



## Call for Topics for the e-Science Institute Thematic Programme



**The e-Science Institute invites proposals for new themes to be run over the next two years.**

Theme topics, as well as being interesting in their own right, should address issues that are relevant to applications researchers and be able to demonstrate significant buy in from *both* the applications and computational scientist communities. It is not intended that they address only the sciences – all areas of academic research present opportunities for the application of e-Science techniques.

To continue our rolling thematic programme, we are now calling for proposals for topics for future themes to start August 2006 or later. These will be reviewed by the eSI Science Advisory Board which will meet in early June 2006, and should be submitted no later than **19<sup>th</sup> April 2006** for initial consideration by the Programme Committee. 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.

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 run over 360 meetings attended by some 11,500 delegates and hosted 43 visitors who have stayed for varying periods from one day to a year.

As well as hosting meetings and the visitors' programme, the Institute recently instigated 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. Such *themes* are led by a *theme leader* who is a long-term funded visitor to the Institute. To date, eSI has had two themes: *Information Services for Smart Decision Making* (now complete) which was led by Dr Jennifer Schopf from Argonne National Laboratory and the current topic *Exploiting Diverse Sources of Scientific Data* led by Prof Jessie Kennedy of Napier University.

Further information on eSI themes is available at:

<http://www.nesc.ac.uk/esi/themes/index.htm>

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