

Call for Papers

Call for Participation

Under the patronage of His Excellency, Prof. Moncef Ben Salem Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research of Tunisia

3rd International Platform on Integrating Arab e-infrastructure in a Global Environment, e-AGE 2013

12-13 December 2013, El Mouradi Hotel, Gammarath, Tunis, Tunisia

<http://eage2013.ASRENOrg.net/>

"Connect, Access, Innovate"

- Connect:** Facilitate connectivity through a high-speed network to allow scientists to communicate, collaborate, exchange, and run both data and computational-intensive scientific applications and services. The objective is to scale up broadband dedicated networks with a growing focus on cross-border connections and regional peering. Several initiatives can be introduced to support reforms, e-Infrastructure sharing, and open access models.
- Access:** Enable seamless access to data, services, applications, and resources related to science and education. e-AGE 2013 will be a platform to explore access opportunities and services that can be provided to research communities in a federated context. Case studies and best practices will be demonstrated on federated access, science gateway, cloud and grid computing, data repositories, and other related resources and services.
- Innovate:** High-speed networks and wide access represent enabling environments for students, researchers and scientists to innovate for greater competitiveness across industries towards wealth creation through knowledge economy.

Event Main Interveners

- HE Dr. Moncef Bin Salem, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia
- HE Dr. Safa Nassereldin, Minister of Telecom and IT, Palestine
- HE Dr. Ali Abu Zuhri, Minister of Education & Higher Education, Palestine
- HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of ASREN, Jordan
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- Ahmad Dabbagh, Director, Ankabut, UAE

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- David West, Project Manager, DANTE, UK
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- Rashid Ali Al-Ali, Director International Sales, Etisalat, UAE
- Roberto Barbera, University of Catania and INFN, Italy
- Federico Rugieri, Director of Research, INFN, Italy
- Sanggyun KIM, Manager (Principal researcher), NIA, South Korea
- Salem Al Agtash, Executive Director, ASREN, Jordan
- Yousef Torman, Executive Director, ASREN, Jordan

Topics of interest

- Research collaboration in a variety of disciplines including: energy, environment, education, health, climate, water, agriculture, biology, economy, and other pressing global issues and problems
- Cloud and grid computing as well as e-Science applications
- Education challenges and open access paradigm
- Research repositories, libraries, and contents
- Case studies on research and education
- Regional collaborative projects
- National research organizations and research and education funding
- Perspectives on national research and education networking
- The role of regional organizations like EC, World Bank, UNDP, and other development projects and foundations
- Connectivity options, services, cables, circuits
- Industry offerings to develop research and education

Purpose of this Call

1. Call for Papers

To invite scientists, researchers and educators to submit papers to be presented in this conference in special sessions for research papers. Paper contributions are accepted in English. Papers should be submitted with no more than 8 to 10 pages, and no more than 8000 words. Each paper should include (1) Abstract with no more than 500 words and 7 keywords that refers to the key subjects and concepts that have been developed in the paper (2) Author(s) biography: First name, Last name, Institution, Full address, Fax, Email, and short CV.

Papers should be sent in Adobe PDF or MS-Word to: Salem Al-Agtash, alagtash@asrenorg.net, Mohamed Jemni, mohamed.jemni@fst.rnu.tn, or Federico Ruggieri, federico.ruggieri@roma3.infn.it before 1st November 2013. After submission all contributions will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee to evaluate the pertinence of each submitted paper and the authors will be informed whether their contribution has been selected for presentation at the conference.

2. Call for Presentations

To invite renowned speakers and experts to give presentations and participate in panel discussions on latest developments of e-Infrastructures and applications, different aspects of R&E networks, Telecommunication technologies, Industry and Research, Internet, R&E funding and topics of interest above. Presentation and participation requests to be sent to Yousef Torman torman@asrenorg.net.

3. Call for Participation

To invite representation from academia, research, industry, telecom and networking organizations, NRENs, governments and all people interested in the developments of R&E networks and e-Infrastructures to join the conference and to share experience and exchange knowledge in relevant aspects. Interested participants can register at <http://eage2013.asrenorg.net>

Events and Activities

ASREN is becoming more visible and more active in the region and beyond. It has developed a new shareholder scheme with more Arab NRENs joining as well as more supporting organizations. Following on the success of e-AGE in 2011 and 2012, e-AGE 2013 will include main event in 12-13 December and will be preceded with several workshops, tutorials and meetings on 10-12 December 2013.

- The 6th Event on Euro-Mediterranean e-Infrastructure
- The 3rd annual meeting of ASREN
- CHAIN-REDS Workshop on e-Infrastructures
- Network Management Tools for NREN NOCs Workshop
- EUMEDCONENCT3 Project Meeting
- AROQA 5th Annual Conference

Moreover, special sessions will be dedicated to specific domains, mainly focusing on experiences in connectivity and e-Infrastructure, applications and services in variety of scientific domains, and case studies with impact indicators and measures. It is also important to show the benefits of research infrastructure to communities and collaboration. It is still critical to show how research connectivity can promote collaboration and innovation. Different discussions will be stimulated during e-AGE to drive outcomes and concrete results on practical steps towards developing a regional e-Infrastructure.

Language

Arabic and English

Conference venue

Hotel EL MOURADI GAMMARTH 5*, Gammarath, Tunis, Tunisia

Organizers and sponsors

The Platform will be organized by **Arab States Research and Education Network GmbH**, in cooperation with:

- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Tunisia
- The Computing Center Al Khwarizmi (CCK)
- Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization
- Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe Ltd (DANTE)
- Euro-Mediterranean Connect project (EumedConnect3)
- US Internet2 Special Interest Group Middle East
- Co-ordination & Harmonization of Advanced e-Infrastructures for Research & Education Data Sharing (CHAIN - REDS)
- German Jordanian University

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Important dates

November 1, 2013	Submission deadline (Papers & Presentations)
December 5, 2012	Camera ready due
December, 9 – 11, 2013	Workshops
December 12-13, 2013	e-AGE 2013 Conference

Registration fees

Conference 12-13 December 2013

- Authors/ Speakers	Free
- ASREN Members	150 Euro
- ASREN non-members	250 Euro

Workshops 9 -11 December 2013

- Tutors / Speakers	Free
- ASREN Members	150 Euro
- ASREN Non Members	250 Euro

Full event (Conference and Workshops) 9 -13 December 2013

- Tutors / Speakers	Free
- ASREN Members	250 Euro
- ASREN Non Members	400 Euro

Special arrangements will be made for sponsors, partners, keynote speakers, panelists, and EUMED/Internet2 group members, EUMEDCONNECT3 partners & ASREN shareholders

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