# Draft minutes of the GAG meeting on February 28, 2003

The presentations can all be found on the GAG agenda page (http://agenda.cern.ch/age?a03211).

F.Carminati presented the objectives of the meeting and opened the discussion on various organisational matters. The topics covered included the objectives and precise mandate of GAG and the relations with the other committees in LCG and GRID projects. There was a quite broad agreement that GAG should concentrate on its "core business" of defining user cases and high-level requirements for GRID middleware. It was recognised that there were potential overlap and conflicts with many other bodies and committees in LCG and related GRID projects. However it was felt that the best way to deal with these was to set clearly GAG on its course and deliver the requirement documents, as this would implicitly clarify the role of GAG and its position in the LCG project. Possible conflicts will be dealt with when they will arise.

R.Pordes presented her view of the relations between GAG and the US GRID projects. [Ruth, please add more here]. J.Templon asked her about GLOBUS testing and she provided the following URL to be added in the minutes:

http://www.globus.org/gt2.2/test-toolkit.html

http://rod.mcs.anl.gov/

F.Harris presented his view of the relations between EU MW projects and GAG. He emphasised the pivotal role the loose cannons had played in EDG, and also the bringing together of the applications and the middleware via a strong applications group which latterly focused on task forces with well defined project aims. Also the role of the applications in the ATF was crucial for the project. EGEE must have a strong applications group covering user requirements, interfacing middleware to applications and acting as a constant bridge between applications and the middleware providers.

J.Templon presented the status of the response to HEPCAL from the various GRID projects.

Then the four experiments presented the status and results of their data challenges with GRID software. This was mostly informational and did not give rise to any particular discussion.

J.Templon presented his views on the requirements for a Grid architecture. There was a very broad consensus on his position and GAG felt that this message should be conveyed to the GRID middleware projects.

L.Perini presented her recollection of the EGEE Town Meeting. GAG reiterated its concern that an application workpackage be included in the EGEE project.

At the end there was a wrap-up discussion. The conclusions of the meeting were the following:

- GAG considers a priority to complete the HEPCAL document following the constructive comments received from many sources (HEPCAL'). J.Templon has received much of this input, so he will collect and forward to GAG the first version of it.

- GAG considers important to produce an HEPCAL document on data analysis (HEPCAL II)
- It was felt that the best way to produce such a document was to find one week where a majority of GAG member could be present and go to a "neutral" location outside CERN. All GAG members will send to F.Carminati their availability from now to Summer.
- As far as the comment to the TAB document is concerned, GAG realises that the document is an early draft. However given the tight timescale of the EGEE project, it was felt important to provide feedback, frank but constructive, as early as possible to inform the writing of the WPs programme of work. GAG understands that there might not be a final TAB document in response to its comment, still it considers important to forward these comments. It was therefore decided to forward the document to the four computing coordinators with the recommendation to pass it on to Les Robertson, who represents LCG in EGEE. This should be done as quickly as possible.
- GAG meeting will have to be rescheduled starting at 14:00 and ending at 18:30. Carminati will take care of this.