

Cyprus Grid Day: Research and Industrial Perspectives

The University of Cyprus, in collaboration with the Research Promotion Foundation of Cyprus, the University of Nicosia, and the Cyprus Research & Academic Network, organized a workshop titled "Cyprus Grid Day: Research and Industrial Perspectives". The workshop took place in Nicosia, Cyprus, on 21 January 2008, and followed a series of successful events organized in Cyprus since 2002 by the Cyprus Grid Initiative (CYGrid) of the University of Cyprus.

The workshop hosted speakers from countries around the European Union, representatives from the Cyprus Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Trade, main local research institutions such as the Cyprus Institute, The Cyprus Institute of Neurology & Genetics, major technological industry in Cyprus like IBM and SUN Microsystems, PrimeTel and Glaxo Smith Kline from the pharmaceutical sector.

During the workshop the following issues were presented and discussed:

- The recent developments in Grid technologies and e-Infrastructures, in Cyprus and the European Union in general.
- The need for the development of a national strategy for e-Infrastructures and the establishment of a National Grid Initiative in Cyprus.
- The potential that Grid computing brings to small and large enterprises of various sectors, which can now benefit from sophisticated computing resources not available in traditional IT infrastructures.

Furthermore, the workshop examined the potential of Cyprus becoming an e-Infrastructure center in the Eastern Mediterranean region, the benefits that such a move could bring to the Cypriot services sector and the measures that need to be taken towards that direction.

For more information see here: <http://cygrid.org.cy> and here: <http://grid.ucy.ac.cy>.