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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EARN EXEC) EARN EXEC-MEETING

NR. 10

Minutes of the Meeting Held July 15, 1987

PLACE: Geneva, Switzerland

EARN REPRESENTATIVES: Alain Auroux, EARN Headquarters
Paul Bryant, United Kingdom
Birgitta Carlson, Sweden
Joe Chester, EARN Headquarters
Jean-Loic Delhaye, France
Michael Hebgen, West Germany
Dennis Jennings, Ireland
David Lord, CERN
Stefano Trumpy, Italy

OBSERVERS: Pierre Roy, DEC Europe

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last EARN EXEC meeting were approved and will be circulated to the EARN BOD.

The draft minutes of the last EARN BOD meeting has been distributed, comments from the EARN EXEC have to be incorporated.

Items to be put onto the agenda of the next meeting:

- * BITNET liaison
- * X.400 EARN-RARE liaison

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was extended by 11A. OPERATING PROCEDURES and approved.

3. FINANCE

Report on meeting with IBM

Dennis Jennings gave a brief report and thanked Alain Auroux for the preparation of this meeting with IBM.

Letter from IBM

The letter of understanding will be circulated as soon as possible to the EARN EXEC.

Country status

The EARN EXEC has to get a firm statement from each EARN BOD member before the next EARN BOD meeting and to draft the minimal commonality (basic rules of EARN) before getting driven into complexity by each national prospective. Different mechanisms must be allowed in each country. The EARN director must represent the EARN membership of the country.

Paul Bryant asked the EARN EXEC to clarify the membership rules.

Budget - 1988

Alain Auroux, the EARN manager, will do the day to day work under supervision and control of the treasurer. An audited statement of accounts and a budget proposal will be presented at the next EARN EXEC meeting. Comments from the EARN EXEC have to be incorporated like a note in the budget proposal "payed by IBM".

Transnational Payments Mechanism

Alain Auroux will ask the EARN BOD members and the PTTs/CEPT for information and make a proposal.

4. EARN MANAGEMENT - STATUS REPORT

Page 18 and 19 of the documents were agreed by the EARN EXEC, the item of a basic information package on EARN was added to the publicity issue.

5. VOLUME CHARGING - GERMANY, BELGIUM

Michael Hebgén gave a short status report on the activities (letter to the german PTT minister, contradiction of the proposed volume dependent tariffs, political activities of universities and advisory boards).

Joe Chester reported the Status in Belgium. Dennis Jennings will check the situation and send a letter to the belgium PTT minister recording the EARN position.

6. TOPOLOGY

Israel, Greece, Turkey - proposals to connect to Montpellier

These changes were approved and a detailed plan of con-

secutive events is required by Montpellier together with Pisa.

Proposal to move german node to Bonn

The relocation of DEARN asis from GSI to GMD Bonn for internal german reasons is accepted and approved. This is subject to no relocation costs being levied in the connected countries.

Rearrangement of international lines to Germany

For the relocation of lines a formal and discussed proposal with all parties is required. Dennis Jennings will initiate the discussion.

The connection of Rutherford to Montpellier will be discussed at the next EARN EXEC meeting.

7. TECHNICAL GROUP

Migration Strategy

The migration strategy has to be formally adopted by the EARN BOD. Paul Bryant will send the paper PB380 to the EARN BOD after cleanup before end of July.

Technical Group Meeting

The next meeting of the technical group is in charge of producing a migration plan (what are the issues and implications). Out of this the EARN EXEC will make a proposal to funding authorities.

Traffic Measurement Programm

Alain Auroux collects the status reports on the problems of the teaffic measurement project.

8. MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership

EDS is accepted, INTERATOM is in process and there are inquires from FIAT Research and Banca d¹ Italia. The actual procedure is that the EARN country director may act in the meantime before a decision of the EARN membership committee.

Birgitta Carlson and Joe Chester will produce a paper on procedure and responsability of the EARN country director and a package to be sent to interested companies and parties. Each EARN country director should check the associate membership of an institution.

Associate membership fee

The EARN EXEC discussed a national and/or international associate membership fee and reached general agreement. Joe Chester will produce a draft paper.

David Lord raised the problem of communication of associate members via gateways with universities. EARN has asked BITNET and ARPANET for clarification.

New Countries - Algeria, Yugoslavia, Cyprus, Hungary, Africa

The EARN EXEC position is

- * Algeria: no problem, proceed
- * Yugoslavia: need more information
- * (Greek) Cyprus: no problem, proceed
- * Hungary: must discuss it with BITNET if they have formal objection

Dennis Jennings will send out an inquiry to the EARN BOD for comments on Algeria and Greek Cyprus and on the test case of Hungary. He will also try to find out from the EC how to connect third world countries.

The US legal department is still thinking of providing the VNET gateway code requested by EARN which may technically allow connecting countries like Hungary.

12. Next Meeting

The next EARN EXEC meeting will take place on September 21 in Paris, Hotel IBIS.

9. Liaison

CEPT

No answer from CEPT came in yet on a letter from Stefano Trumpy delivered in May 1987.

RARE

At the RARE migration meeting in July Dennis Jennings gave a presentation on general EARN objectives and Paul Bryant on the EARN migration strategy which resulted in a better understanding and a common concern about costs.

Other networks (SPAN, EUNET, HEPNET, CSNET, etc.) The

EARN EXEC summarized the contacts to other net-

works. 10. European

Programmes

Dennis Jennings gave a short report on a Supercomputer Initiative, Pace (where he gave a presentation) and ESA.

11A. Operating Procedures

Michael Hebgen presented a proposal for electronic voting, the EARN EXEC will comment on it via the network.

Michael Hebgen
September 8, 1987