Introduction

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The UNICORE Grid technology provides a seamless, secure, and intuitive access to distributed Grid resources. UNICORE is a full-grown and well-tested Grid middleware system, which today is used in daily production worldwide. Beyond this production usage, the UNICORE technology serves as a solid basis in many European and International projects. In order to foster these ongoing developments, UNICORE is available as open source under BSD licence at `http://www.unicore.eu`.

The UNICORE Summit is a unique opportunity for Grid users, developers, administrators, researchers, and service providers to meet. The first UNICORE Summit was held in conjunction with "Grids@work - 2nd Grid Plugtests," October 11–12, 2005 in Sophia Antipolis, France. In 2006 the style of the UNICORE Summit was changed by establishing a Program Committee and publishing a Call for Papers. The UNICORE Summit 2006 was held in conjunction with the Euro-Par 2006 conference in Dresden, Germany, August 30–31, 2006. Although it was a workshop at the Euro-Par 2006 conference, all papers were conference-reviewed by at least four members of the Program Committee. The acceptance rate was 38%.

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The next UNICORE Summit will again take place in conjunction with the Euro-Par conference, this time in Rennes, France, on August 28, 2007. More information can be found at `http://summit.unicore.org/2007/`. We are looking forward to the next UNICORE Summit!