**First “Zurich Workshop” of the OpenFabrics Alliance**

**September 24-25, 2012, 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 the 2012 opportunity to share RDMA fabric, application, software and administration expertise, learn about the latest OFS releases and features, and 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, this workshop is a forum for community problem resolution, the 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 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**

See the preliminary program at - [www.openfabrics.org/zurich12wsprogram](http://www.openfabrics.org/zurich12wsprogram). Volunteer to lead any of 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. email [bill.boas@openfabrics.org](mailto:bill.boas@openfabrics.org) to volunteer please! The leader of each session will moderate and seek real-world examples from the attendee’s collective experience. Also there will be remote access to clusters at UNH-IOL to dig deeper into specifics. The program learns from the experience of the US User Day at Argonne National Laboratory on August 6 and 7, 2012, see [www.openfabrics.org](http://www.openfabrics.org).

**Travel and Lodging.**

See <www.zurich.ibm.com/visitors/> for several travel options and maps. From/To Zurich Airport see <online.fahrplan.zvv.ch> for either Ruchlikon or Thalwil stations on the line towards Lucerne. See [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com) for nearby Ruschlikon or Thalwil accommodation. Or use fast ZVV service from Zurich or Lucerne hotels. The evening of 24th we will have a Lake Zurich cruise and dinner aboard, details in the preliminary program for the workshop at www.openfabrics.org