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Present

National Representatives

- 1 Paul BRYANT, Rutherford Laboratory (U. K. representative);
- 2 Michel HEBGEN, (W. Germany representative);
- 3 Jean Claude IPPOLITO, C N U S C (France representative);
- 4 Dennis JENNINGS , U C D (Ireland representative);
- 5 David LORD, CERN (EARN Association President);
- 6 Stefano TRUMPY, C N U C E (Italy representative);

IBM Representatives

- 1 Alain AUROUX , IBM Europe;
- 2 Herb BUDD, IBM Europe.

1. Executive BoD Minutes

It is agreedd that the minutes should contain action items, if any, for the single topics and a summary of the debate only if relevantly different opinions were raised up.

- Action Ex BoD 2.1.1

S. Trumpy circulate among the BoD members the Ex BoD Meeting minutes as soon as they will be available; the same will be done straight away for BoD Stockolm last meeting minutes although they are not yet been approved by the BoD itself.

- Action Ex BoD 2.1.2

D. Lord send a letter national representatives suggesting them to issue a national coordination meeting at least yearly and possibly to organize an official opening of EARN in the nation as it was done successfully in France during the last December.

National representatives are also asked to nominate a deputy to participate in meetings they could not attend.

2. X400 project

P. Bryant presents a progress report on the project; the technical meeting in Heidelberg will take place late in March or April 86.

- Action Ex BoD 2.2.1

IBM find out wath is moving in X400 implementations, with special care to MVS environment;

- Action Ex BoD 2.2.2

Technical committee examines the question how MVS sites can use RFC822 standard for mail and makes proposals on how to deal with sites that cannot use this standard.

3. Memnbership criteria

- Action Ex BoD 2.3.1

D. Lord update the draft presented by himself on membership criteria to be presented at next BoD meeting.

4. Tariff issues

D. Lord presented "Ideas etc for use in tariff discussions with PTTs".

M. Hebgen presented the proposed volume charges by the german PTTs on i on international leased lines.

- Action Ex BoD 2.4.1

D. Jennings find applicable EEC documents to integreted Lord's document.

5. Next BoD meeting

- Action Ex BoD 2.5.1

D. Lord contact L. Nuyens to set up next BoD meeting in Bruxelles, possibly 24 - 25 March 1986.

6. General Assembly

The general assembly of EARN nodes should take place in Germany in the last three months of 86,; the meeting should be preceded by a technical workshop on networking in the research environment.

- Action Ex BoD 2.6.1

H. Budd and D. Jennings set up ideas for organizing the workshop and general assembly to be presented in the next BoD meeting. possibly 24 - 25 March 1986.

7. Relations with RARE

P. Bryant reported on the activity of RARE organization. A discussion was devoted to the proposal of the German ministry of research on the constitution of "European Research Network" to be installed in the frame of Eureka project. This project should be conducted by the RARE organization; it seems urgent at this moment to establish contacts with RARE and EEC.

8. Membership requests from Eastern European Countries

The problem of connection to Eastern European Countries was discussed. It seems that it is necessary to get one or several licences before this can be done. It was suggested that information on the correct procedures to follow should be circulated to member sites. However it was felt that was a matter for the Country Directors and eventually the Board.

- Action Ex BoD 2.8.1

H. Budd will have a paper prepared in the immediate future on this procedure.

9. Next EC meeting

The next meeting of the Exec Comm will be on the 12th May, same place and time.

10. Any other Business

- 10.1

It was felt that EARN should agree with EDUCOM or BITNET that each should finance one or two trips a year of a representative to the others Board meetings. This should not exclude the possibility of financing special trips for specific reasons.

- 10.2

It was suggested that EARN should at least in part finance a trip of P. Sylvester to a BITNET meeting on Domains to be held at the time of the next SHARE meeting.

- Action Ex BoD 2.10.2.1

D. Lord, P. Bryant and M. Hebgen examines the matter.

- 10.3

The subject of Hacking and inaccurate reports that have appeared recently in the German press was discussed.

- 10.4

Technical people in Germany are suggesting that our two transatlantic links should be organized in a ring fashion with nodes running MVS/JES2/SNA. This would have the following advantages:

- it handles satellite circuits correctly;

- it provides a Path Manager (load balancing);

- it handles multiple paths.

- Action Ex BoD 2.10.4.1

Technical committee will examine the matter in the next meeting.

- 10.5

People in Germany are dissatisfied with the JANET/EARN Gateway, from the point of view of naming and that in order to send a file to someone on JANET you have to provide his password.

- Action Ex BoD 2.10.5.1

Technical committee will examines the problem in the next meeting.

- 10.6

There was a short discussion on the type of manpower that should be envisaged for assisting in the management of EARN.