



ROD Newsletter

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Introduction

It seems that the summer holidays have already begun since this will be a very short newsletter. From the Grid Oversight there is nothing new to report to you. There has been an operational documentation workshop in Zurich, Switzerland. This will be described in the operational documentation section.

Operational Documentation

Odds & Sods:

Mailing list to contact the Documentation team:

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Latest news:

Documentation workshop in Zurich from the 14th to the 16th of June

We had a very successful workshop, with 6 people attending locally (Andres Aeschlimann, Vera Hansper, Dmitry Nilsen, Roger Oscarsson, Peter Slizik, Ulf Tigerstedt) and 3 remotely (via EVO) (Dorine Fouossong, Agnes Szeberenyi, Maria Francesca Iozzi).



We were able to take the Operations Procedure Manuals from a state of emptiness to virtually finished! There are some parts that need to be worked on, but there should be no problem with having these pages released in the next month or so.

The Best Practices wiki is completely ready now, and contributions are possible through the email listed above. The Best Practices wiki page is:

https://wiki.egi.eu/wiki/Operations_Best_Practices

The GOCWIKI transfer is progressing at an excellent pace, and the migration is such that we should have most of the pages moved by September. It was decided that the GOCWIKI would be closed at the end of September, so anyone who still has pages that are relevant there, OR has links pointing to the GOCWIKI in their own wikis or web pages should (1) contact the Documentation team if you need to move content (this helps with the tracking) and/or (2) update their links!

Apart from work, we all enjoyed exceptional hospitality from Andres and SWITCH. We had some lovely weather, wandered around Zurich one evening, and enjoyed an excellent meal at the Uetliberg restaurant.

Thanks again to everyone who participated!

PS: Some nice photos will have to wait until the July newsletter.

Announcement:

On to New Challenges:

I (Vera Hansper) will be taking up a new role as the NDGF Technical Manager from the 1st of July. Duties there, together with this task would amount to 1.5 FTEs (or more), so I will be handing over the reigns of organising the Operational Documentation to Ulf Tigerstedt from CSC.

Ulf has been part of EGI-Inspire for nearly a year, and has had extensive experience as an NDGF NGI Regional Operator on Duty (ROD). I hope that people from the NGIs will provide him with more support in the form of people joining this task force, to keep the documentation for EGI at a high level.



Phone meetings:

- Operations Manuals
 - New form of documentation for these manuals will be a comprehensive group of HOWTOs.
- Training Guides
 - Next challenge is to create advanced training guides.
- Best Practices
 - Waiting for contributions
- Moving GOCWIKI to EGI WIKI
 - GOCWIKI closing announcements in July and August.