InCommon Update
News from InCommon for the Internet2 Fall Member Meeting

The InCommon Federation supports a number of outreach and collaboration activities aimed at increasing the use of federated access to protected resources.

Certificate Service Adding Features
The InCommon Cert Service, created by and for the higher education community, provides unlimited SSL certs — with plans to soon add EV and personal signing certificates — for one fixed annual fee. All domains owned by the college or university are included (such as a professional society or athletic department). www.incommon.org/cert.

InCommon Affiliate Program
The Affiliate Program, provides InCommon participants with a way to connect with partners to help build the underlying infrastructure that supports federated access. Current affiliates are Unicon, Gluu, AegisUSA, and Microsoft. www.incommon.org/affiliate

IAM Online Continues Monthly Offerings
IAM Online is InCommon's monthly Identity and Access Management (IAM) webinar series (in cooperation with EDUCAUSE and Internet2). Sessions in 2010 have included the basics of IdM, joining InCommon, EduRoam, provisioning remote users, handling affiliate populations, and more. IAM Online will continue in 2011 on the second Tuesday of each month. Archived sessions and a complete schedule is available at www.incommon.org/iamonline.

CAMP, Advance CAMP, Day CAMP
InCommon held CAMP in June, with tracks for technical and policy issues, and special sessions for new InCommon participants. Advance CAMP: The Second Identity Services Summit focused on aligning identity approaches across open source projects. Day CAMP takes place Nov. 4-5 and focuses on those interested in joining InCommon. Dates and details for 2011 will be at www.incommon.org/camp.

Library Services Collaboration Group
The InCommon Library Services collaboration has just published several documents based on its work, including its recommendation of a Shibboleth/EZproxy hybrid for libraries looking to leverage the campus identity management system, get away from IP-address-based authorization methods, and accommodate a broad range of users (both on-site and remote).

Other documents include best practices relating for libraries and library service providers, a registry of resources, use cases, campus experiences, and a number of presentations. www.incommon.org/library.

Student Services Collaboration Group
The InCommon Student Service collaboration group has turned its attention to the issue of identity proofing of remote students. The group conducted a survey on the issue, with preliminary results presented at the EDUCAUSE 2010 annual conference and the Internet2 Fall Member Meeting. More information is available on the wiki: spaces.internet2.edu/display/InCCollaborate/InC-Student.

Research Agencies Collaboration Group
This collaboration group includes universities and federal research agencies working to federate various research-oriented applications. Federal participants include the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Energy.

US Federations Collaboration Group
This collaboration group is exploring the building of federations within and across state boundaries. The theme for fall 2010 is "identity and cloud services," exploring what several state research and education network providers are doing with cloud services and the related identity management issues. This effort is supported by Internet2, EDUCAUSE, and InCommon.

InCommon Silver
The CIC campuses (Big Ten schools and the Univ. of Chicago) have completed the first phase of an effort to adopt the Silver assurance profile, providing feedback on the requirements and exploring who will ultimately determine that a campus has met all of the requirements. A group of SURA campuses has just begun working toward Silver, as well.