



**GREEK  
INTEROPERABILITY  
CENTRE**

Delivering Excellence in eBusiness and eGovernment

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The main goal of the Greek Interoperability Centre is to establish a new research centre targeting eGovernment and eBusiness Interoperability Research.

Stemming from the Decision support Systems Lab of the National Technical University of Athens, the leading technological research institute in Greece, the centre promotes interoperability in administrations and enterprises.

The Greek Interoperability Center aims at becoming a premium research centre in the field of Interoperability, forming a strong regional pole of research and technology in Europe.

[www.iocenter.eu](http://www.iocenter.eu)

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**GIC case selected among European eGovernment Awards 2009 Finalists**



The case “Interoperability Standards and Infrastructures for Service Transformation”, developed by the Greek Interoperability centre in collaboration with the Greek Ministry of Interior, was selected among the finalists for the 2009 European eGovernment Awards, in the category 3 “eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness”. The European eGovernment Awards is being organized by the European Commission and is one of the most prestigious eGovernment excellence contests worldwide. The call received a total of 259 submissions from European Member states in June 2009 and finalists were announced in September 2009.

More information at <http://www.epractice.eu/awards>

**GIC in AMCIS 2009 Conference, San Francisco, US**

Members of the Greek Interoperability Centre joined AMCIS 2009 (15th Americas Conference on Information Systems) in San Francisco, California, August 6 - 9, 2009, presenting 3 research papers in the core programme of the Conference, within the eGovernment Track (chair: Prof. M.Janssen). In a session devoted to Government Interoperability and Infrastructures, chaired by Y. Charalabidis, R. Goncalves, R.Klishewski and E.Hovy, latest eGovernment Interoperability developments were presented, by researchers and practitioners from Europe, US and Asia.

More information at <http://www.amcis2009.org/>

**GIC visits ORACLE Headquarters, in Silicon Valley, US**



Members of the Greek Interoperability Centre visited ORACLE Corporation Headquarters in San Francisco, California, during August 2009. ORACLE – GIC workshops covered Enterprise 2.0, ORACLE Application Framework, Enterprise Modelling Suites and Business Applications, building on the existing collaboration between the two organisations.

*(left) Fenareti Lampathaki, Yannis Charalabidis (GIC Manager) and Christina (Gibb) Kolotouros, ORACLE Product Manager*

**GIC visits MICROSOFT Research Centers in Redmond, US**

Members of the Greek Interoperability Centre visited Microsoft Research Centers in Redmond, Seattle, during August 2009. Following a running collaboration between Microsoft Hellas and GIC, the teams exchanged research ideas and outlook for future interoperability standards and services worldwide, in the area of electronic Government and electronic business.

*(right) Yannis Charalabidis, Euripidis Loukis, George Kanelopoulos (MICROSOFT Specialist), Fenareti Lampathaki, Spyros Passas and George Gionis, in Microsoft Redmond*



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## Semantic Week 2009, Amstelveen, The Netherlands



Yannis Charalabidis for the Greek Interoperability Centre served as the Keynote Speaker in the "Semantic Week 2009", held in Amstelveen, The Netherlands, on June 22-26, 2009. His speech "A Collaborative View on Semantics" stressed the importance of collaborative methods

and tools in the creation and formulation of semantics, especially in the age of social media and massive collaboration web sites. The Semantic Week was organised by STASIS and supported by a range of EU projects and initiatives including SOA4All, BREIN, COIN, NESSI, SEMIC.EU, the European Commission and the IBIS Journal.

In the photo Yannis Charalabidis presenting the activities of GIC

More information at [www.semanticweek.eu](http://www.semanticweek.eu)

## Greek Interoperability Days in July 2009

The Greek IC organized the second Interoperability days event in July 2009, where prominent researchers and practitioners had the opportunity to address a selected audience of GIC researchers and members of GIC community in Greece. Prof. M. Janssen (TU Delft), Dr. M. Missikof (IASI-CNR, IT), Prof. R. Goncalves (UNINOVA, PT) and D. Osimo (Tech4i2) delivered several days of academic presentations, case descriptions and organized workshops targeting highly innovative approaches for semantic interoperability, Web 2.0, Future Internet infrastructures and B2B interoperability.



David Osimo (Tech4i2) in a Web 2.0 Workshop in GIC premises, Athens

## Participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> International EGOV Conference 2009

Greek Interoperability Centre organized a Workshop on "Demonstrating eParticipation Projects: Platforms and Pilots Evaluation" and participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> International EGOV Conference 2009 and the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on eParticipation (ePart) 2009 (within the DEXA Conference Cluster). In the EGOV Conference 2009, the Greek Interoperability Centre presented the paper entitled:

"Metadata Sets for e-Government Resources: The Extended e-Government Metadata Schema (eGMS+)", by Yannis Charalabidis, Fenareti Lampathaki and Dimitris Askounis, in Lecture Notes on Computer Science Volume 5693, pp. 341-352.

In the ePart Conference 2009, the Greek Interoperability Centre presented the papers entitled:

"User-Driven Technology Evaluation of e-Participation Systems" by Sotiris Koussouris, Loukas Kipenis, George Gionis, Fenareti Lampathaki, Yannis Charalabidis and Dimitris Askounis, in Trauner Druck: Linz, Schriftenreihe Informatik 31.

"Enhancing Deliberation For The Formulation And Application Of Public Policy On The Environment And Energy Using Federated Content, Ontologies And Maps" by Euripidis Loukis, Rob Peters, Yannis Charalabidis, Spyros Passas and Catherine Howe, in Trauner Druck: Linz, Schriftenreihe Informatik 31.

Constant communication for evolving projects and co-operation in future calls emerged as the outcome of the Workshop on "Demonstrating eParticipation Projects: Platforms and Pilots Evaluation".

## The Greek Interoperability Centre also contributes to:

- 13th Panhellenic Conference on Informatics (PCI 2009), Corfu, Greece, September 10 - 12, 2009
- 2009 Conference on Electronic Democracy (eDEM 2009), Vienna, Austria, September 7-8, 2009
- 2nd World Summit on the Knowledge Society (WSKS 2009), Crete, Greece, September 16-18, 2009
- 18th International Conference on Information Systems Development (ISD 2009), Nanchang, China, September 16-19, 2009
- 4th Mediterranean Conference on Information Systems, "Information Society Research, Education, Policy and Practice in the Mediterranean Region", (MCIS 2009), Athens, Greece, September 25-27, 2009
- eChallenges e-2009 Conference (e2009), Istanbul, Turkey, October 21-23, 2009
- 43rd Annual Hawaiian International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS-43), Kauai, Hawaii, January 5-8, 2010
- 2nd International Conference on eGovernment and eGovernance (ICEGEG 2010), Antalya, Turkey, March 19 - 21, 2010

## Participation in the SSAIE Summer School in Hersonissos



In June 2009, members of the Greek Interoperability Centre research team participated in the Service and Software Architectures, Infrastructures and Engineering (SSAIE) Summer School that was held in Hersonissos, Greece. The SSAIE Summer School brings together

the best international experts on software and services and graduate students, young researchers and professionals from leading academic, research and industrial organizations across Europe and around the world and is organized by the Training and Summer School Collaboration Working Group that promotes and brings together projects of the IST SSAIE unit. In addition to high quality training, the Summer School helps forge a new research and scientific community on Service Science Management and Engineering (SSME). Topics of this year's Summer School included among others:

- Service Architectures
- Services and Business Processes
- Service, Semantic and Software Engineering and
- Service Oriented Infrastructure

More information on the SSAIE Summer School may be found at: <http://www.ssm2009.tsl.gr/>

## Join the Secondments Programme

GIC organizes and supports the implementation of selected **two-way secondments** with GIC partner organisations.

The purpose of the secondments is the **exchange of researchers** for a limited period of time (indicatively 2 to 3 months) among GIC and international centres/companies active in the interoperability, e-government and ebusiness domain.

The researchers participating in the programme will be involved in the research and scientific activities of GIC and of the respective organization accordingly. GIC provides funding for the implementation of the two way secondments.

**For more information on joining the Secondments Programme: [imakar@epu.ntua.gr](mailto:imakar@epu.ntua.gr)**