Research and Education Networking: Introduction, architecture and operations Part1

#### WACREN Webinar: Research and Education Networks: Architecture, Routing and Peering

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### **Research and Education Networks**

- Some Terminology
  - Research and Education = R&E
  - Research and Education Networks = REN
  - National REN = NREN
- Globally, the REN connectivity is very complex and very difficult to understand

## **REN Characteristics**

- High bandwidth networks
  - 10G backbones with 40G and 100G coming
  - Research typically needs uncongested networks
    - Which means many RENs are lightly used with lots of unused capacity (we call it headroom)
- Low latency
  - Terrestrial fiber
- Open Networks with no filtering
  - Firewalls can make it hard for ad-hoc activities

# Why a REN?

- Enable research or services that could not be accomplished otherwise
- Cost Savings (buyers club)
  - Aggregate demand from multiple parties
- Vision of building alliances
- Successful RENs find that there are unanticipated benefits

# Why Are We Doing This?

- Our goal is to build networking capacity to support Research and Education
  - Remember: University = Research & Education
- Buying all service from your local ISP is a losing game – you will spend more money and not have control of the network
- The pattern around the world is to build regional, national, and larger Research and Education Networks (RENs)

## **REN Ecosystem**

- A layered model
  - Global Connectivity
  - Regional RENs
  - National Research and Education Networks
  - All users are connected at the campus network level

## **REN** Topics

- A look at the Global and Regional REN environment
- NREN IP Transport Models and implications for campus networks
- Importance of Campus Networks to the REN ecosystem





# **Global REN Connections**

- Connect Regional or National networks together
- Tend to be longer, more expensive circuits
- Not always well coordinated
- Routing policies often inconsistent

#### AT THE HEART OF GLOBAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORKING





Canada & USA		Latin America	Europe	North Africa & Eastern Mediterranean	West & Central Africa	Eastern & Southern Africa	Central Asia	Asia-Pacific	Other R&E Networks
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The EU co-funded Asi@Connect project provides a dedicated regional high capacity and high quality internet network, Trans Eurasia Information Network[TEIN], for Research and Education (R&E) communities across Asia-Pacific and Europe, and leverages e-infrastructures developed for public service projects.



Possibilities with Asi@Connect



of networks reachable via the Internet 2 Network is found on the back of this page.

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# **Regional REN Connections**

- Regional RENs connect REN of individual countries
  within a geographic region
- Many regional networks have funding from European Union
  - GEANT, ASREN, TEIN5/Asi@Connect, ALICE/ ALICE2 (RedCLARA), Ubuntunet, WACREN, and ASREN

### **Typical REN**





#### Current RedCLARA's Network Topology

