



# **UKNOF Status**

UKNOF 11 Meeting  
London  
8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008

**Keith Mitchell**  
**UKNOF Chair**

# Current Status



- We have run 11 successful meetings 😊
  - 40-100 attendees each time
- Mailing list of ~430 people
- Programme Committee
- Funding Council
- Secure ongoing financial base

# UKNOF Remit



- From Charter:
  - *“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 times/year
  - Current, interesting, stimulating, relevant sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices
  - Wider-ranging and less specific than other UK Internet bodies
- Mailing list
- Inform and participate in “joined-up industry”

# Programme Committee



- 13 volunteers
- Ensures supply of interesting presentations
- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-pc.html>
- We are **always** looking for interesting, topical, relevant speakers and presentations
- Submissions and suggestions to:  
<uknof-pc@uknof.org.uk>
- Increasing demand – submit early !

# PC Members



- Keith Mitchell (chair)
- Andy Davidson
- Bijal Sanghani
- Denesh Bhabuta
- Ian Meikle
- Ivan Beveridge
- Mike Hughes
- Nigel Titley (co-chair)
- John Lyons
- Neil McRae
- Rob Evans
- Steve Kennedy
- Will Hargrave

# Funding Model



- Non-profit
- We 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 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



- Invited representatives of subscriber sponsors who have contributed significantly to UKNOF
- and have made an ongoing support commitment
- 8 voting members contributing >£500 cash or in-kind for 2008
- Provides degree of governance/oversight for UKNOF
- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-fc.html>

# 2008 Funding Council Members



- Aeximous Admin time
- BBC £1000
- Blue Square £1500 (2007/08)
- DataHop £1000
- ISC Chair time
- Jump Networks Hosting
- LINX £1000
- Nominet £1000

# UKNOF Running Costs



- Typically about £5k per meeting:
  - venue ~£1.5k
  - catering ~£1.5k
  - admin, misc expenses ~£1500
  - connectivity, webcast
- About 20-25 days/yr Chair's time
  - contributed by ISC, as part of their public benefit remit
  - Keith's day job now Director of Engineering at ISC
- About 1-15 days/yr Admin time
- We have reserves for around 2 more meetings
- Detailed accounts available on request

# Meetings & Sponsors

- UKNOF1, May 2005 (London) TelNic
- UKNOF2, Sep 2005 (London) LINX
- UKNOF3, Jan 2006 (London) Cisco, Cogent
- UKNOF4, May 2006 (Manchester) NWIX
- UKNOF5, Oct 2006 (London) Juniper
- UKNOF6, Jan 2007 University of Southampton
- UKNOF7, Apr 2007 (Manchester) Juniper
- UKNOF8, Sep 2007 (London) Juniper
- UKNOF9, Jan 2008 (London) Nominet
- UKNOF10, May 2008 Entanet, Foundry, Calyx
- UKNOF11, Sep 2008 (London) BBC, Equinix
- UKNOF12, Feb 2008 (Bristol) HP Labs

# 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
- Exim-based mailing list
- Various parties help with VoIP, meeting and webcast connectivity
  - A big **THANK YOU** to all our helpers
- UKIF provide bank account, bookkeeping, legal entity

# UK Internet History Project



- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/history.html>
- A modest attempt to gather material from the early (1980s/90s) days of the UK Internet
- Regular speaker slots from people who were there
- Would be nice to have archive server for preserving primary source material
  - ideally tended by RA staff person
- Funding bid to Nominet Foundation ?
- Speak to Keith or Nigel if you'd like to help with this

# Next Meetings



- **UKNOF12**
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009
  - Hewlett Packard Labs, Bristol
- **UKNOF13**
  - ~May 2009
  - Seeking venue/host

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