

## NeSC Visitors Programme, September 2003

This month at NeSC, the Visitors Programme includes Dr Beth Plale, Professor in Computing Science at the University of Indiana, and Dr Peter Lamb, Group Leader for CSIRO's Grid Computing Initiative. Dr Plale's research interests are in the areas of distributed systems, high performance computing, and software systems and is particularly interested in systems support for distributed applications. Dr Lamb has a broad background in IT, and is well-equipped to develop a sound appreciation of the Grid/OGSA landscape. Later in the month, NeSC will welcome Professor Miron Livny of the Computer Sciences Department at the University of Wisconsin as part of the Visitors Programme. More details about the programme can be found on the website:

<http://www.nesc.ac.uk>



Dr Beth Plale (left) and Dr Peter Lamb (right), current visitors at NeSC. Photos:

<http://www.cs.indiana.edu/~plale/>

<http://www1.cmis.csiro.au/peter.lamb/>

## Forthcoming Events

### September 2003

Tue 9 Sep - Wed 10 Sep  
OGSI and Microsoft.NET

Tue 16 Sep - Thu 18 Sep  
IMAGE: Imaging, Medical  
Analysis and Grid Environments

Fri 19 Sep  
HPCx Meeting

Mon 22 Sep - Fri 26 Sep  
SAFECOMP 2003

Mon 29 Sep - Fri 3, Oct  
e-Science Summer School

### October 2003

Fri 3 Oct - Sat 4 Oct  
UK & Japan N+N Meeting,  
London

Mon 6 Oct - Wed 8 Oct  
Introduction to Bioinformatics

Thu 9 Oct - Fri 10 Oct  
Data Mining with Ensembl

Note: For the first week in September, most NeSC staff will be attending All Hands 2003, leaving a skeleton staff at the Centre. More information is available at:

<http://www.nesc.ac.uk/events/>

## Joint UCISA-NeSC Managers Forum

"How do I Grid-enable my University?" - The challenges posed by e-Science and the Grid paradigm. The Grid and e-Science are terms that currently are associated with research active institutions in particular. However, e-Science has widened now to include social scientists who are now also engaged in Grid activities. Inevitably, the Grid paradigm will impact on the services that all Directors of IT Services provide. This workshop is your opportunity to learn about the issues that we all have to address in supporting this new and exciting paradigm. For further information and the booking form, please go to:

[www.ucisa.ac.uk/events/index\\_html](http://www.ucisa.ac.uk/events/index_html)

## MRC: Call for expressions of interest

MRC invites expressions of interest in three year strategic consortia grants to undertake e-science grid application projects that will facilitate the design, management and co-ordination of data relevant to clinical trials or longitudinal studies. The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is 30 September 2003. Further details at:

[www.mrc.ac.uk](http://www.mrc.ac.uk)

## Staff & Other News

We are pleased to announce that several NeSC and NeSC-related projects have won their funding, amid tough competition:

Joe Sventek's proposal with Imperial College to the targeted call in the "Fundamentals of Computer Science for e-Science"; Peter Buneman's proposal on "Publishing Scientific Data"; Alan Bundy's proposal on "Inferring Quality of Service Properties for Grid Applications".

Our congratulations go to Joe, Peter and Alan and we wish them the best of luck with their projects.

## Glasgow Access Grid

If you would like to book time on the AG, please contact Susan Andrews on 0141 330 8648

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## NeSC Contact Details

If you would like to hold an event that relates to e-Science at the e-Science Institute, please contact:

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