

# **The future activity of GAG**

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# Work done

- Comments on GridFAP
- Comments on GLUE schema
- Work on HEPCAL-prime
- Completion of HEPCAL-II
  - Basis for ARDA/RTAG11
- Completion of HEPCAL-prime (done!)



# Is GAG still useful?

- After a long discussion the answer from almost all the interested parties is yes
- There is no “common” sounding board for GRID applications
  - Apart from GDB, which has a different mandate
  - In EGEE, HEP is represented in a workpackage (NA4), which however includes other applications
- So we think GAG should continue
  - But we have to specify mandate and agenda, frequency of the meetings, composition and so on



# General agreement on mandate

- Own common requirement on GRID MW
  - Non common requirements do exist: GAG can document them
- Monitor and provide common / consolidated feedback on the use of GRID MW on LCG
- GAG reports to PEB
  - GTA, GDA, AA, EGEE are represented in GAG



# General agreement on mandate

- Specific functions
  - Source of user requirements
    - Also for EGEE initial requirement document to be produced by May 1
  - Document experiment satisfaction
  - Describe experiment experience with LCG
- For architecture, quality assurance etc... LCG has its own mechanisms
  - GAG should ensure that experiment interests are properly represented in these activities

# Meetings & membership

- With this mandate the meeting frequency has to be increased
- However one “full” meeting per month imposes already a heavy travel constraint
- The proposal is to have two-level meetings
  - Monthly meetings as we did last year
  - Intermediate fortnightly (short!) meetings with phone conference to follow the evolution
- Membership depends on the mandate and is up to the experiments
  - Stay flexible: one, two or even three people for experiments could participate (possibly agenda-driven)
  - Could be Grid Architect, Grid Deployment Coordinator, Distributed Analysis Coordinator and Grid Middleware Contactperson (usually less than 4 people!)



# Conclusion

- There seems to be a quite broad agreement on the usefulness of GAG and on the need for it to continue
- We propose that the PEB endorses the GAG mandate so that the meeting schedule and agendas for next year can be defined