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EARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EARN EXEC)

EARN EXEC-MEETING NR. 7

Minutes of the Meeting Held February 11, 1987

PLACE: Paris, France

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES: Paul Bryant, United Kingdom
Jean-Claude Ippolito, France
Michael Hebgen, West Germany
Dennis Jennings, Ireland, EARN
President David Lord, CERN
Stefano Trumpy, Italy

IBM REPRESENTATIVES: Alain Auroux, IBM Europe
Herbert Budd, IBM Europe

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes of the last EARN EXEC meeting will be marked "EARN confidential" and circulated to the members of the EARN Board of Directors (EARN BOD) by Michael Hebgen.

Matters arising

- * COMETT - No documentation received yet by David Lord from the CEC
- * EARN Belgium - The letter approved by the EARN Executive Committee at the last meeting has been sent to the Belgian PTT, and an acknowledge received. A second letter has been sent by FRNS to the Belgian PTT. Copi of these letters are to be circulated to the EARN EXEC by Alain.
- * South Africa - David Lord will draft a letter to South Africa.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

The agenda was extended with the following topics:

- * EARN funding and promotion
- * EARN topology and line upgrades
- * EARN gateways
- * Volume charging and PTTs

III. FINAL REVISION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST EARN BOD MEETING.

Because there were no comments or objections the minutes will be put onto NETSERV by Michael Hebgen.

IV. SITUATION ON SUPPORT FOR EARN PRESIDENT.

- * EARN network manager and assistant of the EARN President

Dennis Jennings will circulate the advertisement and make a proposal to IBM naming the person and requirements to get the available funding.

- * EARN general manager

Dennis Jennings will inform the EARN BOD about planned advertisement and contact consultancy firms.

In each country the EARN BOD member should then contact the major research and university installations.

V. CODE OF CONDUCT.

The code of conduct (which is available on NETSERV) will be once more distributed by Dennis Jennings to the EARN BOD members with a letter indicating that it should be

- * send to each EARN site director,
- * given to each EARN user and
- * included in all major EARN documents.

VI. OSI MIGRATION PLANNING, STATUS.

Paul Bryant has formed a group dealing with the two alternatives "SNA" (Fausto Caneschias, Michael Hebgen, Peter Sylvester) and "X.25" (Paul Bryant, Michael Walsh) and gave a status report.

The presented constraints were accepted and the migration plans should focus on international links and consider the acceptance by the individual EARN installations and the BITNET statement

"We pay the costs for carrying our and your traffic and you have to pay the costs for carrying your and our traffic even when you choose X.25 public packet switching networks".

A third approach beginning with and promoting ISO applications like X.400 MHS will be included by Dennis Jennings.

VII. EARN FUNDING AND PROMOTION

- * 1988 funding (short term)

Alain Auroux will send a description of the IBM sponsorship broken down on every line and David Lord will complete his work on a transition model for 1988 funding.

An Alert letter will then be distributed by Dennis Jennings indicating that the EARN BOD must come to a decision on the transition model at the next EARN BOD meeting.

* Funding (long term)

Long term funding should be done by promoting applications, e.g. to the CEC. Dennis Jennings will circulate an organigram of the CEC DG 13.

In addition a paper will be drafted by Michael Hebgen and Dennis Jennings to be send to companies for sponsoring EARN after 1987.

VIII. EARN GATEWAYS

Stefano Trumpy presented the ARPA gateway at CNUCE and the EARN EXEC supports it. He will send a letter to the EARN BOD members describing the pilot status and technical information how to use the gateway.

During discussion on other gateways the EARN EXEC remarked the urgent need for documentation of EARN standards and recommendations for electronic mail including the Steve Kille paper on addressing e.g.

The EARN EXEC requested that the next EARN technical meeting should initiate a work item to define the standards used within EARN. This is particularly important with the expected introduction of the ARPA/EARN gateway at PISA and should take account of this gateway. The EARN EXEC has given a mandate to Paul Bryant and Stefano Trumpy to start with it.

IX. EARN TOPOLOGY AND LINE UPGRADES

The highspeed link Montpellier - New York is on order and expected for March 1987, it will be driven by SDLC protocols. The following changes in topology were proposed:

- * Pisa-Montpellier and drop of the redundant link Pisa-CERN
- * RAL-Montpellier instead of RAL-CERN

Alain Auroux will prepare and distribute a status report on the EARN international links together with the output from a modelling system optimizing the costs.

In this context Alain Auroux was asked to list the equip-

ment (Hard/Software, Modems etc.) given by IBM to the central EARN nodes and Herb Budd to get IBMs position on their future.

X. NEXT EARN EXEC MEETING

The next EARN EXEC meeting will be in Paris on April 3, 1987.

XI. NEXT EARN BOD MEETING

The next EARN BOD meeting will be in Nice in the Hotel Sofitel (Room tax is 450 FF). It will start on May 21 at 9h and end on May 22 as late as necessary (> 18h). Arrival should be on May 20 and departure on May 23.

XII. NEXT EARN TECHNICAL MEETING

The agenda should focus on migration strategies and EARN documents for mailing. Paul Bryant will circulate the agenda to the EARN BOD members and send a message to the participants, that they must be nominated by the EARN BOD member.

Dennis Jennings will write to Ira Fuchs that EARN should get informed right in time about BITNET programmers and BOD meetings.

XIII. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for EARN membership came from EDS, INTERATOM, International Management Institute (IMI) in Geneva and the Academy of Science in Moscow.

Michael Hebgen
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