UKNOF

Status & Funding

UKNOF 5 Meeting
London 25th Oct 2006

Keith Mitchell
UKNOF Chair
Current Status

- We have run 5 successful meetings 😊
  - 40-60 attendees each time
  - it is getting easier..
- Mailing list of ~300 people
- Programme Committee
- Funding Council
- Secure financial base for 2007
- “To pro-actively support the sharing of knowledge, ideas and best practices to enhance the effective, stable and secure operation of the UK's Internet infrastructure as a whole.”
- “UKNOF's remit is technical, and any discussion or activities involving commercial, legal or political issues should be limited to where they have a direct impact on technical aspects of network operations.”
UKNOF Activities

• “Distribution of clue” 😊
• Meetings 3-4 times/year
  – Current, interesting, stimulating, relevant sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices
• Mailing list
  – http://mailman.mailbox.co.uk/mailman/listinfo/uknof
• Working groups as required
• Inform and participate in “joined-up industry”
Programme Committee

- 11 volunteers
- Ensures supply of interesting presentations
- We are *always* looking for interesting, topical, relevant speakers and presentations
- Submissions and suggestions to: <uknof-pc@uknof.org.uk>
PC Members

- Keith Mitchell (chair)
- Bijal Sanghani
- Denesh Bhabuta
- Ivan Beveridge
- James Rice
- Mike Hughes
- Nigel Titley (co-chair)
- Neil McRae
- Rob Evans
- Steve Kennedy
- Will Hargrave
Funding Model

- Non-profit
- We'd prefer to avoid charging meeting registration fees if at all possible
- In general this has been possible through per-meeting sponsors, but..
- ..relying on solely on vendors can be a bit unpredictable, making meeting logistics difficult
- so for 2006 we added “subscriber sponsors”..
Funding Model

- Use mixture of vendor and subscriber sponsors
- “subscribers” are various not-for-profit Internet associations with interests in common with UKNOF, comprising the Funding Council
- These commit baseline funds which allow meetings to be confirmed well in advance
- Commercial vendors enhance these per-meeting where available
  - e.g. lunch, nicer venues, beer 😊
Funding Council

- Representatives of 11 subscriber sponsors who have contributed significantly to UKNOF and have made an ongoing support commitment
- 7 voting members have contributed >£500 cash or in-kind
  - a few more non-voting smaller contributors
- provides degree of governance/oversight for UKNOF
2006 Funding Council Members

- COLT £2000 (2006/07)
- Denesh Bhabuta Time <£500
- Jump Networks Hosting >£500
- Keith Mitchell Time >£500
- LINX £1000
- LoNAP £1000
- Nominet £1000
- NWIX UKNOF4
- UKIF Time >£500
UKNOF Running Costs

- Typically about £2.5k per meeting:
  - venue ~£1k
  - catering ~£800
  - admin (UKIF) ~£500 (inc hosting, book-keeping)
  - misc expenses ~£200
  - connectivity, webcast

- About 20-25 days/yr Chair’s time

- We will have about £3.3k reserves after UKNOF5, i.e. around 1.5 meetings

- Detailed accounts available on request
Meetings & Sponsors

- UKNOF1, SOCITM, London  TelNic
- UKNOF2, Imperial, London  LINX
- UKNOF3, Goodenough, London  Cisco, Cogent
- UKNOF4, CUBE, Manchester  NWIX
- UKNOF5, Goodenough, London  Juniper
- UKNOF6, January 2007  ??
- UKNOF7, April 2007 (Manchester)  TBC
UKNOF Facilities

• Web site and internal e-mail currently hosted on Keith's server
• Co-lo and transit for this donated to UKNOF by Jump Networks
• Mailing list 90% migrated from Mailbox/UKIF server
• Various parties help with meeting and webcast connectivity
  – A big THANK YOU to all our helpers
• UKIF provide bank account, bookkeeping, legal entity
Keith’s Role

• I have re-located to the US and now work for ISC on the OARC project
  – http://public.oarci.net
• UKNOF and OARC both have a remit of improving Internet operations co-ordination
• ISC are happy to donate my time (though not expenses) to do UKNOF for forseeable future
• UKNOF4 demonstrates I can do this from US!
• Myself and Mike Hughes are now on both UKNOF and NANOG Programme Committees
2007 Plans

- Funding Council meeting held on 28th Sep
- Existing subscriber sponsors have committed in principle to continue 2006 levels of support
- We are good for another 3 meetings 😊
- But we should continue to solicit per-meeting/vendor sponsors to maintain cash buffer
  - you can help!
- Will re-approach various parties to see if they also want to be 2007 subscriber sponsors
2007 Plans

- Need to revise Charter to reflect evolved funding and governance model
- What else would you like UKNOF to do?
  - Infrastructure diversity co-operation?
  - Wiki?
  - Jabber server or directory?
  - VoIP co-ordination?
  - Keep UK focus?
  - Stick to just running meetings?
Next Meetings

- Programme Committee
  - Dec 2006

- UKNOF6
  - January 2007, probably near London

- UKNOF7
  - Probably April 2007, Manchester
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