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1 Scope

The EARN-INFO permanent group will be responsible for information about the EARN network and services provided within EARN, as well as information on other networks and services accessible from EARN.

2 Participation

An Info-Rep will be appointed by the Earn director of each EARN member country. A deputy Info-Rep may be appointed as well.

3 Chairman

The chairman of the EARN-INFO permanent group will be a member of the EARN Executive.

4 Tasks

Each Info-Rep will be responsible for:

Country-Specific Facilities: The Info-Rep will maintain information about the various servers and databases in his country which are available through EARN. The INFO-Rep will work with the maintainers of these facilities to provide suitable documentation and help facilities and to establish procedures to access the facilities from common computer systems.

Country-Specific Networks: The Info-Rep will maintain information about networks in his country which are accessible through EARN including national, regional and campus networks.

Directory Services: The Info-Rep will act to organise directory services within his country based on standard X.500 protocols.

Information to be supplied and maintained by the Earn-Info group:

- EARN Brochure and general information
- EARN Guide for new users
- Directory services: co-ordination of efforts on user directory services based on X.500 protocols
- Information on EARN activities within the member countries and country-specific networks and facilities
- Information on facilities available throughout EARN, such as NETSERV, LISTSERV, etc.
- Information on networks and facilities outside EARN which are accessible to EARN users
- News distribution services
- Help and learning packages