



Networking EU & Chinese Grid Experiences for Innovation Press Release

Beijing, China 24 April 2007 - hosted by Institute of Computing Technology (ICT), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the 1st EchoGRID-EUChinaGRID International Conference is officially opened by high-profile representatives from Europe and China. Dr Xiaohan LIAO, Deputy Director, High & New Technology Department, MOST, China is first to address over 150 attendants from research, business, government and scientific organisations. Alison Birkett, European Delegation to China, is delivering a Welcome Address highlighting the Delegation's mission to extend and intensify dialogue and co-operation in all the EU's areas of competence, particularly ICT research and the EU-China Information Society Project.

Keynote Addresses are delivered by Chuncheng WANG, Division of Information, MOST, offering insight into Grid Research in China's High-Tech R&D Programme. This Keynote is followed by four speeches by key industrial actors: Wenbo Mao (HP Lab China); Xintai Wang (eStarCom Inc), Wayne Wang (Intervision Software), and Donpu Fu (TongTech).

The first day of the conference sets the scene for ensuing discussions on themes of mutual interest and common challenges, and features a Live Demo & Poster Session showcasing state-of-the-art Grid technologies. Thematic Session 1 – Enterprise Challenges with Grids is led by key business experts from both regions. Professor Jun-Seok Hwang, Seoul National University and head of several industrial associations, reports on the major challenges for Open Grid Services. Pawel Plaszczak, President of GridwiseTech (Poland), presents a series of fascinating Grid Technology case studies highlighting benefits for businesses. Dr Wei Zhou, CNIC, CAS, focuses his presentation on the new context for innovative inter-disciplinary research offering added value to R&D activities.

Thematic Session 2 – Interoperability explores a key theme supported by the EuChinaGRID project. Yongjian Wang, Beihang University, evaluates the challenging and multi-faceted aspects of interoperability in a presentation on CNGrid GOS and EGEE gLite middleware. The presentation by Jianxin LI, also from Beihang University, revolves around the security architecture for CROWN (China Research & Development Environment over wide-area Network). Dr Gang Chen, IHEP, offers insight into the worldwide Large Hadron Collider (LHC) Computing Grid & LHC experiments at CERN (Switzerland) with examples of deploying LCG in China.

The six Live Demos are presented by Maciej Malawski, Jagiellonian University (Poland); Zhao Yongwang, Beihang University (China); Boqun Cheng, ICT (China); the CROWN Team (China); Clement Mathieu, Denis Caromel, and Yu Feng, INRIA (France); and Fabio Polticelli, University of Rome (Italy).

The rich mix of presentations during this 2-day event will address key technological issues, business and research practices and standards, serving as the driving force to test and deploy an effective Grid infrastructure between the two regions. This landmark conference will help establish a clear cross-regional Research and Technological Agenda and pave the ground for lasting co-operation between Europe and China.

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