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5th Annual CENIC Conference Comes to San Diego

The 5th annual CENIC conference will be held at the Paradise Point Resort in San Diego May 9-11. Steve Corbato, Director of Backbone Network Infrastructure for Internet2 is the scheduled keynote speaker for Thursday, May 10th. In addition, Joe Touch, Director of the Jonathan B. Postel Center for Experimental Networking will give an update on the Center. Steve Coya, Executive Director, Internet Engineering Task Force will tell you everything you need to know and were afraid to ask about Internet Standard.

In addition, three tracks were designed to provide attendees with information directly from subject matter experts. **The Technology Track**, has sessions on applications tweaking, E2E network performance and video/multicast. **The Local Track** will feature operational issues, campus economics and wireless technology discussions. **The Status Track** provides a fascinating overview of CENIC's activities including the Digital California Project (DCP).

You can register for CENIC 2001 at <http://www.cenic.org/registration.html>.

Education Group to Control .EDU Domain

A university technology consortium will become the new gatekeeper of Internet addresses for educational institutions. The Commerce Department selection of EDUCAUSE, a non-profit consortium, may open the door for all community colleges to obtain ".edu" addresses, making their Web sites easier to find.

EDUCAUSE replaces VeriSign as the assignor of Internet addresses ending in ".edu". VeriSign, a private firm, retains the right to assign addresses ending with ".com", ".org", and ".net". As the managers of ".edu", EDUCAUSE will be responsible for handling the registration of Web sites for colleges and universities. The ".edu" domain category has been restricted to four-year colleges and universities almost since its inception. However, a quarter of community colleges got ".edu" addresses before the restriction took effect. EDUCAUSE plans to allow the rest of the community colleges to obtain ".edu" addresses.

Source: Yahoo! News (4/6/2001)

The Future of Electronic Access to Scientific Literature

The scientific journal Nature is hosting an online debate on the future of the dissemination of scientific literature. This deep and somewhat contentious issue in scientific circles may threaten the well-established and well-financed system of publishing in prestigious print journals. Typically, a scientist's reputation is based on papers published in such refereed journals, which allegedly maintain the quality of scientific results with a peer review process. Electronic publishing has led to freely available and generally unreviewed claims, the advent of which has thrown both the scientific journal industry and the peer review culture into turmoil. Many voices contribute to this multifaceted and complex debate and the Nature forum aims to "debate the implications for the future dissemination of scientific information" and bring the issue to the attention of a broader audience.

Source: <http://www.nature.com/nature/debates/e-access/>

CENIC Technical (TAC) and Business (BAC) Advisory Councils Met at ISI

A joint meeting of the TAC and the BAC was held April 19th, at USC's Information Sciences Institute. The meeting focused on two major planning issues for CENIC---ISP and Peering Services and the Optical Network Infrastructure Initiative (ONI).

Forty (40+) plus participants heard a presentation by InterNap about its ISP capabilities and CENIC's newest Partner Associate, NortelNetworks, discussed the future of optical network switches.

Based on input and discussion by the combined councils, BAC took action to form a sub- committee to develop a plan of action to pursue ISP and Peering Capabilities for the future.

TAC heard an update from the network architecture team on the progress of the ONI.

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. CENIC's Founding Partner Associates are Cisco Systems, IBM, Pacific Bell and Sun Microsystems. For more information about CENIC, visit <http://www.cenic.org>.

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