

The e-Science Institute Scientific Advisory Board

The overall role of the e-Science Institute Scientific Advisory Board is to help the e-Science Institute achieve its mission by providing advice to the NeSC director and to members of his team.

The e-Science Institute's Mission

To stimulate the creation of new insights in e-Science by providing the "reactor vessel and catalysts" which bring together international experts and encourage them to successfully address significant and diverse challenges.

The e-Science Institute's Mechanisms

There are two principle mechanisms used by the e-Science Institute:

1. Meetings at the centre on e-Science research topics and to provide training to e-Science research teams.
2. A programme of research visitors to participate in and develop the centre's research, and to interact with UK's e-Science Research Programme.

The e-Science Centre is part of NeSC and is home to many of the NeSC's projects, such as the project to develop support for database access and integration via the grid, and the eDIKT project to pioneer new techniques for extracting information from data. More information is obtainable from the web site, www.nesc.ac.uk, and details of the past and planned events can be found at <http://umbriel.dcs.gla.ac.uk/NeSC/general/esi/esi>.

The Scientific Advisory Board's Role

The board will meet approximately twice per year to give the NeSC director and executive advice on the future programme for the e-Science Institute. They may offer advice on any aspect of the Institute. Advice on the future programme of meetings and the research visitor programme will be particularly welcome.

In addition, members of the SAB will be asked to provide specific advice from time-to-time via e-mail. This will be:

1. Advice as to whether a proposed visitor is suitable and whether his or her proposed programme at eSI can be improved.
2. Advice as to whether proposed meetings are sensible and requests for suggestions for meetings or potential meeting co-chairs.

These two specific forms of advice will be solicited by e-mail, normally to just two members of the SAB. These requests will be monitored so that we do not impose and undue workload.

Membership

Members will normally serve for three years. The membership will be developed to reflect the full range of disciplines that the Institute seeks to support.

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