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## SECOND TERENA NREN-GRIDS WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON AAI

The second TERENA NREN-Grids Workshop was held in Amsterdam on Monday 17 October. It was attended by more than 50 delegates representing the National Research and Education Networks (NRENs), Grid projects and industry.

The purpose of the event was to discuss and evaluate the implications of Grid services on network provision in the NREN community with a particular focus on Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructure (AAI). Deterministic Schedulable End-to-End Pipes were also explored.

The objectives of the day were to:

- Exchange information on current practice
- Reach a common understanding about the likely impact of Grids on NRENs
- To compile a list of potential action points

One main conclusion from the meeting was that it is vitally important to involve the campuses in the development of a pervasive AAI, as they are generally the users' identity provider. In terms of federations, it was agreed that it is necessary to draw on the work of the Global Grid Forum, the GÉANT2 project and others to gather requirements and develop a prototype to demonstrate inter-domain working.

A number of more immediate tasks were identified:

- \* to undertake an analysis of the differences between NREN and Grid understandings of the issues;
- \* to discuss the necessary tools to support Virtual Organisations;
- \* to develop coherent recommendations on how to register tens of thousands of users.

The 3rd NREN-Grids Workshop will be held in six months' time and the aim is to pro-actively invite campus administrators to participate in the event, in order to discuss issues of user registration.

A meeting report on the second workshop and background information about TERENA's NREN-Grid activities is available from the activity's web pages at:

<http://www.terena.nl/tech/grid/nren-workshop.html>

A TERENA briefing on this workshop can be found at:

<http://www.terena.nl/news/briefings/second-nren-grids05.pdf>

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