

UKNOF

Funding Report

UKNOF 3 Meeting
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Current Status



- We have run 3 successful meetings 😊
 - 40-50 attendees each time
- Mailing list of ~250 people
- Programme committee
 - 11 volunteers
 - ensures supply of interesting presentations
 - provides degree of governance/oversight for UKNOF
 - <http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-pc.html>

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

UKNOF Running Costs



- Typically about £1k to £2k per meeting:
 - venue ~£1k
 - catering ~£500
 - admin (UKIF) ~£250
 - misc expenses ~£250
 - connectivity
- About 20-25 days/yr Chair's time (voluntary)
- Nominal domain, web & mail list hosting
- Book-keeping
- We have almost exactly broken even so far 😊

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- Three Main Potential Sources:
 1. Sponsorship from vendors
 2. Meeting registration fees
 3. Subscribers
- Idea is to avoid option 2 to grow attendance
 - at least initially
- Vendor sponsors are much appreciated, but there are some practical issues...

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- Relying completely on per-event sponsorship creates cash-flow issues
- Difficult to commit to venue (e.g. deposit) until sponsor money in bank
- Means commitment, firm date for meeting, logistics have often been done at last minute 😞
- Commercial sponsors have tended to be concentrated around London, making it difficult to meet Charter's regional meeting remit

Proposed Improved Funding Model



- Use mixture of vendor and subscriber sponsors
- “subscribers” are various not-for-profit Internet associations with interests in common with UKNOF
- These commit baseline funds for 2006 which allow meetings to be confirmed well in advance
- Commercial vendors enhance these per-meeting where available
 - e.g. lunch, nicer venues, beer 😊

Subscriber Sponsors



- Call for commitment of ~£1k cash or in kind went out to potential sponsors over holidays
 - LINX, LIPEX, Nominet, NWIX, COLT have committed £1k each 😊
 - LoNAP £1k, still in discussions
 - UKIF commitment in kind
 - UIXP commitment in kind
 - 2 still to respond
 - 1 has declined

UKIF and UKNOF



- UKIF no longer operates “secretariat” per se
 - Moving UKNOF away from UKIF/Mailbox servers
- For 2006, UKIF becomes a subscriber sponsor like all the others
- UKIF subscription is services in kind:
 - Keith’s time as UKNOF Chair
 - Willie’s time to do accounts
- Accounting transparency for UKNOF activities

Keith's Role



- As you may be aware, I am re-locating to the US in March for personal reasons
- I intend to continue acting as UKNOF chair for the foreseeable future:
 - most of it can be driven by e-mail
 - PC meetings by teleconference
 - will physically attend & chair meetings wherever possible
 - subject to any future employment constraints

Next Meetings



- Programme Committee
 - 4th Apr 2005
- UKNOF4
 - Apr/May 2006
 - Charter requires this outside London !
 - Sponsors, hosts, presentation ideas very welcome

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