Overview and history of GridForum.nl
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History

- GGF participation 2001, GFSG feb 2002
- ISOC NL board since may 2002
- Regional forum discussion in GFSG sep 2002
- Starts rolling, others join initiative group
- Web site online dec 2002
- Service Grids Platform join feb 2003
- Organization of this event held up (BSIK)
- Charter, program, etc. june-sept 2003
- Oct 13th 2003

History-2

- GridForum launch event 11 dec 2003 Amsterdam
- initiative group chartered to be board
- First year (2004) to set up everything
- several masterclasses
- a commission to get advice on new board
- industry/government/research community
- New board nominated and installed feb 4 2005

Gridforum.nl founders

11 December 2003 - 4 February 2005

- **Kors Bos**   **NIKHEF**
- **Bert Dekkers**   **IBM**
- **Ad Emmen**   **Genias**
- **David Groep**   **NIKHEF**
- **Paul Kollner**   **HP**
- **Cees de Laat**   **UvA**
- **Michiel Leenaars**   **ISOC.nl and NWO/NCF**
- **Arjen van Rijn**   **NIKHEF**

Why GGF?

- An Open Process for Development of Agreements and Specifications
  - Grid "Recommendations" process
    - modeled after Internet Standards Process (IETF, RFC 2026)
  - Persistent, Reviewed Document Series
    - similar to RFC series; initiated October 2001
  - Intellectual Property policies (RAND) modeled after IETF policies
- A Forum for Information Exchange and Collaboration
  - Comparing notes on experiences, approaches
  - Spanning vertical layers, including people who are
    - Doing Grid Research
    - Designing and Building Grid software
    - Deploying Grids
    - Using Grids
  - Spanning technology areas- from directory services to scheduling to data handling to security to collaboration environments to…

GGF

Internet Analogy

- **ISOC**
  - **INET conferences**
  - **Society based**
  - **Chapters**
- **IETF + IAB + IESG**
  - **Standards**

- **OGF ≈ ISOC + IETF**
- **Gridforum.nl**
  - **Equivalent to a regional ISOC chapter**
  - **Gridforum.nl does not do standards!**

Gridforum.nl

Gridforum.nl is a society for people interested in grid applications and grid technology in the Netherlands, from e-science to grid services - and beyond.

The mission of Gridforum.nl:

– "To stimulate the use and applications of grid technology in the Netherlands and the participation in the evolution and development of the grid in an international context."

Charter

Gridforum.nl will work towards its mission by:

1. **representing the grid community** in the Netherlands in the broadest sense
2. developing and maintaining formal and informal **relations** with both the national and international grid- and internet communities
3. offering **information, expertise, tutorials** and other facilities with regards to grid technology and grid applications
4. lowering the **threshold** of grid infrastructure to individuals, groups and organisations in the Netherlands
5. offering a **platform for discussion** and dissemination of insights of grid users in the Netherlands
6. to **cooperate with other organisations** active in the field of grids in and outside of the Netherlands for coordination, joint activities and knowledge dissemination.
7. **initiating services** in order to reach an optimal use of grids by individuals, groups and organisations for innovation, communication and cooperation
8. guarding the **public and interoperable character of grids** in the Netherlands
9. **supporting** the development of effective **grid standards** by the GGF and related organisations
10. **stimulating the use** and development of grid technology and grid applications in general.
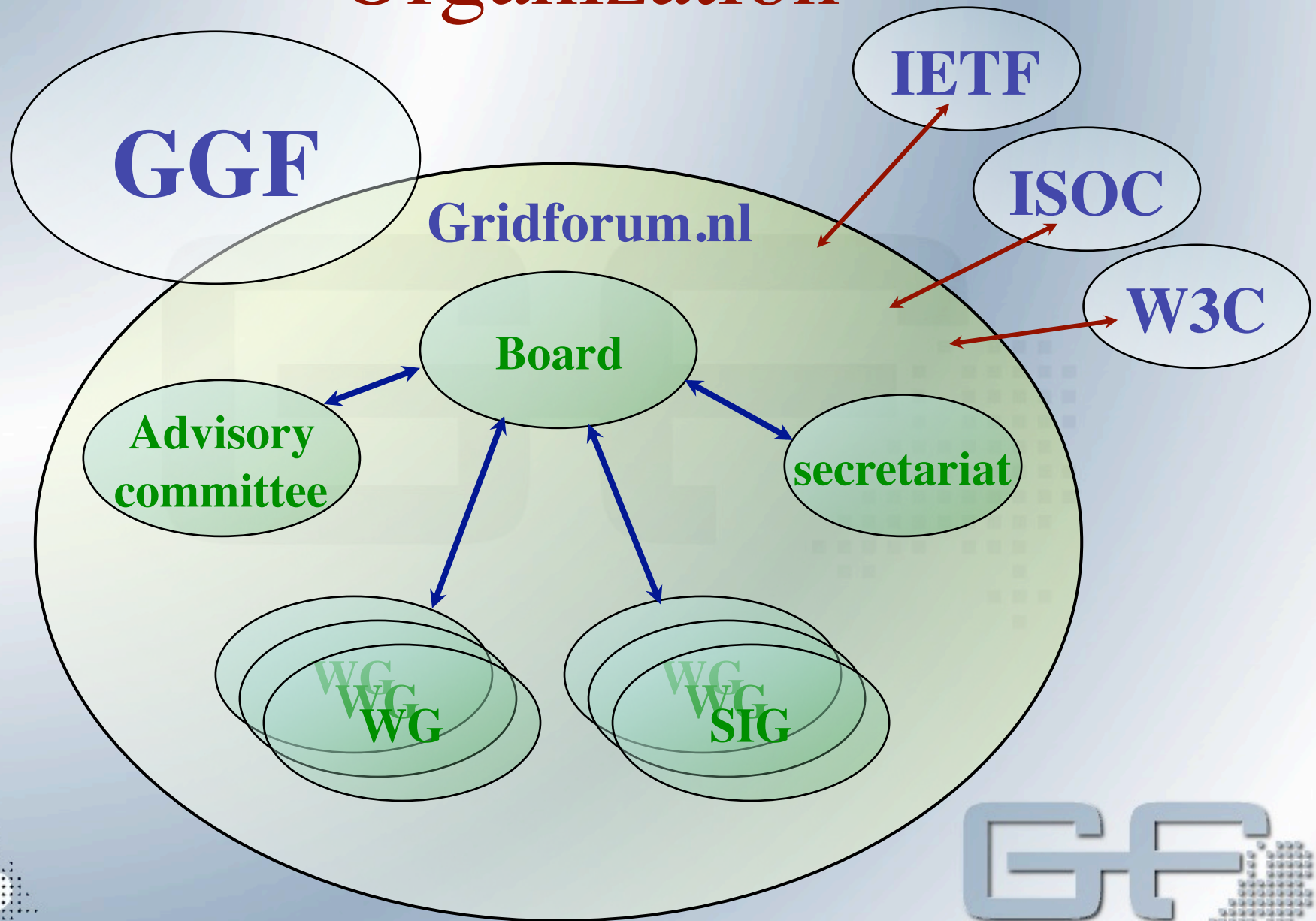
Activities

- **Information exchange**
  - **One big plenary meeting / year**
  - **Masterclasses / workshops**
  - **Special Interest Groups**
    - E.g. Business applications, BigGrid, Scientific grids
  - **Expert groups**
  - **Tutorials**
  - **Website**
  - **Newsletter**
- **Agenda setting concerning Grids**
- **Link to International communities**

Organization

Questions?