



Global Lambda Integrated Facility Governance Working Group  
3rd Meeting, 30 September 2005  
Cal(IT)<sup>2</sup>, San Diego, United States

### Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Country</u>
Tomonori Aoyama	University of Tokyo	Japan
Heather Boyles	Internet2	United States
David Foster	CERN	-
Julio Ibarra	CIARA, FIU	United States
Dennis Jennings	-	-
Scott Macdonald	e-side	Japan
David Macneil	CANARIE	Canada
George McLaughlin	AARNet	Australia
Joe Mambretti	iCAIR/Northwestern University	United States
Kees Neggers (Chair)	SURFnet	Netherlands
David Salmon	UKERNA	United Kingdom
Karel Vietsch (Secretary)	TERENA	-
Tom West	National LambdaRail	United States

### Notes from previous meeting

A short summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the GLIF Working Group on Governance and Growth (Nottingham, 2-3 September 2004) had been published on the GLIF website. Some small errors in this text were pointed out; Karel Vietsch would correct these.

Thanks were expressed to Joe Mambretti, who had taken extensive notes at the previous meeting.

### Report on GLIF secretariat

Starting in January 2005, TERENA had taken up the functions of the GLIF secretariat. Karel Vietsch reported on the activities in the period from January 2005 until September 2005. He described in detail the different tasks that had been agreed with the initial funders of the secretariat. These tasks can be grouped in five categories: Website, mailing lists, secretariat of the GLIF working groups, organisation of the annual GLIF workshop, and public relations and outreach. The initial budget was for TERENA to make 6.5 man-months available during the year 2005, and the total costs were estimated at 50,062 euro. This is exclusive of the indirect costs, which are covered by TERENA itself.

Initially, five (combinations of) organisations had each committed 10,000 euro as a contribution to covering the costs of the first year: CESNET, Internet2 and NLR, JISC / UKERNA, NORDUnet and SURFnet. In August 2005, other GLIF participants had been asked if they would also be willing to contribute funding for the GLIF secretariat in 2005. This had resulted in promises of financial contributions from CANARIE, CERN, University of Amsterdam, AARNet, Indiana University, UCSD, UIC and Northwestern, totalling approximately 18,500 euro; not all of these amounts had actually been received yet.

Karel Vietsch went on to discuss the milestones for 2005. Main achievements so far had been the complete overhaul of the GLIF website, setting up secretariats for the Technical Issues Working Group and the Control Plane Working Group, and the preparations for the GLIF meeting in San Diego. For the latter, substantial contributions had been made by the organisers of iGrid2005.

As regards the activities of WG-TECH, it was pointed out that much operational work is going on at various locations in the world. The challenge is to realise the follow-up of actions agreed in WG-TECH meetings. The Control Plane Working Group had been created only recently, but appeared to have had a good start. The activities of the Research and Applications Working Group had focused so far on iGrid2005, which had been a great success. Under its new chairmanship, WG-RAP would now have to set its agenda for the coming period.

Karel Vietsch pointed out that the activity level of the Working Groups determines very much the contributions that the GLIF secretariat can make. He emphasised that the secretariat exists to serve the GLIF community and called on the community to express their wishes about things that the secretariat could do.

Karel Vietsch would update his slides for this agenda item on the basis of the suggestions that had been made, and would make the slides available on the GLIF website.

Joe Mambretti remarked that in future hosting the GLIF repository could be added to the tasks of the secretariat. He also mentioned that there were discussions in the Working Groups to give more precise definitions of the terms that were being used in the GLIF community, and once consensus would be reached about these definitions they should be published on the GLIF website. David Foster suggested that sponsorship might be sought for the annual GLIF workshop.

### **Budget 2006 for GLIF secretariat**

Karel Vietsch felt that effort spent in the first half of 2005 would not be representative for the whole of the year. On the one hand, early in the year a large one-off effort had been made to transfer and revise the GLIF website, on the other hand the work related to the Working Groups and the annual GLIF workshop had concentrated on the second half of the year. For 2006 he expected that less manpower would be needed than in 2005 for website maintenance, but more manpower would be needed to support the Working Groups. In total, the effort was estimated at 6.5 man-months and the total costs at 54,200 euro, an increase of 8.4% compared to the 2005 budget. The meeting agreed with this budget.

The representatives of Internet2 and NLR said that their organisations would be willing to jointly contribute 10,840 euro for 2006, and the representative of SURFnet said that his organisation would contribute 10,840 euro as well.

Karel Vietsch would send a more detailed budget proposal to the potential sponsors of the GLIF secretariat. In this proposal the work for the GLIF repository would be mentioned as a separate item, while the third expenditure category should not only cover the organisation of the annual GLIF workshop but also the organisation of related events. Tomonori Aoyama and Scott Macdonald clarified that the Japanese hosts of the annual meeting in 2006 would manage the local expenses such as meeting room hire, meals etc.

The meeting advised TERENA to approach potential sponsors of the GLIF secretariat in 2006 in three steps: first ask those organisations that have contributed 10,000 euro for 2005 if they would contribute 10,840 euro for 2006, secondly ask the other sponsors of the GLIF secretariat for 2005 if they would contribute 8.4% more for the GLIF secretariat for 2006, and thirdly ask other GLIF participants for contributions.

### **Interactivity with existing standards bodies**

In the Working Groups, questions had been asked about the relation between the GLIF and existing standards bodies such as the IETF and the Global Grid Forum. The GLIF might provide inputs to the IETF or the GGF, and if such contributions would be official GLIF contributions then there should be some procedure inside the GLIF to endorse such contributions.

After some discussion it was concluded that such a formalisation would not be needed, since the GLIF as such would not be developing standards. In this area, the main principles for the GLIF are that it will not undertake work that standards bodies such as IETF and GGF are already covering, and that the GLIF work will be open and the results will be made publicly available.

### **Plans for GLIF meeting 2006 in Tokyo**

Tomonori Aoyama presented the preliminary plans for the GLIF meeting in Tokyo in September 2006 and some associated meetings. There was a detailed discussion about the optimal scheduling of these events, which would cover the period of 11-15 September 2006. Tomonori Aoyama would update his slides on the basis of this discussion, and present the final plan in the closing plenary session later this same day. The slides would be made available on the GLIF website.