

EARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EARN EXEC)

EARN EXEC-MEETING NR. 20

Minutes of the Meeting Held August 19, 1988

PLACE: Paris, France

EARN REPRESENTATIVES: Alain Auroux, EARN Office, Paris
Paul Bryant, United Kingdom
Joe Chester, EARN Office, Dublin
Frode Greisen, Denmark
Michael Hebgen, Germany
Dennis Jennings, Ireland
David Lord, CERN
Stefano Trumpy, Italy

Apologies: Jean-Claude Ippolito, France

Some of the agenda items are deferred to the next meeting due to holidays or no actions in the meantime.

A. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last EARN EXEC meeting were amended and approved.

ACTIONS:

- * Michael Hebgen to distribute the corrected version to EARN BOD.
- * Joe Chester to send a signed copy to Alain Auroux for the book.

2. MATTERS ARISING/ACTION LIST

The action list was checked by the EARN EXEC and will be updated and distributed by Joe Chester.

Agenda: 3 items "MOP meeting", "NORDUNET" and "Hewlett Packard" were added to the agenda.

2.5 MOP MEETING

ACTION: Alain Auroux to arrange a meeting between Montpellier,

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CERN and Bonn to discuss operational procedures and problems at Montpellier.

B. CARRIED FORWARD FROM LAST MEETING

3. MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY CHANGES

ACTIONS:

Frode Greisen to send -.::: all nodes the changes in the code of conduct, initially base.i on the BITNET rules. Michael Hebgen to start the discussion on the paper which will be finalized and fixed at the next EARN EXEC meeting.

4. NODE ADMINISTRATORS

- Deferred -

5. ALTERNATIVE TAL'S AS BACKUP

The EARN EXEC discussed whether to have a second line to US (with load balancing) or a backup line (with automated switching). It was decided to wait for the results of the MOP meeting and for the EARN BOD decision on the budget which includes 2 second US link.

ACTIONS:

- * Dennis Jennings to find out from DEC how quick EARN can use the DEC offer for a second US line and what are the possible backup mechanisms.
- * Alain Auroux to contact each EARN BOD member to get more information on the budget status before the next EARN EXEC meeting.

6. EARN TECH PAPER

- Deferred -

7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF LISTS

Michael Hebgen proposed to change the lists EARNEXEC and EARN-BOD to allow sending to the lists but not to receive mail from the lists or to look into notebooks (as requested by EARNTECH). The EARN EXEC preferred to use the local country director for communication and decided to keep the lists confidential because then the sender is obviously an EARN BOD member and mail items can be dealt with urgency.

ACTION: Joe Chester to setup a list "Dear EARN BOARD" for public sending and reviewing; the responsibility for answering is by the chairman of the EARN BOD, Joe Chester and Alain Auroux.

8. ORGANISATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Michael Hebgen started the discussion on a possible re-organization of the EARN management structure because in his view too many sub-committees has been established and directly tied to the EARN EXEC overloading the EARN EXEC members.

ACTION: Michael Hebgen to distribute his proposal including some comments on job description.

9. EARN ASSOCIATION

-Deferred -

10. ELECTRONIC VOTING

Frode Greissen explained his proposed change to the operating procedure for electronic voting "counting only members with registered electronic EARN address".

ACTION: Michael Hebgen to send the draft to the EARN OPG (operating procedures group) and then to the EARN BOD which is asked to check the entries in the EARN-BOD list and to add a deputy and/or secretary if necessary.

11. EARN DOCUMENTATION

- Deferred -

12. LICENCES AND ROYALTIES

- Deferred -

13. INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS LIBRARY

- Deferred -

14. ISRAEL BOD MEETING

Because of the decision taken during the last EARN BOD meeting that the GO/NOGO date is 1 month before the meeting, the EARN EXEC will take a decision at the next meeting end of September.

ACTIONS:

- * Joe Chester to send mail to the EARN BOD requesting early information on participation.
- * Alain Auroux to advice the EARN BOD that flights are heavily booked.
- * Dennis Jennings to distribute a list of people to be invited.

During the second day of the EARN BOD meeting elections will be held. Candidates should declare themselves during the first day and secret ballots are favored. If no candidates for additional posts are available the EARN EXEC requires authority to coopt people.

ACTION: Joe Chester and Alain Auroux to check the statutes and to
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make a proposal on the procedure and sequence for election.

B. REPORTS

15. LIAISON

EUNET: Joe Chester reported on progress on a draft memorandum of understanding.

JWPA: Dennis Jennings stated that the CEC will spend money in the COSINE MDNS pilot only for IES connections, other organizations will have to find funding for other lines.

ACTION: Dennis Jennings to reply to the letter from Kess Neggars not to order a line until funding is formally provided.

NORDUNET: Frode Greisen presented the plans and position of NORDUNET (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden) on the EARN X.25 backbone and OSI transition. The EARN EXEC warmly welcomed the NORDUNET plans to incorporate the EARN migration plan into their regional backbone and to enable continuity of EARN services.

ACTION: Dennis Jennings to respond formally on behalf of EARN.

Hewlett Packard: Dennis Jennings reported on a meeting with HP which wants to connect HP machines to the network.

16. OSI TRANSITION PROGRAMME

ACTIONS:

- * Joe Chester to distribute the minutes of the 18th meeting.
- * Dennis Jennings to clarify with DEC the personal staff support and later on to advice the EARN BOD and EARNTECH that

technical staff is also in charge of the OSI transition.

17. FINANCE

ACTIONS:

- Alain Auroux to distribute before the next EARN EXEC meeting a statement of expenditures the expenditures on trips the TAL payments (missing: 50 percent from Israel, 100 percent from Ivory Coast, Portugal, Spain and Turkey)
- Alain Auroux to find out the status of bilateral country payment on international EARN lines.
- Frode Greisen to check the rules for when becoming a member, when connecting to the network and when sharing the central costs.

18. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

- Deferred -

19. RATIONALISING LISTS

- Deferred, to be discussed electronically -

20. MEMBERSHIP

- Deferred, to be discussed electronically -

21. EARN89

- Deferred, to be discussed electronically -

22. NEXT MEETING

The next Exec meeting will take place in Paris on September 27, the October meeting will take place on October 22 in Tel Aviv and the following meeting is planned for December 8-9.

Michael Hebgen
September 6, 1988