Emerging NRENs Special Interest Group Meeting

Internet2 Member Meeting
October 13, 2008
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