Message from the Organizers of the Workshop on Middleware Architecture in the Internet

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Middleware is a layer of software that acts as glue between applications and the Internet. Although it can be difficult to define what middleware is (see RFC2768), it is widely known that it provides access to fundamental services via a range of functions that support authentication, authorization, accounting, directories, resource management, information discovery and retrieval, and security. Middleware solutions are starting to mature with a number of frameworks emerging that should ideally make use of common reusable components and tools. It is an enabler to allow access to shared resources and services to allow various sorts of collaboration and resource sharing to take place across heterogeneous networks in a secure, flexible and effective way.

The workshop aims to share experiences of developing and managing middleware platforms to bring together the domains of application developers and middleware experts to identify areas of overlap and best practice so that the development of solutions can be simple to ensure applications can be developed quickly and easily whilst conforming to middleware and security standards.

The organizers would like to express their thanks to valuable contributors who posted their worthy results to present in the Workshop, as well as thanks for support by European people to realize two invited talks on recent works of this field in European research and education network communities. It is another great pleasure of the organizers that members of the Middleware Architecture in the Internet Workshop Technical Program Committee paid great efforts to bring this workshop possible. We hope that all the speakers and attendees of the workshop will join discussion and appreciate their collaborative experience in the meeting.

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