

Call for Participation, Papers, Presentations and Posters

e-AGE 2014

10-11 December 2014, Muscat, Oman

Under the Patronage of His Highness Sayyid Taimur Bin As'ad Al Said, the Arab States Research and Education Network – ASREN, is happy to announce its fourth annual event “[4th International Platform on Integrating Arab e-Infrastructure in a Global Environment - e-AGE 2014](#)” which will take place in 10-11 December 2014 in Muscat Oman. The platform will be hosted by Hosted by [The Research Council \(TRC\)](#) of Oman

In **e-AGE 2014**, the main theme will be “**Intercontinental Connectivity of the Pan Arab Network**”. ASREN started concrete steps towards interconnecting researchers and academics across the Arab States by launching its first PoP in London Telicity and working with its partners on new PoPs in UAE, Egypt and the Maghreb region. ASREN is also supporting the development of NRENs in some Arab countries. ASREN will give special attention and more focus on users and how the e-Infrastructure can support their needs in terms of services and applications. More sessions will be dedicated to the users to present their research and education activities and then to identify how these users can be better served by NRENs.

Topics of interest

- Research collaboration in energy, environment, health, climate, water, agriculture, biology, economy, medicine and other pressing global issues and problems.
- Perspectives on NRENs, including challenges, operation, sustainability, funding, governance, business models, security and services.
- Access to research and education resources, repositories, libraries and contents, clouds, grids and HPCs.
- Connectivity options including technologies, services, cables, circuits and equipment.
- Internet developments and impact on R&E networks.
- e-Services like e-Science, e-Government, e-Libraries, e-Learning, e-*
- Virtual Research Environments, Science Gateways, Federation of Identities, eduroam, eduGAIN ...

Purpose of this Call

1. Call for Papers

To invite scientists, researchers and educators to submit papers to be presented in this conference in special sessions for research papers. Paper contributions are accepted in English. Papers should be submitted with no more than 8 to 10 pages, and no more than 8000 words. Each paper should include (1) Abstract with no more than 500 words and 7 keywords that refer to the key subjects and concepts that have been developed in the paper (2) Author(s) biography: First name, Last name, Institution, Full address, Fax, Email, and short CV.

Papers should be sent in MS-Word. After submission, all contributions will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee to evaluate the pertinence of each submitted paper and then the authors will be informed whether their contribution has been selected for presentation at the conference.

2. Call for Presentations

To invite renowned speakers and experts to give presentations and participate in panel discussions on latest developments of e-Infrastructures and applications, different aspects of R&E networks, Telecommunication technologies, Industry and Research, Internet, R&E funding and topics of interest above.

3. Call for Participation

To invite representation from academia, research, industry, telecom and networking organizations, NRENs, governments and all people interested in the developments of R&E networks and e-Infrastructures to join the conference and to share experience and exchange knowledge in relevant aspects. Interested participants can register at <http://eage2014.asrenorg.net>

4. Call for Posters

To invite students and researchers to participate in the conference by providing them with a space to show a high quality poster that summarizes their work. Posters will help students and researchers to advertise and promote their work. For those who are interested, please send a summary in MS-Word format including title of the poster, name and affiliation of author(s) and a short abstract of maximum one page.

Events and Activities

ASREN is becoming more visible and more active in the region and beyond. It has developed a new shareholder scheme with more Arab NRENs joining as well as more supporting organizations. Following on the success of e-AGE in 2011, 2012 and 2013, e-AGE 2014 will include events, workshops, meetings centered on the following themes:

- The 7th Event on Euro-Mediterranean e-Infrastructure
- The 4th annual meeting of ASREN
- AROQA 6th Annual Conference
- EUMEDCONENCT3 Meeting
- Technical Workshops on R&E networking (to be announced)

Moreover special sessions will be dedicated to specific domains, mainly focusing on experiences in connectivity and e-Infrastructure, applications and services in variety of scientific domains, and case studies with impact indicators and measures. It is also important to show how research infrastructure created benefits to communities and collaboration. It is still critical to show how research connectivity can promote collaboration and innovation. Different discussions will be stimulated during e-AGE to drive outcomes and concrete results on practical steps towards developing a regional e-Infrastructure.

Language

English. The opening ceremony will be in Arabic and English.

Venue

Grand Hyatt Hotel, Muscat, Oman

Program Committee

- Ahmed Dabbagh, Ankabut, UAE
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- Roberto Barbera, University of Catania, Italy
- Salem Al-Agtash, German Jordanian University (GJU), Jordan

Important dates

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| - 1st October | Submission Deadline (Papers, Posters and Presentations) |
| - 15th October | Acceptance Notification |
| - 27th November | Final Pdf posters, Word papers and Presentations slides |
| - 4th December | Registration Deadline |
| - 10th – 11th December | e-AGE 2014 |

Registration fees

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| - Speakers | Free |
| - Papers Authors | 50 Euro |
| - ASREN Members | 150 Euro |
| - ASREN non-members | 250 Euro |

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