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Registration Open for Day CAMP: Getting Started with the InCommon Federation

InCommon has opened registration for Day CAMP: Getting Started with the InCommon Federation, which will take place November 4-5 in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting will feature technical and management information for higher education institutions looking to access federated services through InCommon. This is immediately following - but separate from - the Internet2 Member Meeting. Details and registration are available at https://spaces.at. internet2.edu/x/kwbw.

InCommon Cert Service Goes Live
The InCommon Cert Service went live on August 20. The service provides unlimited certificates for higher education institutions at one low fee. The research and higher education community developed this service for pragmatic reasons (to reduce costs) and innovative reasons (the first real step toward signed email and second-factor authentication). Details on subscribing are at www.incommon.org/cert. There are now 10 participating campuses and systems (including the University of Texas system, which has 15 universities and health centers plus the system office):

University of Alaska
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
University of California Berkeley
Indiana University
Iowa State University
University of Minnesota
Penn State University
University of Texas System
University of Virginia

InCommon Online Forum - Cert Service - Sept. 14
The latest InCommon Online Forum will provide an overview of the InCommon Cert Service, including information on how to subscribe and policy issues. The webinar will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. EDT. John Krienke (chief operating officer of InCommon) will provide the overview, then Dedra Chamberlin and Karl Grose, both of the University of California Berkeley, will address questions and issues related to implementation. UC Berkeley piloted the service and has the first implementation up and running. See the details, including information on how to join the online forum, at http://www.incommon. org/forum/.

IAM Online, "Working with Sponsored Partners," Sept. 16
The next IAM Online (Thursday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. EDT) will focus on working with InCommon service providers. Speakers John Harwood (Penn State) and Paul Caskey (University of Texas System) will look at the federated services available and provide tips on strategies for extending your federated reach and bringing new vendors into the federation. Complete information, including how to join the IAM Online, is at www.incommon.org/iamonline.

"Identity and the Cloud" Half-Day Session at EDUCAUSE
A half-day preconference session at EDUCAUSE - "Identity and the Cloud: Preparing Your Campus" - will focus on understanding InCommon and federated identity management and understanding the value proposition for joining InCommon. The session will be held Tuesday, October 12. Presenters include John O'Keefe (Lafayette College), Justin Sipher (Skidmore College) and Ann West (Internet2/InCommon). For more information, see the EDUCAUSE website (http://bit.ly/cdwbXz)

Gluu Joins InCommon Affiliate Program
Gluu, a federation service provider, has joined the InCommon Affiliate Program. This program connects higher education institutions and their federating partners with commercial or non-profit organizations that provide software, content, guidance, support, and implementation and integration services related to participating in the federation (www.incommon.org/affiliate).

ABOUT GLUU: Gluu (www.gluu.org) makes it easier for organizations to implement federated identity. Gluu's Federated Identity Appliance, based on Shibboleth and identity virtualization, is an on-premise solution monitored 24×7 and supported by Gluu. Once deployed, federating with new service providers (relying parties) can be accomplished using Gluu's web-based dashboard. The Federated Identity Appliance, by mapping identity data from existing data stores, can be deployed quickly, and addresses all the installation and operational issues of an organizational federated identity service at a predictable annual cost. The Federated Identity Appliance can be deployed as on-premise hardware or a cloud VM instance.

InCommon Welcomes Scavo as Operations Manager

Tom Scavo has joined InCommon as operations manager, responsible for managing day-to-day technical operations of the federation and trust services. He moves to InCommon from the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, where he was manager of the Virtual School of Computational Science and Engineering. He has also been a member of the OASIS Security Services (SAML) technical committee

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New Participants in August

InCommon added five participants in August and now has 246 participants (up from 199 at the beginning of 2010). There are the participants that joined in August.

Higher Education

- University of Central Florida (www.ucf.edu)
- East Carolina University (www.ecu.edu)
- University of Hawaii (www.hawaii.edu)

Sponsored Partners

- Alexander Street Press (www.alexanderstreet.com)
- IEEE (www.ieee.org)

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