eScience Project CoP – Survey 2 15/06/2006

(please complete and return with your final project reports (or earlier))

Imagine that your project was run far this semester without a CoP, i.e. the only organized contact in the eScience projects were meetings with your client / supervisors and the initial and final presentations. Please evaluate the CoP against this reference point in answering this survey.

1. What is your project course?

    (a) _____ COMP6701   (b) _____ COMP6702   (c) _____ COMP6703

    (d) _____ COMP6720

2. Please rate the CoP sessions below (leave blank any that you did not attend), on a scale from 0 to 5 (0 = not at all, 5 = very much) for (A) improving the quality of your work and (B) in your general understanding of project/research-related issues. Please put any comments in the spaces provided.

    (a) Elements of Good Presentations: (A) _____ (B) _____   _____

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    (b) Presentation Review; Managing Your Project: (A) _____ (B) _____

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    (c) Literature reviews, Citations and Attributions (A) _____ (B) _____

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    (d) Report Writing: Structure and Setting Out (A) _____ (B) _____   _____

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    (e) Implementation and Evaluation Issues (A) _____ (B) _____   _____

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    (f) Writing Up Reports: Finer Details (A) _____ (B) _____   _____

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    (g) Improving Presentations (A) _____ (B) _____   _____

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3. To what extent did you feel that you were able to contribute to these sessions (to the possible benefit of other students)?

4. Did you experience interactions (e.g. with fellow students) outside the CoP sessions that were beneficial to you, that were possibly influenced by the CoP? Please list any specific examples, including help with presentations and proofreading.

5. Were there interactions outside the CoP sessions where you felt that you benefited other students with their project work, which were possibly influenced by the CoP? Again, please list any specific examples.

6. Did you feel that you have benefitted from hearing about other student's projects in the CoP sessions? If so, in what ways?

7. Do you feel that you had sufficient say in the CoP's activities?

8. To what extent did the CoP make the eScience Projects a more enjoyable experience?

9. What were the best parts of the CoP this semester?

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10. How could the CoP be improved in its design and implementation?

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11. How effective overall would you rate the CoP approach *in its actual implementation this semester*, for supporting the eScience projects? Please rate on a scale from 0 to 5 (0 = not at all, 5 = very much) and give comments.

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12. How effective overall would you rate the CoP approach, as you understand it, *in principle*, for supporting technical IT projects?

Please rate on a scale from 0 to 5 (0 = not at all, 5 = very much) and give comments.

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13. Do you have any other suggestions on how your eScience project experience and education could have been improved?

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Please note that the information you give will only be used for the purposes of an EDUC8003 project, and will not influence the assessment of any eScience project. Your time and contribution is greatly appreciated.