

Change of management for GARR.

The new director will be Federico Ruggieri

Starting from January 1st 2015, Federico Ruggieri will be the new director of the Italian National Research and Education Network. He replaces Enzo Valente, who leaves after 13 years.

Rome, 26/11/2014 – today the GARR BoD has unanimously appointed Federico Ruggieri as the new director of the organization. The handover between the new director, who will step in on January 1st 2015, and Enzo Valente, outgoing director and “founding father” of GARR, will be gradual in order to facilitate the transition to this new phase.

“From a few megabits to 100 Gbps, this is how I saw the birth and growth of the GARR network” commented Enzo Valente, who leaves the management position after 13 years. “I will continue to collaborate with GARR to ensure that it will remain also in the future the essential service that it is nowadays for the scientific and academic community – a community that I warmly thank for the passion with which it has been supporting us throughout these years. My most sincere congratulations and best wishes go to Federico, with whom I have been collaborating for many years, and whose deep experience at the national and international level I am sure will be of great importance in tackling the challenges that GARR will have to confront in the next few years, which will be many and complex”.

Continuity is the key word in the new director’s first comments: “I am happy and honoured to have been chosen to manage one of the Italian leading organizations. All my effort will be devoted to making sure that GARR continues, with its network and advanced services, to be at the forefront of technological innovation at the national and international level. Ultra-broadband networks and e-Infrastructures have become increasingly important in the scientific, cultural and educational field and nowadays access to leading-edge ICT tools in line with those available in most advanced Countries, is a key factor to ensure Italy’s competitiveness in the field of Research and Innovation. Thus, GARR is called to fulfil a delicate and crucial mission for our Country”.

Federico Ruggieri, bio

Director of research at the National Institute for Nuclear and Particle Physics (INFN) and coordinator of the GARR Distributed Computing & Storage Department since its foundation in 2013, Federico Ruggieri has been director of CNAF, one of the major scientific computing centres in Italy, and President of INFN’s National Computing and Network Committee. Professor of data acquisition at University of Roma Tre, he boasts more than 400 scientific and technological publications. His collaboration with GARR dates back to the nineties, when he was a member of the first GARR Scientific and Technical Committee.

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