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EUROCAMP FALL 2005 STARTED TODAY

The beautiful and ancient city of Porto, Portugal today welcomed the second EuroCAMP (European Campus Middleware Planning) workshop, which is being hosted at Rector House, Porto by the University of Porto. The programme is focused on the Identity Management Systems (IdMs) and explores why these are important for the campuses.

The workshop was opened by Ligia Riberio, who with her staff provided the logistical support of EuroCAMP. Ligia welcomed the participants on the behalf of University of Porto and in her role as president of EUNIS (European University Information Systems). "EUNIS and TERENA complement each other" said Ligia; therefore it is important for the two communities become more aware of the each other's activities, pointing out the importance of EuroCAMP in promoting this collaboration.

Diego López of RedIRIS gave an overview of the two and a half day programme explaining what delegates should expect to learn. Ken Klingenstein opened the formal programme with an excellent overview of IdMs providing a firm basis for the rest of the programme.

Directories and meta-directories were discussed by Roland Hedberg (Umea University) and Victoriano Giralt (University of Malaga). PKI and attributes were explained by Micheal Gettes (Duke University), Diego López and Milan Sova (CESNET). Ingrid Melve (UNINETT) concluded the first day reporting on the Norwegian experiences in moving from IdMs to federated solutions.

EuroCAMP aims to develop the knowledge and skills that are needed by staff who are involved in the set-up of identity management systems (IdMS) for authentication and authorisation. The workshop will also provide on overview of federations and how these are used to manage access to applications and the network.

The target audience of EuroCAMP includes information officers, IT architects and IT managers of universities and research centres across Europe and any other persons who are involved in designing campus-wide digital ID systems.

A TERENA Briefing Report on this workshop can be found at:

<http://www.terena.nl/news/briefings/eurocamp-porto1705.pdf>

For more information about EuroCAMP and other TERENA middleware activities, please see:

http://www.terena.nl/tech/index_middleware.html



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