**Inaugural OpenFabrics Alliance “Zurich Workshop” for EMEIA Community**

**September 24-25, IBM Zurich Research Laboratory, Rüschlikon near Zurich, CH.**

The Open Fabrics Alliance (OFA) and IBM Research announce the inaugural “Zurich Workshop” and invite all OpenFabrics Software (OFS/OFED) developers, vendors and users in Europe, Middle East, India and Africa (EMEIA) to attend. The workshop is a unique opportunity to share RDMA fabric, application, software and administration expertise. It will also provide a platform to learn about the latest OFS releases and features, consolidate your knowledge and skills in high performance, highly- efficient, low-latency open source applications, computing, networking, storage and data management for use in HPC, Public and Private Cloud, Big Data and Enterprise Data Centers.

**A Tipping Point in IT – The RDMA Reformation**

A revolution in computing, fabric and storage technologies is taking place in IT world-wide. Driven by the need for high-speed low-latency applications, ubiquitous access efficient data center operations and cost reductions, RDMA technology is changing the way the IT industry is building its infrastructure. To help OFS users move this reformation forward, the “Zurich Workshop” is a forum for community problem resolution, sharing of application development techniques and the open exchange of operational experience. The workshop is for experienced managers and users, new users and those contemplating becoming a manager or user of RDMA infrastructures.

A planned outcome of the event is the formation of the EMEIA OFA users mail list which will be collaborating and leveraging the newly formed users list - [users@lists.openfabrics.org](mailto:users@lists.openfabrics.org). Access to this list is at <http://lists.openfabrics.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/users>

**Register for the Zurich Workshop and join the OpenFabrics Community – http://www.acteva.com//booking.cfm?bevaid=232615**

Click here to see the preliminary program–([www.openfabrics.org/zurich12wsprogram.\_](http://www.openfabrics.org/zurich12wsprogram._)

If you are interested in volunteering to lead any of the sessions that focus on topics such as the creation and distribution of OFS, installing and using it, debug tools and tricks, IB and Ethernet fabrics, subnet management traffic engineering, etc. please contact [bill.boas@openfabrics.org](mailto:bill.boas@openfabrics.org). The leader of each session will moderate and seek real-world examples from the attendees’ collective experience. There will also be remote access to clusters at UNH-IOL to dig deeper into specifics. The program learns from the experience of the recent [User Day at Argonne National](https://www.openfabrics.org/component/content/article/120-8172012-ofa-user-community-forms-from-the-user-day-last-week.html) Laboratory on August 6-7..

**Travel and Lodging.**

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