

IBM to present Blue Dwarf

The presentation of an IBM Supercomputer to the University's School of Informatics will take place on February 18th 2003 in the National e-Science Centre. This event is an important step in IBM's developing relationship with the University of Edinburgh and the National e-Science Centre, accelerating academic research into Computing GRIDs, Databases, Bioinformatics, Life Sciences and e-Science in general. The strategy is progressively to broaden and deepen international links between IBM Research and the research groups in Edinburgh in a number of key areas of science and technology. A recent example was the visit in January of Dr Carol Kovac of IBM Life Sciences (*right*), who visited NeSC for presentations on Bioinformatics at Edinburgh and a planned Bioinformatics Centre.



Dr Carol Kovac, with Dolly the cloned sheep at Roslin (Photo: Norrie Russell, BBSRC)

Forthcoming Events at NeSC in February 2003

February

Mon 3 Feb - Thu 6 Feb

Advanced Java for Web Services

Mon 3 Feb - Mon 3 Feb

Registration Authority Training Course

Tue 11 Feb - Wed 12 Feb

OGSA-DAI Training Course

Thu 13 Feb - Thu 13 Feb

Resource Management and Scheduling for the Grid

Tue 18 Feb

Presentation of IBM Blue Dwarf Superscomputer

Tue 18 Feb

The GRID - from Metacomputing to collaboratories

Wed 19 Feb - Thu 20 Feb

Advanced Grid Engine Training Course

Mon 24 Feb - Thu 27 Feb

Creating Grid Services using Globus Toolkit 3 and Java

Fri 28 Feb - Fri 28 Feb

Scottish Hoppers Meeting

Fri 28 Feb - Fri 28 Feb

2003 Mary Cartwright Lecture & Meeting of the London Mathematical Society

Open Day success



NeSC held its first Open Day on 17th January. The event drew seventy interested people and featured demonstrations of e-Science in astronomy and bioinformatics.

OGSA-DAI released

This limited functionality alpha release includes Grid Data Service, Grid Data Service Factory and Grid Data Service Registry components, as well as example clients. These allow you to connect to MySQL and XIndice databases and have been tested on Windows 2000/XP, Redhat Linux 8, and Solaris 8. A two day training course for the software will be run on the 11th and 12th of February at the e-Science Institute, Edinburgh.

The first release of the OGSA-DAI software is available on the internet at: www.ogsadai.org.uk

Staff & Other News

We are pleased to announce the new Technical Director of NeSC in Glasgow, Richard Sinnott, and the arrival of Jennifer Hurst, our new Receptionist who will also be working closely with the Conferences team, taking over from Marion White.

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The eDIKT team's move into newly-refurbished offices in Old College. Redecoration has had to be postponed owing to networking problems.

Glasgow Access Grid

If you would like to book time on the AG, please contact Susan Andrews on 0141 3398855x 0989 andrewsm@dcs.gla.ac.uk

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