



Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Country</u>
Maxine Brown	University of Illinois at Chicago	United States
Buseung Cho	KISTI/KRLight	South Korea
Chip Cox	AmLight	United States
Jan Gruntorad	CESNET	Czech Republic
Cees de Laat	University of Amsterdam	The Netherlands
Gerben van Malenstein	SURFnet	The Netherlands
Kevin Meynell (Secretary)	GLIF Secretariat	-
Kees Neggers (Chair)	-	The Netherlands
Bram Peeters	SURFnet	The Netherlands
Yves Poppe	A*STAR	Singapore
John Silvester	CENIC	United States
Peter Szegedi	TERENA	-
Rob Vietzke	Internet2	United States
Linda Winkler	Argonne National Labs	United States
Charles Yun	REANNZ	New Zealand
?	?	South Korea

1. Welcome

Kees Neggers welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29 September 2014 were approved. These are available at <http://www.glif.is/meetings/2014/gov/minutes.pdf>.

3. Actions from last meeting

12.1 GLIF Secretariat to send out sponsorship requests for 2015.

Done.

12.2 GLIF Secretariat to liaise with potential hosts to find suitable dates and venue for GLIF 2016.

Done.

4. Update on GLIF Secretariat: January 2014-July 2015

Kevin Meynell reported on the work undertaken by the GLIF Secretariat over the past 18 months (see <http://www.glif.is/meetings/2015/gov/secretariat-report.pdf>).

The Secretariat continued to undertake the routine tasks listed at <http://www.glif.is/sponsors/sponsoring.html>, and had organised Annual Global LambdaGrid Workshops in Queenstown and Prague, as well as the spring meeting of the Technical Working Group in Arlington (collocated with GEC 22 & OGF 43). Discussions had also been held with potential hosts for the 16th Annual Global LambdaGrid Workshops, and with GENI with a view to co-locating the next Technical Working Group meeting with GEC in Phoenix, USA.

22 organisations had provided sponsorship amounting to €69,638 in 2014, and they were thanked for their support. Expenditure in 2014 had amounted to €49,694, which was €11,306 lower than budgeted for, but was largely accounted for by not spending €10,000 on the GLIF map as budgeted. The result was a surplus of €14,776 that bolstered the reserves to €69,638.

The budget agreed for 2015 had been €66,000, which again included an amount of €10,000 for the production of a new GLIF map. 20 organisations had committed sponsorship amounting to €61,485 for 2015, of which €53,485 had already been collected. There were currently two outstanding payments from ANSP and KISTI, although KISTI said theirs would be paid soon.

CPqD and e-ARENA had been long-term sponsors of GLIF, but had not responded with respect to 2015. The GLIF contact at CPqD appeared to have moved on, whilst the financial climate in Russia may have precluded e-ARENA from sponsoring.

€20,000 had been expended up until the end of July, with a projection of €46,149 by the end of 2015 on the assumption the amount for the GLIF map would now actually be charged to the 2016 budget. This would create a surplus in the order of €15,232, taking the reserves to €84,974.

Maxine Brown confirmed she would look to spend the €10,000 allocated for the GLIF map before the end of 2015. This would therefore result in a higher than projected expense for 2015, but need not be included in the 2016 budget.

Maxine Brown also asked why there were no costs against Personnel or Meetings in 2015. Kevin Meynell replied that the GÉANT Association had decided to waive its personnel costs related to bookkeeping and web hosting from now on, whilst GENI had not charged GLIF for co-locating with GEC 22 (the costs instead being covered by registration fees).

Chip Cox mentioned that AmLight was in contact with CPqD and could follow-up with a potential new contact.

5. Budget for GLIF Secretariat 2016

Kevin Meynell presented the proposed budget for the GLIF Secretariat for 2016 (see <http://www.glif.is/meetings/2015/gov/secretariat-report.pdf>). The proposal was for a budget of €57,760 now the costs of the GLIF map would not be incurred in 2016.

There was a significant development from previous years in that the GÉANT Association had recently received a ruling from the Netherlands tax authorities that reverse VAT should be charged on the contractual costs of provisioning the GLIF Secretariat. This ruling was backdated to 2010, but the GÉANT Board had agreed to waive the outstanding VAT up until

the end of 2015. However, it would have to be charged starting from 2016 and the effect would be to add 21% to the GLIF budget.

Peter Szegedi added that GLIF had been ruled to be an organisation that was not directly controlled by the GÉANT Association, which is why it was subject to reserve VAT. However, it was also not a separate legal entity registered for VAT, so did not have to charge VAT on sponsorship fees.

Kees Neggers mentioned that the GÉANT Association had not consulted him on these taxation issues. He did not exclude, based on his experiences of dealing with the Dutch tax authorities, that a solution could still be found whereby GLIF would not be liable for VAT in future, such as the GÉANT Association formally participating in GLIF and having a controlling interest in the activity.

Peter Szegedi was asked to speak with the GÉANT Association management to see whether any alternative arrangements were possible to achieve a more favourable ruling.

Action 13.1 – Peter Szegedi to ask GÉANT Association management to further investigate the ‘controlling interest’ matter.

The proposed sponsorship tiers were then circulated (see Appendix). If all the current sponsors agreed to stay at the same levels for 2015, this would amount to 62 units and would yield a total revenue of €62,000 if the unit fee was kept at €1,000. The proposed budget of €57,760 for 2016 should therefore be covered.

It was agreed to accept the budget as proposed and to keep the unit fee at €1,000. The GLIF Secretariat was asked to send out sponsorship requests for 2016 on this basis.

Action 13.2 – GLIF Secretariat to send out sponsorship requests for 2016.

6. GLIF Chair

Kees Neggers announced that he intended to stand down as the de-facto GLIF Chair by the end of the year, and it would therefore be necessary for the community to find a replacement. As he had now fully retired from SURF and was not actively involved in research and education networking forums, he did not feel that he could provide the insight that was necessary for chairing GLIF.

Rob Vietzke thanked Kees on behalf of the GLIF community for his leadership, and asked what the process was for choosing a new chair. Kees replied that GLIF had been set-up as a lightweight virtual organisation with informal processes, so really it was up to the GLIF community to decide how they wished to select a chair. He was actually the Chair of the Governance Working Group, and in the past it was generally accepted that Working Group Chairs should find a successor who was supported by the community. However, he did not wish to do that this time for his own replacement.

After some discussion, it was felt the Technical Issues and Research and Applications Working Group Chairs should solicit potential candidates with a view to putting forward their names for nomination. It was possible that one strong candidate would emerge, but in the event of competition then some sort of selection mechanism would be needed.

One view was that the GLIF sponsors should ultimately make the decision, although another was that it should be decided by the Governance Working Group. However, the Governance Working Group was a meeting open to anyone and had no defined membership. It was also felt desirable to select a new chair before 2016, in order to define the GLIF relationship with the GÉANT Association, the NREN CEO Forum and other groups during what is currently a transitional period in research and education networking.

It was agreed that the Working Group Chairs would identify some potential candidates with a view to putting up nominations before the end of October 2015.

Action 13.3 – Working Group Chairs to identify and nominate candidates for GLIF Chair by the end of October 2015.

7. Global LambdaGrid Workshop 2016

Kevin Meynell reported that two offers had been received to host the 16th Global LambdaGrid Workshop, both from North America which was due for hosting in the rota.

There had been a longstanding offer from Florida International University to host the workshop, and this had led to the idea to co-locate it with Internet2 Technology Exchange that would be held in September 2016 in Miami, USA. To this end, there had been ongoing discussions with Internet2 to discuss logistical details, and the proposal was to host on 29-30 September 2016.

CANARIE had also previously expressed interest in hosting, and had put together a proposal to co-locate the workshop with the CANARIE National Summit during the third or fourth week of September 2016. The proposal was presented by Kevin Meynell on behalf of CANARIE.

The two proposals were discussed and there was substantial interest in the CANARIE proposal as the workshop had never previously been held in Canada. However, the fourth week of September clashed with the Internet2 Technology Exchange that many GLIF participants also attended, so clarification would need to be sought on whether CANARIE could host the previous week. It was therefore decided to defer the decision until the closing session the following day.

However, it subsequently transpired that the NORDUnet 2016 Conference would also be held during the third week of September, which again many GLIF participants would be attending. Even if the CANARIE National Summit could be moved to another week, having three events in three weeks would still be problematic for people to attend all of them.

The GLIF leadership therefore proposed to accept the Internet2 offer and this was accepted by the GLIF participants. As a result the following year's workshop will be held on 29-30 September 2016 in conjunction with the Internet2 Technology Exchange in Miami, USA. CANARIE were thanked for their offer and encouraged to consider hosting again in future.

Kevin Meynell also mentioned there is a tentative offer from AARNet to host GLIF 2017 in Australia, and interest from Chile in hosting GLIF 2018.

Action 13.4 – GLIF Secretariat to liaise with potential hosts to find suitable dates and venue for GLIF 2017 and 2018.

8. Any other business

Kees Neggers said that he would like to extend his thanks to CESNET for hosting the 15th Global LambdaGrid Workshop, as well as to the sponsors. He also expressed his thanks to Jan Gruntorad for his longstanding contributions to research and education networking over many years.

Open Actions

- 13.1 Peter Szegedi to ask GÉANT Association management to further investigate the ‘controlling interest’ matter.
- 13.2 GLIF Secretariat to send out sponsorship requests for 2016.
- 13.3 Working Group Chairs to identify and nominate candidates for GLIF Chair by the end of October 2015.
- 13.4 GLIF Secretariat to liaise with potential hosts to find suitable dates and venue for GLIF 2017 and 2018.



Global Lambda Integrated Facility Proposed Sponsor Tiers 2016

Sponsor	Tier	Units	Contributions (EUR)	
			2015	2016
AARNet	2	4	4,000	4,000
AMPATH	1*	2	2,000	2,000
ANSP	1*	2	2,000	2,000
CANARIE	2	4	4,000	4,000
CENIC	3	2	2,000	2,000
CERN	2	4	4,000	4,000
CESNET	2	4	4,000	4,000
i2CAT	4	1	1,000	1,000
iCAIR	4	1	1,000	1,000
Internet2	1	6	6,000	6,000
KAUST	3	2	2,000	2,000
KISTI	1	6	6,000	6,000
NORDUnet	1	6	6,000	6,000
PNWGP	3	2	2,000	2,000
PSNC	2	4	4,000	4,000
RNP	1*	2	2,000	4,000
SURFnet	1	6	6,000	6,000
TWAREN	3	2	4,000	4,000
UCSD	4	1	1,000	1,000
UIC	4	1	1,000	1,000
Total (unit fee = EUR 1,000)		62	62,000	62,000

* AMPATH, ANSP and RNP share a Tier 1 contribution