



MELBOURNE DB2 USERS GROUP INC.

Dear Member,

On Wednesday December 10th MDUG are holding a meeting at which we are pleased to include a presentation by Naomi Rafael (BioGrid Australia) entitled **“BioGrid and Heterogeneous Data Integration”**.

This will be our final meeting for 2008, so we are planning on having some drinks and nibbles afterwards. Hopefully you will be able to stay around and join us.

Details:

Date: Wednesday December 10th 2008.
Time: 4:15pm – 4:30pm Registration
4:30pm onwards Meeting and then drinks!
Venue: Podium seminar room at IBM centre in Southgate, City Road, Southbank, Melbourne.

RSVP:

Date: Monday December 8th 2008.
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Yours sincerely,

David Chapman,
Melbourne DB2 Users Group Committee.
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MDUG – Meeting Wednesday 10th December 2008.

Presentation Topic: “BioGrid and Heterogeneous Data Integration”.

Presenters: Naomi Rafael (BioGrid Australia)

Presentation Abstract:

Metadata management is the key to effective integration, presentation and use of heterogeneous data. BioGrid Australia located in Melbourne, Australia uses IBM WebSphere Federation Server as the hub for a medical research platform linking varying data models in geographically diverse locations into one virtual research repository.

Security and privacy are rigorously maintained. There is a mechanism to link records of individual people from different databases and then provide data to authorised users in de-identified form.

BioGrid has also taken up the Websphere Business Glossary to categorise and present the data models and their terms to prospective and experienced researchers.

This presentation will describe the philosophy behind the MMIM project with an emphasis on the DB2 components of the technical architecture.

Presenter Biography:

Naomi Rafael is the Technology and Systems Manager of BioGrid Australia. She has a Bachelor of Science, Graduate Diploma in Computing and is currently studying Masters of Engineering in Distributed Computing at the University of Melbourne. She began her IT career in 1988 working for various government and commercial organisations. She joined BioGrid Australia in October, 2004.

Her role encompasses the management of system architecture, database, data integration, software engineering, metadata management, data analysis, hardware specification and other technological areas utilised by BioGrid.