

## TERENA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS IN POZNAŃ, POLAND

The TERENA General Assembly held its 23rd meeting on 9-10 June 2005 in Poznań, Poland, following the TERENA Networking Conference 2005. The meeting was hosted by the Poznań Supercomputing and Networking Center, the Polish national member organisation of TERENA.

The General Assembly received the Annual Report of the TERENA Executive Committee on the year 2004 and adopted the financial accounts of that year. The meeting decided to terminate the TERENA membership of the national member from Iran, unless payment of at least one year of the outstanding membership fees is received before 1 September 2005.

Dorte Olesen (UNI•C, Denmark) and Marko Bonač (ARNES, Slovenia) were re-appointed as President and Member at Large of the TERENA Executive Committee, respectively, for a further three-year term of office. The General Assembly heard updates on the TERENA Technical Programme. It had a discussion about the relation between research networks and Grids, and decided that TERENA should play an active role in trying to bridge the gap between the two worlds, but should not pursue that goal by joining one individual Grid project.

The Assembly also had a preliminary discussion about possible topics for the Foresight Study in the GN2 project, which will start in March 2006 and can be seen as a successor to the very successful SERENATE studies.

The meeting discussed preparations for the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union and possible ways to introduce the opinions of the TERENA membership about the contents and budgets of the Framework Programme in the discussions in Brussels.

It was decided that TERENA will organise a meeting between representatives of interested TERENA member organisations and European Commission officials to exchange information about the opportunities for using EU Structural Funds for the development of research and education networking.

Finally, the General Assembly heard an update on the preparations for a second workshop on connecting schools to national research and education networks, which will take place in London in October 2005, and on the preparations for the next annual conference of TERENA, which will be held in Catania, Sicily in May 2006.

More information about the TERENA General Assembly can be found at:

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