  - the interface should be available for different types of people.
  - revise and enhance the types of people (categories in the people database)
  - revise how to "classify" contributions such as moteur, vbrowser, parallel applications and workflows, such that they can more easily found by users
  - curate the content. this will likely require revision of the db itself to facilitate actions from interested people. At least the lsgc participants should do so. we could/should create some tag to identify "curated" apps. Steve also suggests "Like" button by users..

5 Funding

See initial plan available online[1]

Discussion:

- YL: very good ideas, good summary.

- YL: ask people to provide a generic support letter to the LSGC. Could write a generic endorsement letter that VOs or project could sign when joining the LSGC.

- MS: should be clear that it is valuable to our end users; operational actions.

→ start a task force on funding by the end of July.

6 Technicals

- FM: Nagios service interruption last week.

- YL: will see in the future if it worth investing effort in a redundant Nagios.

- FM: full SEs; currently no Nagios probe to raise alarm when x% of the storage is full.

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[1]https://dav.healthgrid.org/lsvrc/meetings/funding.txt

- TG: EGI SA3 seem to be willing to implement one.

- MS: some SEs report non-sensed numbers.

- FM: VO admin dashboard opened recently https://vodashboard.lip.pt. Now linked on the wiki page.

- MS: working together with the SAGA group on a standard about pilot jobs. Both a concept and an implementation. Implementation at the AMC talks to DIANE and SAGA Big Job.

7 Training

YL: Training on DG will take place next September.