



# Access to HPC resources in Italy and Europe

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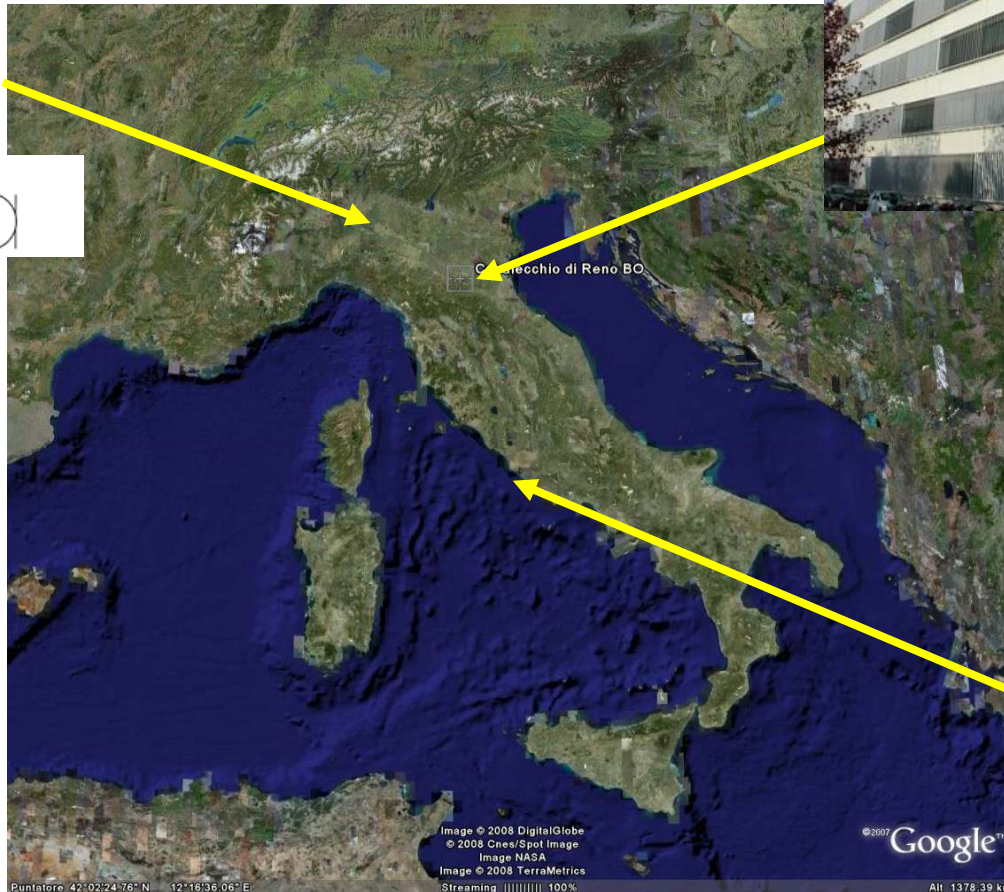
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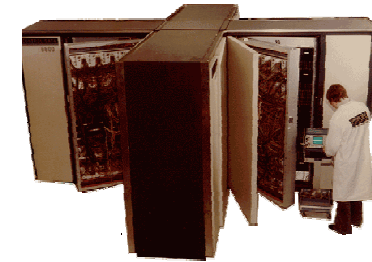
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# CINECA 2.0



# The Story

- 1969: CDC 6600      1<sup>st</sup> system for scientific computing
- 1975: CDC 7600      1<sup>st</sup> supercomputer
- 1985: Cray X-MP / 4 8      1<sup>st</sup> vector supercomputer
- 1989: Cray Y-MP / 4 64
- 1993: Cray C-90 / 2 128
- 1994: Cray T3D 64      1<sup>st</sup> parallel supercomputer
- 1995: Cray T3D 128
- 1998: Cray T3E 256      1<sup>st</sup> MPP supercomputer
- 2002: IBM SP4 512      1 Teraflops
- 2005: IBM SP5 512
- 2006: IBM BCX      10 Teraflops
- 2009: IBM SP6      100 Teraflops
- 2012: IBM BG/Q      2 Petaflops

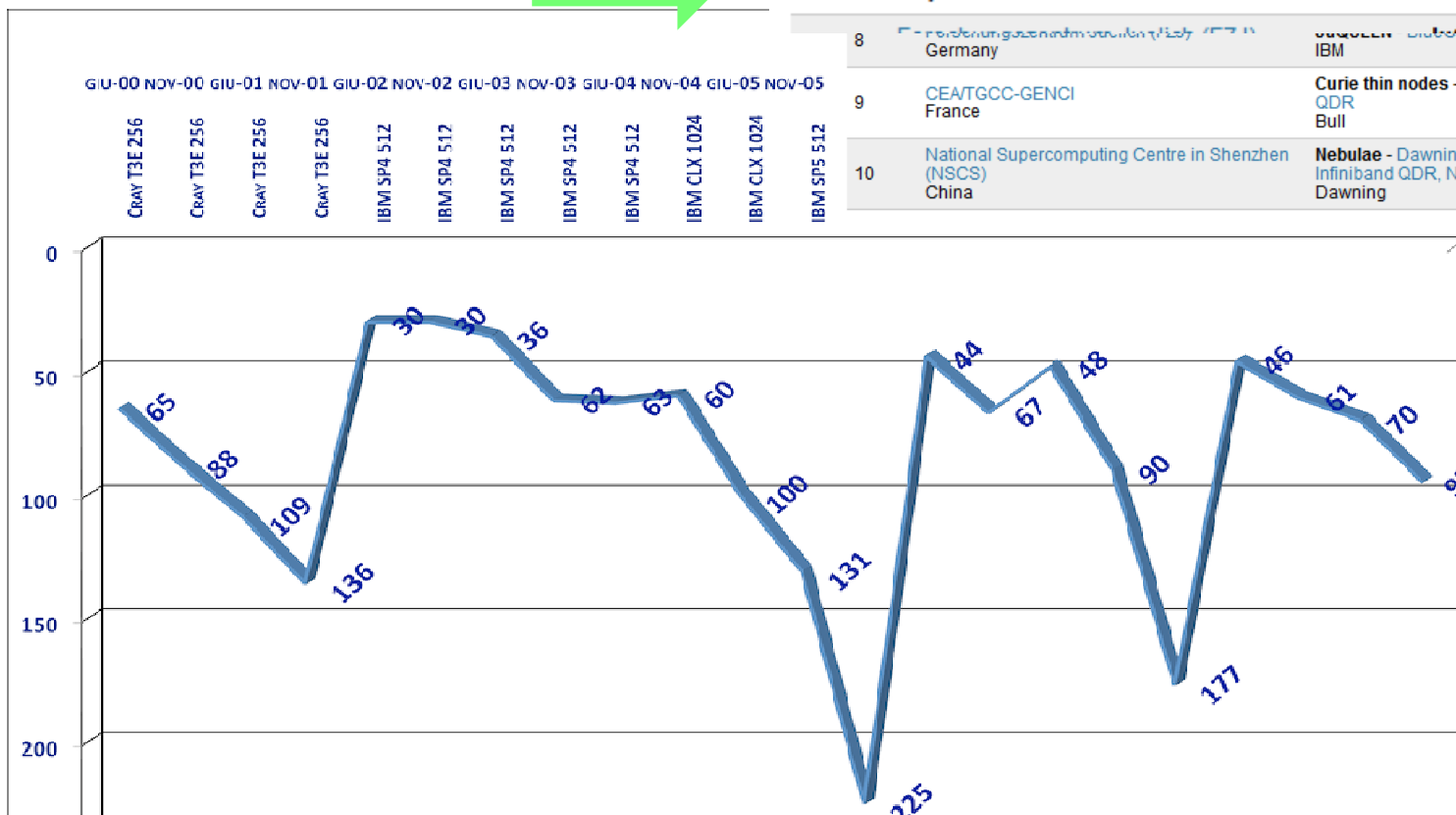


# TOP500

## #7 june 2012



Rank	Site	Computer
1	DOE/INNSALLNL United States	Sequoia - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60 GHz, Custom IBM
2	RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science (AICS) Japan	K computer, SPARC64 VIIIfx 2.0GHz, Tofu interconnect Fujitsu
3	DOE/SC/Argonne National Laboratory United States	Mira - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60GHz, Custom IBM
4	Leibniz Rechenzentrum Germany	SuperMUC - iDataPlex DX360M4, Xeon E5-2680 8C 2.70GHz, Infiniband FDR IBM
5	National Supercomputing Center in Tianjin China	Tianhe-1A - NUDT YH MPP, Xeon X5670 6C 2.93 GHz, NVIDIA 2050 NUDT
6	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Jaguar - Cray XK6, Opteron 6274 16C 2.200GHz, Cray Gemini interconnect, NVIDIA 2090
7	<b>CINECA Italy</b>	<b>Fermi - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60C IBM</b>
8	Forstungsmuseum der Universität Germany	SuperMUC - iDataPlex DX360M4, Xeon E5-2680 8C 2.70GHz, Infiniband FDR IBM
9	CEA/TGCC-GENCI France	Curie thin nodes - Bullx B510, Xeon E5-2680 8C 2.700GHz, Infiniband QDR Bull
10	National Supercomputing Centre in Shenzhen (NSCS) China	Nebulae - Dawning TC3600 Blade System, Xeon X5650 6C 2.66GHz, Infiniband QDR, NVIDIA 2050 Dawning



**Architecture:** 10 BG/Q Frames

**Model:** IBM-BG/Q

**Processor type:** IBM PowerA2 @1.6 GHz

**Computing Cores:** 163840

**Computing Nodes:** 10240

**RAM:** 1GByte / core (163 PByte total)

**Internal Network:** 5D Torus

**Disk Space:** 2PByte of scratch space

**Peak Performance:** 2PFlop/s

**N. 7 in Top 500 rank (June 2012)**

National and PRACE Tier-0 calls



## EUROTECH Cluster linux

**Processor type:** 2 eight-cores Intel Xeon *E5-2687W* Sandy

Bridge-EP 3.1GHz

**N. of nodes / cores:** 64 / 1024

**RAM:** 16 GB/Compute node

**Internal Network:** Infiniband & Custom

**Accelerators:** NVIDIA Tesla K20

(INTEL Xeon Phi coming soon)

**Peak performance:** 110 TFlops



**Name:** Galileo

**Model:** IBM NeXtScale

- **Architecture:** IBM NeXtScale

**Processor type:** Intel Xeon Haswell@ 2.4 GHz

**Computing Nodes:** 516

**Each node:** 16 cores, 128 GB of RAM

- **Computing Cores:** 8.256

**RAM:** 66 TByte

**Internal Network:** Infiniband 4xQDR switches (40 Gb/s)

**Accelerators:** 768 Intel Phi 7120p (2 per node on 384 nodes  
+ 80 Nvidia K80

**Peak Performance:** 1.2 PFlops

- National and PRACE Tier-1 calls

**X86 based  
system for  
production of  
medium  
scalability  
applications**

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## Storage and processing of large volumes of data

**Name:** Pico

**Model:** IBM NeXtScale

**Architecture:** Linux Infiniband cluster

**Processor type:** Intel Xeon E5 2670 v2 @2,5Ghz

**Computing Nodes:** 66+

**Each node:** 20 cores, 128 GB of RAM + 2 accelerators

**Computing Cores:** 1.320+

**RAM:** 6,4 GB/core

**plus**

**2 Visualization nodes**

**2 Big Mem nodes**

**4 BigInsight nodes**

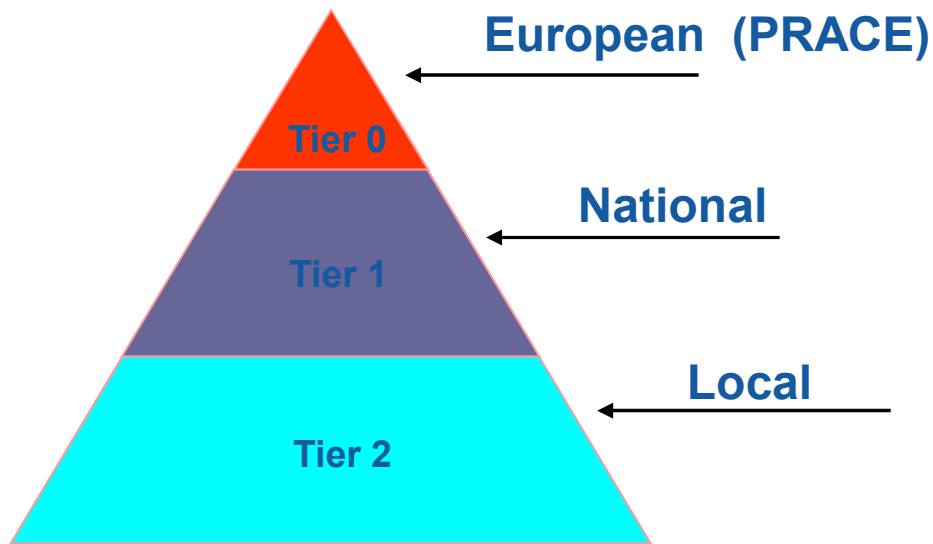
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## The European HPC-Ecosystem

PRACE Research Infrastructure ([www.prace-ri.eu](http://www.prace-ri.eu)): the top level of the European HPC ecosystem



Creation of a European HPC ecosystem involving all stakeholders

- ✓ HPC service providers on all tiers
- ✓ Scientific and industrial user communities
- ✓ The European HPC hw and sw industry

- **CINECA:**
- - represents Italy in PRACE
- - hosting member in PRACE
  - - Tier-0 system
  - **BG/Q 2 PFlop/s**
  - - Tier-1 system
  - **> 5 % GALILEO**
- involved in PRACE 1IP, 2IP, 3IP
- PRACE 2IP prototype Eol

# Access to HPC resources: CINECA aims and basic principles

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## Our objectives:

- ✓ Providing Italian and European researchers with an advanced computational environment
- ✓ Supporting Italian researcher for increasing their competitiveness
- ✓ Following Italian researchers in their path towards Tier 0
- ✓ Soliciting large-scale and computationally intensive projects

## Basic principles:

- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Fairness
- ✓ Conflict of Interest management
- ✓ Confidentiality

# L'offerta HPC



# HPC in Italy



## HPC offer in Italy: ISCRA Italian SuperComputing Resource Allocation

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The aim of ISCRA is to ensure adequate support to Italian scientists and engineers.

The allocation is of 600M core hours per year on

- FERMI

The access is by

- Online submission of proposals
- Peer-review process by an international panel

The proposal are scientifically evaluated by international reviewers and technically evaluated by Cineca experts.

Applications and codes are evaluated on the basis of their computational readiness.

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## HPC offer in Italy: ISCRA

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**Class B:** Standard Projects; two calls / year  
1-10M core hours  
duration: 12 months  
FERMI only

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### **Class C:**

Small Projects

continuous submission, 12 selections per year

>50K core hours

up to 1M core hours on FERMI

up to 200K core hours on GALILEO

only two C projects approved per year per user

duration: 9 months

### **Trial:**

on demand

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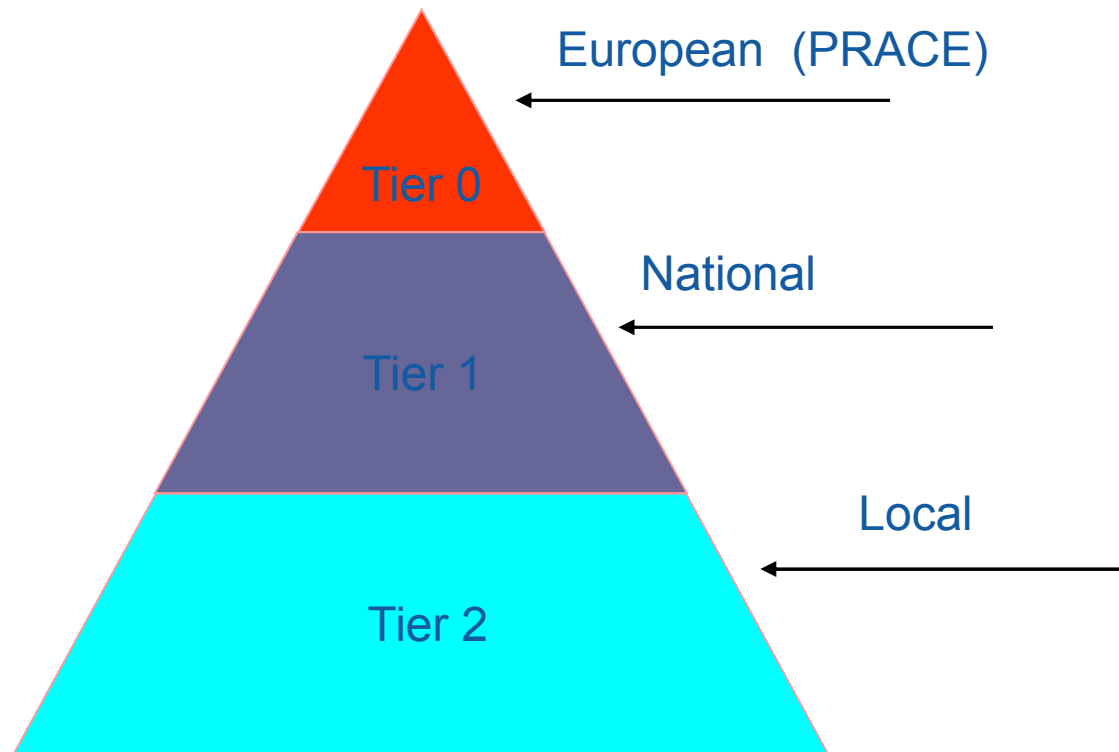
# L'offerta HPC in Europa: PRACE





# Computing provisioning pyramid

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PRACE offers access to Tier 0 (and Tier 1) systems

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- **Preparatory Access**

- Intended for preliminary resource use required to prepare proposals for Project Access
- Technical review
- Continuously open calls

- **Project Access**

- Intended for individual researchers and research groups including multi-national research groups
- Technical and Scientific review

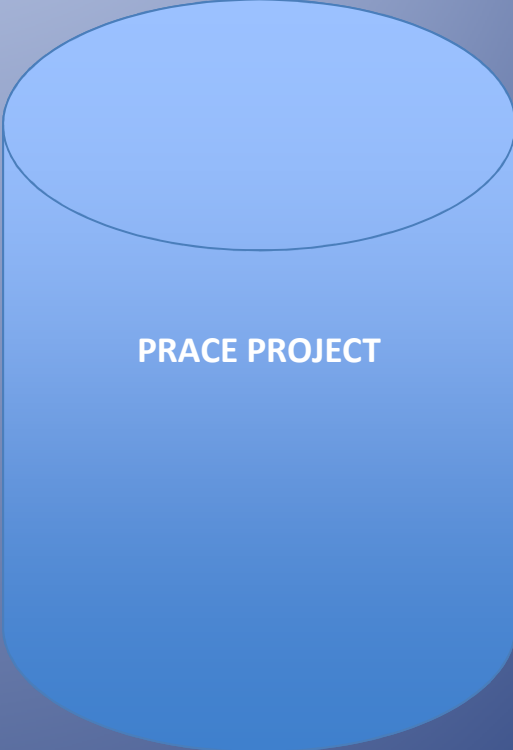
## PRACE Tier 0 Access: CURRENT CALL

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- Applications accepted on call
- For projects which use codes that have been previously tested and must have demonstrated high scalability and optimisation

**Projects dimension**



typ 20K

typ 1M

typ 3M

typ 10-70M



## Useful links

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- ISCRA: <http://www.hpc.cineca.it/services/iscra>
- PRACE: [www.prace-ri.eu/hpc-access?lang=en](http://www.prace-ri.eu/hpc-access?lang=en)