



# CISTRANA Project Workshop: Portals for information dissemination and taxonomies for classification

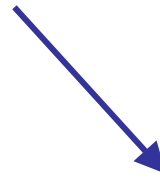
## Welcome, aims and methods of the workshop

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Welcome!

You are at the Cosener's House in Abingdon.

CCLRC's [Rutherford Appleton Laboratory](#) is about 12 km south of here.



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## Some practical matters

- Timings for today
  - Lunch 12:30 (in this room)
  - Tea/coffee 15:45
  - End of day 17:30
  - Drinks in the bar (in the main house) 18:30 onwards
  - Dinner 19:30
- Timings for tomorrow
  - Start 09:30
  - Coffee 10:45
  - Lunch 12:30
  - Tea/coffee 15:45
  - End of second day 16:00

# What is CISTRANA?

CISTRANA: a Coordination Action under EC's IST programme

## Basic aim:

Coordination of national ICT programmes with each other and with European RTD programmes



## Motivation:

To improve the impact of all RTD efforts in Europe and to reinforce European ICT competitiveness

## Objectives:

Develop map of national research landscape

Pinpoint areas where cooperation is essential

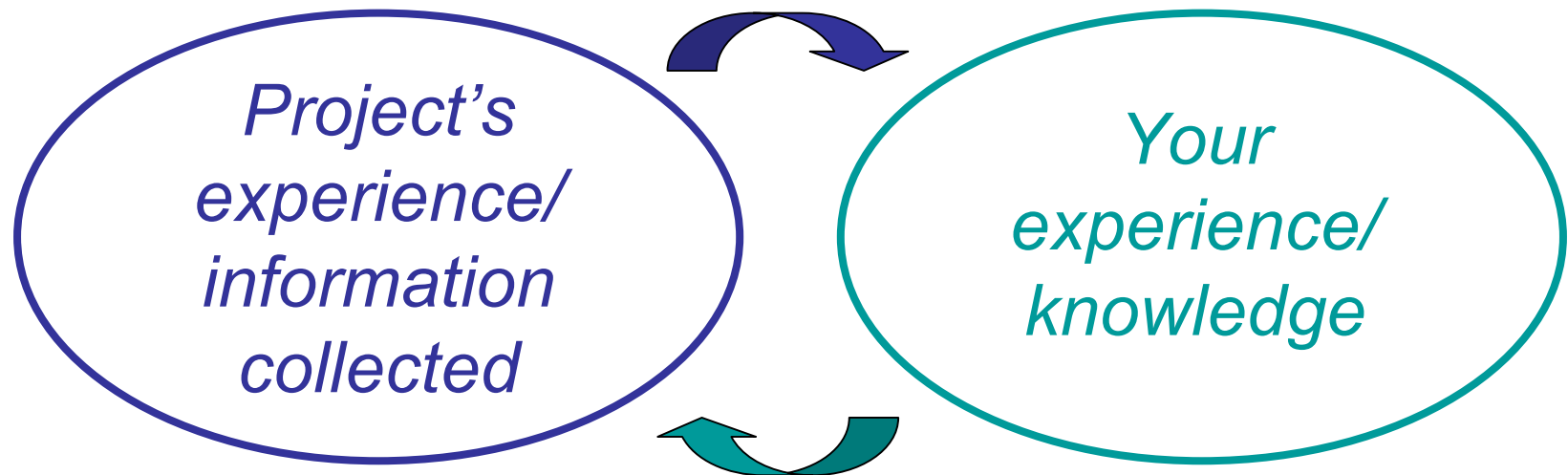
Establish sustainable mechanisms

## Why the workshops?

- The workshops are part of the effort on analysis and exchange of information and best practices.
- Five workshops are taking place:
  1. National policy priorities and RTD programmes in the field of ICT (8 November 2005, Brussels)
  2. Programme Impact Assessment in National IST Initiatives (13-14 December 2005, Paris)
  3. Best practice in multi-national programme collaboration (18 January 2006, Cologne)
  4. Portals for information dissemination and taxonomies for classification (20-21 February 2006, Abingdon)
  5. Design of national IST programmes in the context of ERA coordination (9-10 March 2006, Budapest)

## Why the workshops?

- “Information collected will be analysed and the results will be fed back through workshops to spread best practice and stimulate discussions.”



## Why this workshop?

- The CISTRANA portal is an important output of the project
- Contributes to mapping the landscape of IST RTD in Europe
- Wide range of potential users
- Relates to other European and national portal activities

# Portals and taxonomies

- So what is a portal (for our purposes)?
  - Single entry point
  - Access to “somewhere else”
  - Comprehensive
  - Suitably organised
- Often based on a taxonomy or other classification scheme
  - Improves relevance and recall
  - Allows comparability



## Intended outputs

- Exchange of information and increasing understanding of the needs, realities and future prospects of portals
  - Experience, knowledge, good practice
- And a report
  - Synthesizing the above
  - Visions, goals and strategies for future development of portals and taxonomies in European IST research
  - Influential at European level for those developing portals and using/maintaining taxonomies

- A series of talks by invited speakers
- Each followed by facilitated discussions
  - Facilitators are Keith Jeffery, Michael Wilson, myself
- Video recording for reference purposes
- Report will be written by CISTRANA project team

# Today's schedule

Monday 20th February 2006	
9:30–10:00	Arrival (for those not staying the night before)
10:00–10:30	Welcome, aims and methods of workshop, <i>Simon Lambert, CCLRC</i>
<i>Facilitator for morning session: Keith Jeffery, CCLRC</i>	
10:30–11:30	The CISTRANA IST Research Portal, <i>Simon Lambert, CCLRC</i>
11:30–12:30	The IST World portal, <i>Brigitte Joerg, DFKI</i>
12:30–14:00	Lunch (provided)
<i>Facilitator for afternoon session: Michael Wilson, CCLRC</i>	
14:00–15:00	Portals as Current Research Information Systems, <i>Geert Van Grootel, Ministry of Flanders</i>
15:00–16:00	The Hungarian national research information system, <i>Adam Tichy-Racs, Budapest University of Technology &amp; Economics</i>
16:00–17:00	The future of portals: semantic portals, <i>Alistair Miles, CCLRC</i>
17:00–17:30	Wrap-up discussion
17:30	Close of day
18:30	Drinks followed by dinner (provided) Keith Jeffery (Director of IT at CCLRC and President of ERCIM) will speak during the dinner