UKNOF

Status & Funding

UKNOF 7 Meeting
Manchester
3rd Apr 2007

Keith Mitchell
UKNOF Chair

Current Status

- We have run 7 successful meetings ☺
  - 40-60 attendees each time
- 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
- 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 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

- 10 voting members contributing >£500 cash or in-kind for 2007
  - no non-voting contributors this year

- provides degree of governance/oversight for UKNOF

- http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-fc.html

2007 Funding Council Members

- Aeximous   Admin time >£500
- COLT   £2000 (2006/07)
- DataHop   £1000
- ISC   Chair time >£500
- Jump Networks   Hosting >£500
- LINX   £1000
- LoNAP   £1000 (2006/07)
- Nominet   £1000
- NWIX   £1000/UKNOF7
- UKIF   Accounts 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 reserves for around 2 more meetings after UKNOF7
- Juniper have agreed to fully sponsor UKNOF8 ☺
- 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, Juniper**
- UKNOF8, Sep 2007 (London)   Juniper

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 meeting and webcast connectivity
  - A big **THANK YOU** to all our helpers
- UKIF provide bank account, bookkeeping, legal entity

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

- **UKNOF8**
  - 13th September 2007, in London
- **UKNOF9**
  - Jan 2008 ?
  - Does Jan/Apr/Sep meeting cycle work, or should we change this ?

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