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Dublin, Ireland - The first Irish SUPERCOMPUTER list, ranking the fastest high performance computers in Ireland was released today, with two of these computers in the top 500 globally.

The project has been launched to raise the profile of High Performance Computing (HPC) in Ireland and abroad. The list, at www.IrishSupercomputerList.org, will be updated twice annually and there is a continuously open call for participation from users and maintainers of Irish HPC installations.

Ireland has grown over the last two decades into a high-end centre of excellence in the IT sector with most of the major multinational IT companies having a strong presence. Despite this, there has not previously been any record of the performance and type of HPC installations which are based on the island of Ireland. The list is similar to www.top500.org, which has been tracking the fastest supercomputers globally for 20 years.

The list will be maintained by an independent group of computer science researchers representing industry and academia, including Dublin City University and the College of Computer Training, also in Dublin. Providing an international perspective, are representatives from the University of Oxford and the University of Helsinki.

Speaking of the launch of the November 2013 Irish Supercomputing List, Dr. Brett Becker, of CCT said:

“This is the beginning of a comprehensive record of the HPC infrastructure in Ireland. The main aims of the project are to put Ireland on the global HPC map, and to put the Irish HPC landscape in perspective. Ireland is punching far above its weight when compared to many other countries with much larger populations. We are proud of that, and want to showcase what is happening here.”

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