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EARN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EARN EXEC)

EARN EXEC-MEETING NUMBER 29

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE EARN EXECUTIVE

Draft Minutes of the meeting held  
October 18, 1989 and October 21, 1989

PLACE: Hotel Meridien, Lisboa, Portugal.

EARN EXECUTIVE:	Paul Bryant,	(PB)	Secretary
	Avi Cohen,	(AC)	
	Frode Greisen,	(FG)	President
	Michael Hebgen,	(MH)	Vice President
	Jean-Claude Ippolito,	(JCI)	Treasurer
	Dennis Jennings,	(DJ)	
	Stephano Trumpy,	(ST)	

EARN STAFF:	Alain Auroux,	(AA)	Paris Office
	Jerry Striplin(part)	(JS)	EARN OSI Centre

Information of a contractual or personal nature which could  
prejudiceEARN negotiations is not in the published EARN Executive  
minutes

29.1 Action review - EXEC127 89

Executive meeting 22

DJ - write to Physics Library

Retain

Board Meeting October 24/25, 1988

FG Circulate BITNET charter for Associate Networks Retain

Executive meeting 26

26.4 Update EARN technical and management plan  
EXEC25 89 Retain

26.8 Revise and clarify EXEC59 89 Retain

26.9 Set up political and technical meetings with  
IBM in ESINET Complete

26.13 Manage LISTSERV, provide detailed proposal  
LISTGATE Retain

26.14 Investigate statistics collection on a VAX Completed  
Resolved - to review the collection of statistics on a VAX  
Action AA

Board meeting June 1/2, 1989

21.7.3 produce "server compensation" proposals Complete21.7.4  
Investigate options for trans-Atlantic back-up RetainNoted -  
further discussions are taking place with DEC.

Executive meeting July 6/7, 1989

27.4 To revise the "migration resources" EXEC62  
89 as required EXEC Retain27.5

Amend EARN/NORDUNET agreement - EXEC81 89  
and negotiate for signature Complete27.13

Investigate security group Retain27.15

The NOG and IP groups will be asked to  
report on gateways

CompleteResolved - a paper will be circulated to the Executive for  
comment

Clarify technical details for Italian G-box	Action ST27.16
Form "Scholar Committee"	Retain27.17
Send "Associate Membership Form" to BOD	Complete27.18
Put confidential papers in LISTSERV	Retain27.21
Investigate tax on spares for EARN equipment	Retain27.22
Review the EARN projects and tasks	Complete27.24
- a draft EARN project report will be produced with a view to producing one regularly	RemoveResolved
	Action PB
Executive meeting September 7/8, 1989	
28.1 Ask EOC to study conformation with COSINE specifications	Retain28.1
Review the Icelandic situation	Retain28.2
Send an amended version of the letter to Klaus Ullman (EXEC114 89)	Complete28.3
Prepare slightly amended version of the 1990 budget as per EXEC102 89 for the BOD	Complete28.3
Send reminder to countries not having confirmed their 1990 contribution agreement	Complete28.3
Write to G-box sites with respect to maintenance. Information from DJ and JS	Retain28.4
Hopefully update first 3 pages of EXEC113 89 with server compensation figures and submit to BOD	Complete28.8
Amend BOD agenda and issue	Complete28.10
Re-draft EXEC109 89, issue to Executive for electronic comment and submit to BOD	Complete28.11
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Send letter to Eric Thomas regarding LISTSERV 1.6	Complete28.12
Issue invoice to UK for full balance of contribution	Complete28.16
Prepare proposal on sanctions on the UK in the event of non-payment to submit to BOD	Remove28.16
Issue amended OSI development plan to the BOD by September 14, 1989	Remove28.18
Investigate Belgium situation with respect to their international connection	Complete28.19
the Paris to Belgium link has been removed and the EARN traffic now uses the Leuven to Montpellier ESINET link.	CompleteNoted -
28.20 Ask EARN France to comment on EXEC121 89	CompleteNoted -
EARN France will fund the first phase of the project for a PC mail server and EARN may be approached for support in 3 to 6 months.	

Items for decision.-----

29.2 Verbal report on the OSI project was given by Jerry Striplin

Resolved - technical specification of DECNET in NORDUnet as it effects  
EARN is required

Action JS

Resolved - technical specification of NJE/OSI will be published.

Action DJ

Noted - the discussions with DEC on a TAL connection

Noted - successful testing of VAXVMS to IBM NJE/OSI and that a number  
of bugs have been detected.

29.3 Preparation for the Board of Directors meeting

29.3.1 EARN manager

Resolved - the financial requirements and implications of increasing  
the budget for an EARN manager will be presented to the Board of  
Directors.

Resolved - in response to a NOG request the NOG should be allowed to invite observers from BITNET and other networks through their chairman as well as observers from EARN countries not yet connected. No finance would be provided for such observers.

Resolved - the NOG LISTSERV directive was approved for presentation to the Board of Directors.

Resolved - the SNA group should be asked to bring forward a detailed plan based on section 6 of BOD44 89.

Action MH

Resolved - the Executive will investigate the political aspects of operating SNA on a wider scale.

Action DJ

#### 29.4 Server compensation - EXEC129 89

Noted - EXEC129 89 has been withdrawn in the light of discussion in the NOG and will not be published. A new proposal will be presented for the next Executive meeting.

Action MH

#### 29.5 EARN-IXI meeting - EXEC128 89, EXEC131 89

Noted - EXEC128 89 which will be published and EXEC131 89 which is confidential.

#### 29.6 Post mortem of Board of Directors meeting

Resolved - in response to EXEC137 89 (mission and strategy) members will produce their own views which will be discussed electronically and FG will produce a draft document.

Action all,FG

#### 29.7 Temporary connection DK-SE and FI-SE - EXEC139 89

Resolved - the proposed connections were approved subject to the EOC confirming that there are no problems with respect to their access to the relevant G-boxes (DJ) and that the NOG confirms that they have no objections (AA).

Action DJ, AA

Resolved - to set up a working group to investigate NJE over DECNET

Action FG

29.8 Request for a virtual SNA circuit between CERN and CUNY

Resolved - to re-consider the request when the final report and recommendations of the SNA working group are known.

29.9 Proposal for country's connection through PPSDN - EXEC132 89

Resolved - the proposal was agreed in principal. Each request will be dealt with by the EARN manager who must be convinced by the NOG that the plan is viable.

29.10 Use of Board of Directors distribution list.

Resolved - to include new country or new co-operating country directors and deputies on acceptance in the Board of Directors' distribution list. They will also be invited to meetings of the Board of Directors.

29.11 IXI questionnaire - EXEC135 89

Resolved - the form will be filled in for the EOC NT to IXI connection by N O'Reilly and PB.

Action DJ

Resolved - a copy of the form will be sent to each director asking for volunteers to test and evaluate IXI connections with E or G box connections. The list of participants will be selected from the replies. DJ and PB to check the letter.

Action FG

Resolved - the details of the project to test and evaluate the connections will be developed from the "OSI development Plan" document.

Action DJ

29.12 EARN agreements

Resolved - all signed EARN agreements will be circulated to the Board of directors with their papers.

Confidential items for decision-----

29.13 New entries in the EARN tables

Resolved - no action will be taken over certain EARN table entries.

Executive planning-----

29.14 Agenda for meeting 30, December 13, 1989 at 11.00 and on December 14, 1989 finishing at 15.00 at CIRCE, Paris.

The EARN office opening will be December 13 at 18.00. French journalists and sponsors will be invited.

The important topics will be:-

Draft 1991 budget and country contributions including server compensation.

Further planning for OSI - DJ.

EARN strategy - FG.

Security group - AC.

SNA final document - MH.

Items for information-----

29.15 EARN NORDUnet agreement - EXEC130 89 and update EXEC136 89

29.16 Terminal and mail conversions - EXEC133 89

29.17 Donations and grants - EXEC134 89

29.18 Mission and strategy - EXEC137 89

29.19 Call for expression of interest for consultancy and management for OSI network - EXEC138 89.

Noted - the president has registered EARNs interest.

Action List

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Board meeting October 19/20, 1989

22.5.3	To develop a long term strategy
22.9.3	To further consider actions in the case of the late payment of contributions
22.9.4	To provide proposals for the connection of countries by alternative means, e.g. ISDN

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29.1	Review the collection of statistics on a VAX	AA
29.1	Circulate NOG and IP gateway document to the Executive	ST
29.1	Produce draft EARN project report	PB
29.2	Produce technical specification of DECNET in Nordunet as it effects EARN	JS
29.2	Publish technical specification of NJE/OSI	DJ
29.3.1	Ask SNA group to provide a detailed plan based on section 6 of BOD44 89	MH
29.3.1	Investigate political use of SNA on a wider scale	DJ
29.4	Produce server compensation proposal	MH
29.6	Produce long term strategy doscument	All
29.7	Confirm that the DK G-box will be accessible from the EOC and confirm the NOG have no objections to EXEC139 89	DJ, AA
29.7	Set up a working group to study NJE over DECNET	FG
29.8	Re-consider CERN to CUNY circuit in the light of the SNA final report	Exec
29.11	Ask N O'Reilly and PB to fill in IXI form	DJ
29.11	Copy IXI form to all BOD members and ask for volunteers to test IXI.	FG
29.11	Develop OSI development plan for IXI test	DJ