



Oct. 19 – 25, 2008

Virtual Worlds Research Group to Hold First Meeting Thursday, Oct. 23

The LSU Virtual Worlds Research Group will have its first meeting for any faculty, staff and student researchers interested in using virtual environments in their curricula and/or research this Thursday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m., in the CCT Training Room, Johnston 338.

The Virtual Worlds Research Group will hold monthly meetings to collaborate on and discuss research projects. The group will test various scenarios, including hosting classes and holding office hours using these networks, creating methods for students to display original work in a virtual environment and simultaneously hosting lectures, concerts and other events in real time and in virtual worlds. The group also is exploring how virtual worlds can be used to better understand the complex world of high performance computing, supercomputers and high-speed networks. Participants from any discipline are encouraged to join.

Stephen David Beck, LSU School of Music Professor and CCT interim director, is leading this group. The Virtual Worlds Research Group will work closely with AVATAR, a campus-wide multidisciplinary hiring initiative that establishes a faculty focus on the intersections among art, technology and computation, creating new research areas in virtual environments, digital art, electro-acoustic music, animation, video game design, scientific visualization and more. Beck is part of the group leading the AVATAR initiative.

If you are interested in information on the Virtual Worlds Research Group, please e-mail avatar@lsu.edu or register at <https://mail.cct.lsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/virtualworlds>.

CCT in the News:

Live, From LSU, It's College Courses!

University Refurbishes Classroom Dedicated to Teleconferenced Courses

BATON ROUGE --- Ever heard of a very interesting college course you would love to take, only to find out your home university does not offer it? LSU has a new classroom that provides a solution for students who cannot go to a course – the course will come to them.

<http://www.cct.lsu.edu/site.php?pageID=63&newsID=880>

Louisiana helps out with huge collider

Source: The Advocate

NEW ORLEANS — The secrets to the origin of the universe teased an audience of LSU and national researchers Wednesday at an Internet conference in New Orleans.

<http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/31089789.html>

Animation Festival Seeks Entries

Source: The Advocate

Red Stick International Animation Festival, the largest event of its kind in the U.S., is now accepting entries for its 5th annual “Best of the Fest” competition. Deadline is Dec. 1.

<http://www.2theadvocate.com/entertainment/31125169.html>

Pats on the Back:

- Congratulations to Shantenu Jha, who was invited to be the Program Chair of OGF-27. OGF-27 will be co-located with Grid 09 and the Cybera/CARANIE National Summit.
- Congratulations to Charlie McMahon, who received a supplement to the HPCOPS Project for \$499,290.

Upcoming Lectures:

- Zhijun Wu of Iowa State University will be lecturing as a part of the Computational Mathematics Seminar Series on “Bioinformatics and Biocomputing.” The event will take place Monday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. in Fred Frey Room 307.

Workshop/Conference News:

- Anyone attending SC08, must put the following on the participant wiki ASAP:
 - 1) Arrival & departure date
 - 2) Arrival & departure time (if flying)
 - 3) Cell phone number
 - 4) Type of badge -- Exhibitor or Full Conference. Those wanting Full Conference should register themselves. Those only wanting Exhibit floor access can let Karen Jones know by typing in "Exhibitor," and she will arrange for your badge.

Hotels and roommates soon will be assigned for those who are sharing rooms. If you have a roommate preference, please let Karen know now (kjones@cct.lsu.edu.)

If you did not receive a CCT shirt to wear during booth duty last year, please e-

mail your size and color (purple, yellow or khaki) to jennifer@cct.lsu.edu. More information will be forthcoming on booth duty, but CCT needs to order the shirts now.

- HPC @ LSU will have a LONI High Performance Computing Workshop to be held in Louisiana Tech University at Ruston on October 22 & 23 2008. For registration and other detail info, please visit the HPC workshop page at <http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/20081022/index.php>. Please pay attention to the prerequisites for this workshop. The attendee is required to have basic knowledge in Linux/UNIX and VI editor, please be prepared in advance.
- The 5th High-End Visualization Workshop, originally set to take place Oct. 27-31, 2008, in Lafayette, Louisiana, has been POSTPONED. The workshop will now take place during the Spring 2009 semester.

Please Note:

- **Dependent Verification Policy** – All active or retired employees who have dependents covered under the policy, must provide written proof that each dependent is an actual legal dependent. Employees who have dependents covered under any of the health plans must show proof of dependent status by submitting acceptable certified documents. To avoid being dropped from their health plan on Dec. 31, **ALL CERTIFIED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO HRM BY NOV. 30, 2008.** The designated dates and times to submit these documents are below and the Benefits Representative must see a certified copy, but will only be required to obtain a photocopy of the document, and the certified copy will be returned to the employee.

Important Dates

October		
Oct 21	Acadian Room, LSU Union	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
November		
Nov 4	Acadian Room, LSU Union	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Nov 18	Acadian Room, LSU Union	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

- **The next ALL CCT Meeting is this Wednesday, Oct. 22.** Future ALL CCT meetings for the fall semester will take place on Nov. 12 and Dec. 17. All meetings take place at 3 p.m. in Johnston 338. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. Please be aware that these dates and times may change. If you have announcements or news for the ALL CCT meetings, please send to Events Manager Karen Jones at kjones@cct.lsu.edu.
- The 2009 “Call for Nominations” letters and supporting documents for the University-wide Faculty Awards and Alumni Professorships have been posted online at www.lsu.edu/facultyawards. The deadline for submitting packets is Wednesday, October 29. If you have any questions regarding the process or would like to make arrangements to view sample packets, please contact

Stephenie Werline, Office of Academic Affairs, at 225/578-0021 or
sfrank4@lsu.edu.

- If you have any news for the CCT Weekly, please e-mail PR Manager Kristen Sunde directly at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

Note: Please see the CCT deadline Web site, as many NSF deadlines are listed here:
<http://www.cct.lsu.edu/about/grants/deadlines/events.php>

ACCELERATING DISCOVERY IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING THROUGH PETASCALE SIMULATIONS AND ANALYSIS (PetaApps)

October 24 2008 10:00 am

A Portion Of \$ 18,000,000.00 available

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08592/nsf08592.htm?govDel=USNSF_25

Cyber-Enabled Discovery and Innovation (CDI)

November 21 2008 10:00 am

At Least \$ 26,000,000.00 available

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08604/nsf08604.htm?govDel=USNSF_25