

Emerging NRENs Special Interest Group Meeting

Internet2 Member Meeting

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New Orleans, Louisiana



What is this SIG about?

- Interested individuals/organizations from the Internet2 and partner community focused on advancing the state of dedicated R&E networks in underserved places around the world.
- Share information about current and emerging R&E networking initiatives
- Share information about facilities/data/researchers that need to be reached around the world
- Share information about what works, what doesn't – organizational, technology, user community outreach/engagement
- Discuss possible roles for the Internet2 community in supporting these initiatives, meeting requirements
- Provide a place for nascent regional R&E networking efforts to convene

Structure of the SIG

- Overall SIG
 - Meets twice/year at Internet2 Member Meetings
 - Mailing list: nren-sig@internet2.edu
- Regional interest groups
 - South Asia, Caribbean, Middle East
 - Occasional phone/video conferences, f2f meetings at Internet2 MMs
 - Opportunity to delve deeper into regional issues, convening place for emerging R&E networks
 - Each with a mailing list

Member led

- Overall SIG chair
 - Founding chair: Warren Matthews
 - Current chair: open!
- Regional Interest Groups
 - South Asia: Jim Williams, Indiana University
 - Caribbean: Heidi Alvarez, Florida International University
 - Middle East: John Chapman, Georgetown University - Qatar

Internet2 support

- Staff
 - Heather Boyles, staff liaison
 - Jocelyn Gerich, coordinator/facilitator
- Wiki
 - From <http://www.internet2.edu/international>

Today's Agenda

- Regional Interest Group Report-outs
 - Short summaries today, for more more details/ to get involved, please go to their meetings
 - Caribbean – today, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
 - South Asia – tomorrow, 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
 - Middle East – Wed., 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
- Africa update
 - Also more in-depth track session Wed, 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Agenda, cont'd

- The case for NRENs – TERENA project
- Driver Apps/User Communities for Emerging NRENS
- NSRC work with Emerging NRENs
- IEEAF work with Emerging NRENs
- Other areas of interest
 - Central Asia