

UK e-Science All Hands Meeting 8-11 September 2008 at
The University of Edinburgh

Network Information for Delegates

Use of the network

Wireless networking is available to delegates in all conference venues, but there is no provision for wired connectivity.

Wireless connections

Wireless networking is available in all conference venues. The access points used support both 802.11b (11Mbps) and 802.11g (54Mbps) standards.

Systems should be configured to obtain their IP configurations automatically via DHCP. All IP addresses will be dynamically allocated from the 172.20.0.0 private address range. Wireless clients will be able to make outgoing connections to the Internet via the University's NAT service, but incoming connections are not possible.

On registration, delegates will be issued with a username and password for the wireless service. To use the service, associate with the SSID 'central', and authenticate against the wireless gateway by starting a web browser: your first web request will be redirected to a login form on the gateway.

Note that traffic over the wireless service is not encrypted: use the service at your own risk.

Delegates from institutions which participate in the JANET Eduroam service may alternatively use that service to access wireless connectivity. Delegates intending to use the Eduroam service should consult their home institution's documentation before arrival. The relevant SSID at Edinburgh is 'eduroam'.

Internet connectivity

When using a wireless connection, you may use the University mail server mailrelay.ed.ac.uk to send outgoing email.

If you have difficulty browsing the web, check that your web browser is set up to connect directly to the Internet, and *not* to use a proxy server.

Security

To minimise the risks of viruses etc., all systems brought to the conference should be fully patched and have up-to-date anti-virus protection. It is also recommended that systems are set up with software firewalls configured to deny all incoming connections except any required for the conference.

Contacts

If you have problems with network connectivity during the conference, please contact the reception desk who will find a University network support person to assist.