Message from the Organizers
of the Third 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 is somehow difficult to define what middleware is (see RFC2768), it surely provides fundamental services in various situations such as 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 to deliver specific middleware services for communities such as researchers in GRID communities, teaching and learning in higher education for example.

The workshop aims to share experiences of developing and managing middlewares from both a technical and policy aspect. It aims to bring together the domains of application developers, middleware and security experts to identify areas of overlap and best practice so that the development of solutions can be simple and ideally modular in nature 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 invited speakers to present advanced activities in this field. It is another great pleasure of the organizers that members of the MidArc2009 Technical Program Committee paid great efforts to bring this workshop possible. We have 6 papers accepted for presentation by careful reviewing among 10 papers submitted. 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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