PRACEdays15
Welcome

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Céad míle fáilte

A dhaonie uaisle
A Cairde

Cuireann Coláiste Ollscoile na Gáillimhe agus ICHEC fáilte mhóir roimh PRACE

Céad míle fáilte romhat go Baile Átha Cliath
Welcome

Ladies and gentlemen,
Friends,

The University of Galway and ICHEC welcome PRACE

A hundred thousand welcomes to Dublin
PRACEdays15

• The second largest gathering of HPC Experts in the EU?
  – 255 delegates from 26 countries

• Satellite events
  – PRACE Scientific Steering Committee, Industry Advisory Committee and User Forum
  – Enabling Exascale in Europe
  – Women in HPC network
  – European Exascale Software Initiative 2 (EESI2) final conference
The AVIVA Stadium
Q1 – Which nation won the 2014 and 2015 men’s 6 nations tournament

AND

The 2015 women’s 6 nations tournament?

IRELAND
Rugby trivia

Q2 – Which nation beat both England and France in last year’s tournament?

IRELAND

beats France 18 - 11

beats England 19 - 9
Closing thoughts

1. Call for sustained global advocacy effort and solidarity

Computer modelling still struggling to be accepted as a mandatory and cost effective methodology in some countries

2. A lot done, a lot more to do

Uneven state of preparedness across the EU reflects past investments and historic factors

Significant impact of PRACE (and DECI) to rectify the above

A lot more needs to be done together
Closing thoughts

3. Excellence doesn’t know borders

Excellence can be found in smaller countries

Budget, headcount, computer size are *not* indicators of excellence

4. History teaches us to be ambitious and optimistic... but also patient

Two historic events took place in Ireland this month: both took decades in the making
Thank you!

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• Scientific Steering Committee and Industrial Advisory Committee

• Conference Partners

• PRACE volunteers
  – NIIF1 (HU), RISC (AT), ICHEC (IE), ULFME (SI) and IT4I (CZ)
  – Student volunteers