Meeting minutes

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Meeting date: 5/01/2011, 9am
Participants:

- vlemed VO: Mark Santcross

- Germann life-science community: Dagmar Krefting

- HealthGrid: Samuel Keuchkerian ; Yannick Legré

- Ibergrid: Ignacio Blanquer

- biomed VO / French NGI: Tristan Glatard ; Johan Montagnat

- Excused: Henning Muller, Heinz Stockinger (Swiss NGI) ; Silvia Olabarriaga (vlemed VO)

Next phone conf: 2/02/2011, 9am

1 Meeting agenda

- News and dissemination

- User representation

- Technical coordination

- Training

- AoB

2 News and dissemination

- The German mediGrid and pneumoGrid VOs would join the LSGC (Dagmar to confirm)

- Interaction with the GISELA project (see their portfolio of services[1]). Some sites in LA offered to support the biomed VO. Exchange of services is also possible. Dagmar: is it a working project? Ignacio: they are moving to a sustainable entity to coordinate the different VO initiatives in Latin America ; very good on the infrastructure ; looking for applications. Samuel Keuchkerian: potential collaboration on the dashboard.

3 User representation

- Following the poll, HealthGrid is given mandate to negotiate the VRC MoU to the EGI. Yannick: now that we have a mandate we will push for it to EGI. It would be nice to define the exact points on which we would like to have an agreement. Within the MoU we need to agree on who will negotiate the OLA. The main issue is that EGI has no power on the resource center. Mark: EGI will intermediate between the VOs and the sites in case there are problems in the negotiation. HealthGrid to come back to EGI and try to push it forward.

- Middleware requirements can be reported as VRC members (see links on the wiki page)

- Biomed produced a draft Operational Level Agreement between VOs and sites ; may be reused by other VOs ; Yannick: will we negotiate VOs in the name of the VRC or in the name of the VOs? In practice VOs can't be circumvented as they are the technical entities. Dagmar: future of the biomed VO? Johan: it will continue. Samuel: negotiation to NGIs or to sites? Depends on the NGI. In France we will take first contacts with the NGI and then negotiate with sites when it's approved by the NGI. Dagmar: same situation in Germany.

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[1]http://www.gisela-grid.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article\&id=16\&Itemid=19#_Portfolio_of_Services

4   Technical coordination

- VO management portal: implementation started at HealthGrid, mainly from biomed input. Comments/suggestions from other VOs? Dagmar: is it online? HealthGrid: we have worked on the workflow we wanted our users to follow and then on the database in which we will register the information. Yannick: I think that we should think at the LSGC level. The long-term vision is to have only one VO with subgroups that currently are the existing VOs. Dagmar: is there any prototype or specification? HealthGrid: will circulate the DB schema and specification. Mark: vlemed VO would also be interested in seeing it. Yannick: up to now there is no portal: only a user registration workflow and a DB.

- Nagios monitoring boxes: catch-all box being discussed in EGI-Inspire NA3.4 and set up in Spanish NGI. Ignacio: we have the mandate for this task to support services for catch-all VOs. It is not so clear that we will provide a catch-all or a documentation for seting up a Nagios box. vlemed: from NL we had some discussions about this. The Dutch NGI would be willing to host and develop such servers. From the VO perspective we would like to have the possibility to add our own things/tests. Mark to be put in the loop.

- VRC dashboard. HealthGrid: in EGI we are supposed to work on a dashboard for the life-science community. We would like to do it for the LSGC. But what is a dashboard? Start a working group to design what we expect to see in a dashboard for a user, VO manager, project coordinator, resource center, etc. We would define the different view and reach an agreement on what is necessary to have in the dashboard. Volunteers to participate in this working group are Ignacio, Mark, Tristan. HealthGrid: the dashboard is linked to the previous points. Information may come from the Nagios, from the VOMS and maybe other services. HealthGrid: the dashboard is supposed to be part of common tools for all the scientific communities. No clear deadline yet. mid-february for the design?

- documentation on redundant VOMS servers. To happen soon. A bit delayed.

- Ticketing and/or support Shift. Mark: are other VOs using a ticketing system? Dagmar: medigrid is using DGUS ; biomed is using GGUS. Mark: we are currently not using any of the GGUS facilities. We would be interesting in starting using it. Tristan to put Mark in contact with the GGUS team. Mark: do we want/need a ticketing system at the VRC level? HealthGrid: do we want to have an independent LSGC ticket? We don't. Maybe tickets could be flagged as interesting for other VRC members. Maybe we could extend a bit the concept of team tickets. Dagmar: that is an interesting point. Flag tickets as interesting for other VOs.

- Moteur Web Service ; Mark: we recently developed a new front-end around the moteur service. Dagmar: interested in testing it, especially in SHIWA ; is it already deployed? Mark: there's no problem in sharing it. Not properly package yet. It's set up as a generic WS. Mark to make it public.

5   Training

- Dagmar: are we going to propose smthg to MICCAI this year? The deadline is Februrary 1st. Johan: to be investigated if EGI still has a training infrastructure.

- Mark: what about the User-Forum tutorial? Johan: it will be centered on workflows (SHIWA project).

6   AoB

- Dagmar: will the HG conference take place? Yannick: there are some issues. It is supposed to be organized in Bristol. But a lot of delays make that probably we will have to change the plan. Not sure if there will be a full HG conference this year. If a CFP can be issued by January 15th then yes ; otherwise no and we will have a workshop in France during the EGI TF instead. Silvia offered to host HG 2012 in NL.

- next meeting: Wed. Feb 2nd, 9am.