19th e-IRG delegates meeting,

Uppsala, Sweden, 16 October, 2009

– Summary Report –

The 19th e-IRG delegates meeting was held in Uppsala, Sweden, on 16 October 2009. During this meeting, collaboration opportunities between the e-IRG and other organisations, and the statuses of the different e-IRG documents in preparation (Roadmap, Data Management Task force report, White Paper, etc.) were presented and discussed.

The meeting was opened with a presentation of the activities of the chair during the past few months, and the plans for the next few months. After the publication of the White paper recommendations, the e-IRG has been contacted by a wide range of stakeholders including projects, individuals and even governmental representatives. The Chair reported that he will have several future opportunities to represent the e-IRG and its work outside Europe, e.g. in Taiwan and China as part of the European Commission delegation, at the EELA meeting in Venezuela, and at the CHCP/Belief meeting in South Africa. In the next few months the e-IRG plans also to renew and reinforce its efforts to engage with national stakeholders in Europe and to address a broader range of key individuals within national governments and ministers. It will also start to collect more information about national level impact of the e-IRG recommendations and the actions based on them.

e-IRG liaisons and collaborations with other organisations

Over the past few months, the e-IRG has developed collaboration activities with several major projects and initiatives. In particular, **ESFRI** has requested a specific report from the e-IRG that should outline the most effective approaches to develop and implement ICT tools across the range of Pan-European research infrastructures. The e-IRG delegates saw this as an excellent opportunity for information exchange and collaboration. New opportunities for collaboration are also under consideration with the European e-Infrastructure Forum (**EEF**) which the e-IRG recognises as an organisation representing the major e-Infrastructure stakeholders groups, together with the US Office for Cyberinfrastructure (**OCI**), the **FIRE** initiative, and the **Belief-II** project. Discussions between the e-IRG and the new **eInfraNet** project, an ERA-NET project on e-Infrastructures, are also under way.

e-IRG documents in preparation

Matti Heikkurinen (e-IRGSP2) presented the status of the **e-IRG e-Infrastructure roadmap** document under preparation. It was decided that certain challenges, such as the ones related to the interoperability of software / middleware should be highlighted more prominently in the document. The plenum accepted the plan for creating a version of the roadmap document for public consultation.

Dany Vandromme (France) presented the status of the **Data Management Task Force report,**

announcing that the final version shall be ready for the following e-IRG meeting on the 30th November 2009. During the meeting, Vandromme also proposed considering follow-up activities based on the task force report, and it was decided that a list of suggestions for future activities in this area will be produced.

Fotis Karagiannis (e-IRGSP2) summarised the plan for producing the "new style" **e-IRG White Papers**. The proposed process is based on independent teams lead by an e-IRG delegate, and working on a short cycle (6 months rather than a full year) with repeating steps to evaluate – and when necessary re-evaluate – the maturity and relevance of the texts. It was noted that with the current resources, the support project can support 4-6 topics proceeding in parallel. A number of new topics have already been identified, and new ideas were brought up during the meeting, such as network, authentication and authorisation, green IT, HPC software, exascale computing, governance, services for science, and cooperation with industry.

Rossend Llurba (e-IRGSP2) presented the current status of the **e-IRGSP3 project proposal** to support the work of the e-IRG after 2010 as the last formal item on the agenda.

Victor Castello (Spain) reported on the plans for the Spanish presidency. The workshop will take place on 21-22 April, and the first meeting on 23 April 2010, at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center.