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## Call for Papers The e-AGE18 Conference



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**Under The Patronage of  
His Excellency Adel Tweissi**  
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**e-AGE18**  
Eighth International Platform on Integrating  
Arab e-Infrastructure in a Global Environment  
"CAPACITY FOR TRANSFORMATION"  
Amman, Jordan  
2-3 December 2018



The e-AGE conference had established itself as an important venue for networking among experts and scientists. In 2018, e-AGE will be held under the patronage of HE Professor Adel Tweissi, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, in Amman, Jordan during 2-3 December 2018. In e-AGE18, the focus will be on demonstrating successes in using the research and education e-Infrastructures at national, regional and global levels. In short words, e-AGE18 "CAPACITY FOR TRANSFORMATION" as the main theme of the conference.

**e-AGE18 will include events, workshops and meetings centered around the following:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Event on Euro-Mediterranean e-Infrastructure
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of ASREN
- EUMEDCONNECT3 Project meeting
- AfricaConnect2 Project meeting
- Internet2 Middle East SIG Meetings
- Workshops dedicated for e-Infrastructures users
- Technical Workshops on R&E networking

Moreover, special sessions will be dedicated to specific domains, mainly focusing on experiences in connectivity and e-Infrastructure, applications and services across a variety of scientific domains. It is also important to show how research infrastructure creates tangible benefits to communities and collaborations. It is still critical to demonstrate 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.

Authors are invited to submit full papers reporting on their original and unpublished research in e-Infrastructures and computational and data-intensive sciences. All papers will be peer-reviewed and accepted papers will be published in the event proceedings.

Posters are also welcomed, an effective poster presentation is not just a standard research paper stuck to a board. It should summarize your work with graphs and images to tell the story and should use text more sparingly. Featuring a poster at e-AGE will serve as an excellent advertisement for your work, and can act as a great conversation starter with e-AGE participants.

**Topics of interest include, but not limited to:**

- Scientific computing and data-intensive e-Science in areas related to energy, environment, health, climate, water, agriculture, biology, economy, medicine, as well as in social sciences and humanities.
- Perspectives on NRENs, including challenges, operation, sustainability, funding, governance, business models, security and services.
- Problem-solving environments, Virtual Research Environments, Science Gateways and collaborative tools, applications and services.
- Education and e-Learning Technologies, access to educational resources, repositories, libraries and contents, clouds, grids, parallel and distributed computing, and high performance computing.
- Internet technologies and trends, Internet of Things, Security, SDN and AAI.

For more details, please visit the conference website at:

<http://asrenorg.net/eage18/?q=Page/call-participation>

## Abu-Ghazaleh: We Participate in the Research and Education Network for West and Central Africa



Lomé – the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) chaired by HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh participated in the Fourth Annual Conference of the West and Central African Research and Education Network (WACREN) held in Lomé, Togo’s capital City, 15-16 March 2018.

The main theme of the conference was “Unleashing Potentials” with subthemes on advanced networks, applications and services, trust, identity and security in addition to NRENs and communities.

Yousef Torman, Executive Director of ASREN participated in the conference and workshops as well as several roundtable discussions and meetings. He also chaired one of the main sessions and sent a goodwill message during the high level official opening ceremony in the presence of the Prime Minister of Togo.

On the first day of the conference, WACREN board, staff and conference attendees had the honor of receiving Togo’s Prime Minister Komi

Séлом Klassou’s blessing on the official launch of the WACREN network.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of ASREN said: “I take this opportunity to congratulate our colleagues at WACREN for the launch of the new network at 10 Gbps bandwidth and for the success of the annual conference”.

He also thanked the European Commission and GÉANT for the AfricaConenct2 Project which brings the African regional networks WACREN, Ubuntunet Alliance and ASREN altogether.

WACREN is one of the three regional partners GÉANT cooperates with in the AfricaConnect2 project. Funded by the European Union and in collaboration with ASREN and the UbuntuNet Alliance, the project aims at supporting the development, consolidation and use of high-capacity national and regional R&E networks across Africa thus providing the African and European R&E communities with unrivalled opportunities for global collaboration.

## Michael Foley: Championing NREN Development Across the World

For all of his career Michael Foley has been an enthusiastic explorer of how ICT can increase education's effectiveness and accessibility. As Lead Distance Learning Specialist with the World Bank in Washington DC, Michael became a champion of research and education (R&E) connectivity, raising awareness about the transformational effect of NRENs as enablers of learning and knowledge exchange in the developing world.



“A passion for photography led me into audiovisual media, to educational technology, to global knowledge sharing, to connectivity, R&E networking, and back”.

His recent retirement has not abated this interest and, combining Irish wit with a remarkable ability to bring complex matters unequivocally to the point, he continues to argue the case for NRENs with passion. We interviewed Michael for the CONNECT magazine to find out more about what fuels this passion and his views on the NREN world.

Read the full CONNECT interview at:

[https://www.geant.org/News\\_and\\_Events/CONNECT/28/Documents/article\\_15\\_MICHAEL%20FOLEY.pdf](https://www.geant.org/News_and_Events/CONNECT/28/Documents/article_15_MICHAEL%20FOLEY.pdf)

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