

CHPC national meeting & 5th BELIEF international symposium

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*“Advancing research competitiveness through collaboration:
towards an integrated South African cyberinfrastructure”*

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“The BELIEF symposia constitute the principal “international dissemination” dimension of the project and serve to reinforce the relevance of Europe’s e-Infrastructures globally. The symposia will offer a platform to EU projects and activities in key regions, connecting with EU e-Infrastructures where user communities can benefit hugely from adoption of these research technologies.” Stephen Benians, BELIEF II project coordinator

The development of sustainable cyber-infrastructure (e-Infrastructures in Europe), which will allow and encourage the sharing of knowledge and technology among various communities, is still a challenge that needs to be met. The increasing number of initiatives worldwide dealing with cyber-infrastructure calls for the creation of effective synergies between them, as innovation can be achieved through cross-disciplinary interaction. Furthermore, the provision of an easy, fast, seamless and cost-effective access to research infrastructure is crucial for all researchers around the globe.

The aforementioned issues will constitute the discussion framework for the joint conference of the Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC) and BELIEF II project, which will be held in **Johannesburg, South Africa, from the 7th to the 9th of December 2009**. The event is aimed at advancing research collaboration and competitiveness through an integrated South African national cyber-infrastructure. Furthermore, keynote research and application results utilising the cyber-infrastructure will be illustrated, and the latest international developments will also be discussed.

The event intends to explore the contributions and expectations from policy makers, research communities, ICT vendors, industries and academia. Through a series of presentations and open discussion forums, both local and international stakeholders will have the opportunity to jointly harness synergies, in an attempt to promote existing cyber-infrastructure activities and foster new special interest groups.

The conference’s discussions will shape a position paper to be sent to key stakeholders and decision makers. Your participation would therefore add considerable value in advancing the agenda of e-Infrastructure R&D in South Africa & Europe in a way that can sustain development in both regions.

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