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Quote of the Month

"The DCP network planning liaisons have been very active in getting the planning process started and we are on schedule with the established timeline. And, SAIC's project management and systems integration expertise enhances our capabilities to get the network in place on schedule."

--David Reese, DCP Chief Network Architect, September 2000

Leading the Way: CoolApp: Applications in your inbox!

Applications are at the very heart of CENIC: without widespread knowledge of (and access to) tomorrow's exciting new Internet tools and services, networks like CalREN-2 or DCP will never be able to reach their full potential.

In October, CENIC will unveil CoolApp, a daily briefing on some of the most exciting Internet applications being developed in California today. Written in a fast-paced, informative, and often light-hearted style, CENIC's CoolApp is designed to bring you that much closer to the next generation of "killer applications" that will dominate tomorrow's Internet.

Subscribers will receive CoolApp briefings three days a week via e-mail. To subscribe to the CENIC's Cool Application list, send e-mail to listproc@cenic.org with the following request in the message body:

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Once subscribed, you will receive additional information about unsubscribing, submitting applications, and accessing archived briefings.

Looking Ahead: December's Applications Workshop: Data Mining

CENIC and the National Laboratory for Advanced Network Research (NLANR) will be holding the second in a series of workshops on high-performance network applications at the University of California, Los Angeles on December 8, 2000.

Hosted by the UCLA Department of Design, December's workshop will be devoted to the development and the application of Data Mining technology.

Data Mining applications automatically provide a user with tailored summaries of the information contained in large databases.

This workshop will focus on three specific sets of issues surrounding automatic knowledge discovery, or "Data Mining", including:

- Physical Limitations and Considerations
- Organizational Challenges
- Application Development

Seating is very limited for this workshop. Registration is free for members of CENIC Founding Partner Associates, Affiliate Associates, and Member Universities. Attendees from non-profit organizations and academic institutions not affiliated with CENIC will be charged \$49. All others will be charged \$99. Lunch will be served.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to workshops@cenic.org by November 10.

Review: The CENIC/NLANR Open Mash Multicast Workshop

The first CENIC/NLANR Applications Workshop was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on July 19, 20, and 21, 2000. Hosted by Dr. Lawrence A. Rowe, professor in the UCB Computer Science Department and Executive Director of the Open Mash Consortium (<http://www.openmash.org>), this event brought together almost 50 individuals interested in the development and the implementation of multicast technology.

The workshop consisted of two days of presentations from some of the researchers and developers that are currently working to bring multicast services to the public Internet for both education and business applications. Among the highlights were a series of roundtable discussions during which many of the individual implementation and policy issues surrounding Multicast services were addressed and debated.

Through the generosity of Dr. Rowe and the Berkeley Multimedia Research Center (<http://www.bmrc.berkeley.edu>), the entire proceedings of the workshop were webcast over the Internet. The entire workshop can be viewed (using Mbone or Real Player applications) at: <http://www.openmash.org/events/00workshop/index.html>.

This workshop was sponsored by Pacific Bell.

DCP Update:***Regional Network Planning Meetings Underway***

The DCP Network Planning Team, led by DCP Chief Network Architect David Reese, is currently holding a series of eleven regional network planning meetings at sites throughout California. These meetings were designed to gather input from administrators and educators on each individual area's specific networking needs and to give CENIC the clearest perspective on the California's current K-12 network environment.

Another planning team, with heavy representation from actual classroom teachers, will soon be formed to coordinate planning for the applications, materials, information, and various other resources that will be available on the DCP network once it is in place.

CENIC Contracts with SAIC for Research, Support

CENIC has contracted with SAIC, the Science Applications International Corporation (<http://www.saic.com>), to provide crucial research and support during the first phase of the Digital California Project.

SAIC will be responsible for evaluating network availability and capacity in each of the 58 California counties, as well as recommending appropriate placement sites for each of the DCP's hubs and access nodes that schools will use to access information and services available via this network.

DCP Today Mailing List Unveiled

You can get the latest Digital California Project news by subscribing to **DCP Today**, CENIC's latest electronic newsletter. Designed to reach a wide audience, DCP Today will provide targeted information about this groundbreaking initiative.

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Factoid: Internet Access in California Schools

In 1999, only 14.5% of the 672,017 computers in California's public schools had access to the Internet.

Through efforts like the DCP, CENIC is working to ensure that all of California's schools will be able to benefit from the power and the promise of tomorrow's Internet.

(Source: Ed-Data Web Site, California Department of Education, <http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/>)

About CENIC

CENIC is a not-for-profit corporation formed by the California Institute of Technology, the California State University, Stanford University, the University of California, and the University of Southern California to advance the use of communications technology in teaching, learning, and research at California's institutions of higher education. For more information about CENIC, visit <http://www.cenic.org/>.

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