

Announcing the new CEO for [GÉANT](#), Steve Cotter

Steve was partly responsible for MAGPI's connection to the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab while a department head at ESnet, and has maintained the relationship with me during his tenure with REANNZ focusing on research collaborations between the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Auckland in New Zealand. I spoke to Steve recently and we both look forward to new initiatives between our members and the European Community.



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Europe's research and education collaboration network, GÉANT, has announced that it has appointed New Zealand's National Research and Education Network (REANNZ) CEO Steve Cotter as its new CEO.

The announcement, which was made on August 17, 2015, follows the restructuring of the operations of the organization which saw DANTE Ltd and TERENA joining forces to become GÉANT Association on 7 October 2014.

A statement from GÉANT said Steve Cotter, who will assume office in November this year, has been appointed to complete the restructuring of the organization and take on the challenges of a rapidly changing global science environment.

The statement quotes GÉANT Chairman Pierre Bruyère, who says of Steve's appointment:

“GÉANT needed a CEO with a global perspective on research and education networking, coupled with strong leadership and vision, to complete the restructuring process and take us into the next phase. Steve brings an understanding of the NREN environment and substantial experience in change management. He is already very well-known and respected by the GÉANT community and staff, in his capacity as chair of the GÉANT External Advisory Committee, speaker at our annual TNC conference, and participant in the Global R&E Network CEO Forum.”

Formerly Department Head of ESnet, Steve has previously worked for technology companies in Europe and the US including Google, Internet2 and Cisco.

GÉANT has 41 member countries and is owned by its core NREN membership, and also has Associate members including commercial organisations and multi-national research infrastructures and projects.