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“ASREN is a non-profit company with limited liability (GmbH) and is officially registered in Germany, under the umbrella of the League of Arab States. The main goal is to connect Arab institutions among themselves and to the globe through high-speed data-communications networks. Such networks will enable sharing and access to a variety of R&E services and applications in addition to utilization of highly sophisticated and technologically advanced computing resources available only at very few institutions in the world.”

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Tunis, Tunisia
26-28 April 2019

The Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) invites Librarians, Library consortia and NRENs to register for the upcoming LIBSENSE-III workshop to be held in Tunis, Tunisia, during 26-28 April 2019.

This workshop is organized in conjunction with the Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) and EIFL as part of the LIBSENSE Initiative, convenes library and NREN stakeholders in the West and Central

African region to explore how repositories can operate embedded in NREN e-infrastructure and provide a foundation for an innovative, open, distributed and networked resource for scholarly communication and open science in Africa.

Prior to the workshop, a survey will be sent out to librarians in the Higher Education libraries in the Arab Region under ASREN regional network. The workshop will discuss and analyze the results of the survey with regards to higher education sector librarians view of the enabling and constraining factors of their practice as information resource managers, especially regarding the development, implementation and maintenance of open access repositories.

This event follows the first LIBSENSE-I workshop that took place in Novemebr 2018 in Zanizibar in the region of Ubuntunet Alliance and the second LIBSENSE-II which is taking place in Accra 11-12 March 2019 in the region of WACREN. As ASREN is the regional network for the Arab region, the workshop will include all Arab countries.

About LIBSENSE

Towards improving the capability for African Higher Education Librarians to collaborate

with NRENs in achieving Better information management capacity, the African Regional Research and Eduaction Networks (Ubuntunet Alliance, WACREN and ASREN) planned the LIBSENSE (Library Support for embedding NREN services and e-Infrastructure) project. The project funded by the European Commission under the AfricaConnect2 Project in collaboration between in support of EIFL and COAR.

Objectives

- Define a collaborative agenda for libraries and NRENs
- Achieve improved information management capacity
- Federation of open access repositories across the African regions.
- Build a community of practice for open access and open science

For more information about the LIBSENSE:

<https://spaces.wacren.net/display/LIBSENSE/Home>

For registration:

<http://asrenorg.net/?q=content/libsense-iii-workshop>



Register now for the perfSONAR workshop

The Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN), International Networks at Indiana University (IN@IU) and the Moroccan Academic and Research Wide Area Network (MARWAN) invite you to register for their upcoming perfSONAR training workshop to be held in Rabat, Morocco, 15-18, April 2019.

What is perfSONAR?

perfSONAR is a network measurement toolkit designed to provide federated coverage of paths, and help to establish end-to-end usage expectations. There are 1000s of perfSONAR instances deployed worldwide, many of which are available for open testing of key measures of network performance. This global infrastructure helps to identify and isolate problems as they happen, making the role of supporting network users easier for engineering teams, and increasing productivity when utilizing network resources.

Objectives

By the close of this workshop, participants should be able to:



- Have a decent knowledge of the perfSONAR toolkit and testing methodology
- Install and deploy perfSONAR on their own
- Understand the pSConfig package used for creating pS meshes for persistent testing over time

For more information and registration:

<http://www.asrenorg.net/?q=content/asren-perfsonar-workshop>

WACREN 2019 Conference



WACREN is organizing its 5th Annual Conference on 14-15 March 2019 in Accra, hosted by the Ghanaian Academic and Research Network (GARNET).

The theme of the conference is: “**Beyond Networks: Applications and Services**” with the following sub-themes.

- Applications and Services (Cloud Services and Collaboration Tools, Trust and Identity, Cybersecurity)
- User and Science Engagement
- Teaching and Learning
- NREN Business Models and Use Cases
- Advanced Network Technologies

The conference is organized in a special context: the first to be hosted in a country connected to the WACREN backbone amidst pilots of advanced services and collaborations aimed at maximum utilization and growth of the infrastructures.

For more information and registration: <https://indico.wacren.net/event/71/overview>

About WACREN:

WACREN is the West and Central African Research and Education Network. The objectives of the organization are the promotion and establishment of interconnections between national research and education networks in West and Central Africa to form a regional research and education network, the interconnection of this network with other regional and continental networks, and the provision of services aiming at fostering collaboration between research and education institutions in the region, as well as between these institutions and their peers at a continental and international

level. To achieve its goals, WACREN works not only with educational and research institutions, but also with bodies such as regional economic communities (ECOWAS, ECCAS, UEMOA), telecommunications regulators (WATRA) and a number of national policy and decision-making institutions in West and Central Africa. WACREN was constituted in 2010 and currently includes 11 participating NRENs in the region.

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