

## NESSI's Annual Forum Conference will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2006 to welcome new members and partners

### Welcoming our new members and partners Dario Avallone Steering Committee Chairman

Following our widely attended Forum, the NESSI Web site opened its registration pages for candidate **members** and **partners** to join NESSI in February 2006.

The registration closing date for new **partners** is the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

The process to welcome our new **partners** is the following:

- è April 15: publication of the NESSI Agreement and Letter of Intent
- è April 21: online registration deadline
- è May 24: individual invitation to selected candidate partners
- è May 31: acceptance deadline by the candidate partners
- è June 8: announcement of the new partners and public signature of the agreement at the General Assembly.

NESSI will handle the new **members** registrations in a similar approach, but as candidates can register continuously, we will review membership requests on a monthly basis.

I would like to thank all of you for your interest in joining NESSI, we will contact each of you individually to follow up on your registration by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2006.

Dario Avallone  
R&D Department Director - Engineering  
NESSI Steering Committee Chairman



### Upcoming events and activities

- è **Our General Assembly** – will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2006. Please check out our Web site where full details will be available soon.
- è **Open Source NESSI** – NESSI partner ObjectWeb announces that ONESSI, the Open Source channel for contributions to NESSI, is alive. Please check out the ONESSI Web site for more information and read overleaf for details.
- è **NESSI Office to open** – the NESSI Office, based in Brussels, will be operational in April 2006. It will be located at the Avenue des Pléiades, 1210 Brussels and will be inaugurated on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2006.
- è **NESSI invited by INFOPOLE and CETIC** – NESSI will be presented to an audience of SMEs in Namur, Belgium at a special event organised by INFOPOLE and CETIC on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2006.
- è **Strategic Research Agenda open for public review** – the first volume of the SRA is open for public review on our Web site. Please join us in this work by sending in your contributions to Stefano De Panfilis, leader of the SRA working group.

## NESSI to collaborate with Artemis, ENIAC, ISI, eMobility and NEM.

NESSI participated in the meeting organized by the Austrian EU Presidency and the European Commission on "Investing in ICT Research and Innovation/Shaping Europe of Tomorrow - i 2010", in Vienna on March 22-23, 2006

This was an opportunity to collaborate closely with five other ETPs, namely Artemis, Eniac, ISI, eMobility and NEM. The six ETPs issued a common press release, highlighting the opportunity for ETPs to play a key role in the realisation of the Lisbon strategy and the fact that **building on an unobstructed internal market with leading edge applications** is essential to meeting the challenge of global competitors, themselves building on the strength of their respective home markets.

NESSI fully endorses this key message and its Strategic Research Agenda reflects this importance by bringing in a holistic view encompassing a NESSI Framework that will ease the deployment of such leading edge applications.

More information at  
[http://www.bmvit.gv.at/en/eu\\_rat/innovation/events/ict2010.html](http://www.bmvit.gv.at/en/eu_rat/innovation/events/ict2010.html)

## NESSI initiates Open Source channel to contribute to SRA and foster first Open Source implementation.

ObjectWeb, one of the NESSI founding partners, opened the ONESSI channel. The purpose of ONESSI is to facilitate the contribution and collaboration of Open Source stakeholders to the NESSI Strategic Research Agenda and, in a second step, to foster one of the reference implementations of the NESSI Framework through Open Source contributors.

More information at  
<http://onessi.objectweb.org/xwiki/bin/Main/>

## NESSI calls for full support of Software & Services in FP7.

In a letter addressed to Commissioners and to the ISTAG members, NESSI stressed the importance of supporting research on software and all its related technologies. As written by NESSI's Board, "in establishing its vision, NESSI has identified that key challenges need to be addressed through software research to ensure future seamless and trusted delivery of services to citizens, industries and public bodies."

NESSI will continuously work on delivering this message to the European Commission and Parliament, to ensure that software, ICT architectures and infrastructures are well represented in the upcoming FP7 programme.

## NESSI opens its Office in Brussels

NESSI will inaugurate its new Office on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2006. Located on the first floor of the 11 avenue des Pléiades in Brussels, the Office is conveniently close to the Airport and with direct access to the centre of Brussels through public transport.

The NESSI Office Director, Eric Normand, will manage office operations in close collaboration with NESSI partners.



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