



The e-Science Institute, situated in Edinburgh, Scotland, is the United Kingdom's Centre for e-Research Meetings. Funded by the e-Science Core Programme, it has been operating since August 2001, during which time it has run over 350 meetings attended by 10,500 delegates and hosted 46 visitors who have stayed for varying periods from one day to a year.

As well as running a responsive mode programme, it has recently introduced a thematic mode, which concentrates on in-depth and sustained investigation of a topic by a series of linked talks, workshops and conferences over a period of six months to a year. Themes are led by a *theme leader* who is a long-term funded visitor to the Institute. Currently, eSI has two active themes: *Information Services for Smart Decision Making* led by Dr Jennifer Schopf from Argonne National Laboratory and *Exploiting Diverse Sources of Scientific Data* which is currently under preparation, with the first events occurring in November 2005 already open for registration.

To continue this rolling programme, **we are now calling for proposals for topics** for our next *two* themes to be run during 2006. These will be reviewed by the eSI Science Advisory Board which will meet in January 2006, so please **submit by 14 November 2005**. Proposals for theme topics can be made either by the research community in which case eSI will undertake to try to find an appropriate leader, or potential theme leaders may put themselves forward along with the theme they wish to develop.

Further information on eSI themes is available at:
<http://www.nesc.ac.uk/esi/themes/index.htm>

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