



UKNOF

Status & Funding

UKNOF 6 Meeting
University of Southampton
19th Jan 2007

Keith Mitchell
UKNOF Chair

Current Status



- We have run 6 successful meetings 😊
 - 40-60 attendees each time
 - it is getting easier..
- Mailing list of ~400 people
- Programme Committee
- Funding Council
- Secure financial base for 2007

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 3-4 times/year
 - Current, interesting, stimulating, relevant sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices
- Mailing list
 - currently temp fix, migration shortly
- Working groups as required
- Inform and participate in “joined-up industry”

Programme Committee



- 12 volunteers
- Welcome new member John Lyons !
- 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>

PC Members



- Keith Mitchell (chair)
- Bijal Sanghani
- Denesh Bhabuta
- Ivan Beveridge
- James Rice
- 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 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 subscriber sponsors who have contributed significantly to UKNOF
- and have made an ongoing support commitment
- 7 voting members contributed >£500 cash or in-kind in 2007
 - a few more non-voting smaller contributors
- provides degree of governance/oversight for UKNOF
- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-fc.html>

2007 Funding Council Members



- COLT £2000 (2006/07)
- Denesh Bhabuta Time >£500
- Jump Networks Hosting >£500
- Keith Mitchell, ISC Time >£500
- LINX £1000
- LoNAP £1000
- Nominet £1000
- NWIX UKNOF7
- 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
 - donated by ISC Inc
- We will have about £2.8k reserves after UKNOF6, i.e. around 1 meeting
- 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, Jan 2007 **University of Southampton**
- UKNOF7, Apr 2007 (Manchester) NWIX
- UKNOF8, Sep 2007 (London) ???

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
- Mailman-based mailing list
- 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 now work in the US 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 foreseeable future
- 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
- We are being given the use of the “UKNOG.*” domains registered a couple of years ago
 - Thanks to Theo Zourzouvillys for this
 - Probably don't want to rename, but opportunity to avoid confusion
- Otherwise business as usual...

Next Meetings



- Programme Committee
 - February 2007
- **UKNOF7**
 - 3rd or 4th April 2007, Manchester
- **UKNOF8**
 - September 2007, probably in London

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