



## Call for Proposals to run Meetings and Workshops at the e-Science Institute



**The e-Science Institute invites proposals for meetings and workshops to be run over the next twelve months commencing in June 2006.**

The e-Science Institute (eSI), situated in Edinburgh, is the UK's Centre for e-Science Meetings. Funded by the e-Science Core Programme, it has been operating since August 2001, during which time it has had a very lively programme running over 360 meetings attended by some 11,500 delegates and has hosted 43 visitors who have stayed for varying periods from one day to a year.

The Institute has been funded for a further five years to August 2011. We have split our budget to support both themes (the subject of a separate call) and 'responsive mode' meetings. About 80% of the meetings budget has been allocated to planned events and we are now seeking proposals for future meetings and workshops to be run over the next year. These will be considered by our Programme Committee when it convenes at the end of May 2006. Only a small amount will be set aside for urgent requests and members of the e-Science community who plan to run meetings in the next year should not rely on this source. There will be a further call in six months time.

Under the new scheme, eSI will pay for 1 or 2 speakers a day and will provide the usual support in the form of experienced staff, organisation and facilities. Researchers who want to organise a workshop to engage in collaborative work (e.g. 'hackathons') should also consider applying to the visitor programme for additional funds to enable them to engage a larger group of participants.

*Proposals for meetings will have to show a clear link with e-Science* – whether with well developed existing communities or new communities in the early stages of applying e-Science techniques to their research. eSI is actively looking to support activities across all academic disciplines and encourages new communities to take advantage of the significant expertise we can offer, in particular in putting them in touch with technical experts and computational scientists already engaged in e-Science.

Initial enquiries should be made by emailing [lee@nesc.ac.uk](mailto:lee@nesc.ac.uk) to check on availability. Proposals will be reviewed by the eSI Programme Committee which convenes in late May 2006, and should be submitted no later than **19<sup>th</sup> April 2006** for initial consideration by that committee. Further information on the eSI responsive mode is available at: [http://www.nesc.ac.uk/esi/arranging\\_events.html](http://www.nesc.ac.uk/esi/arranging_events.html)

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