



5 Years of UKNOF: 2005-2010

UKNOF 16
Meeting,
London
21st April 2010

**Keith Mitchell
UKNOF Chair**

Internet “History” Slot **UKNOF**

- UKNOF1 took place in central London on 25th May 2005
- I'd wanted to do it since 2001, but never expected we'd still be here 5 years and 16 meetings on 😊
- UKNOF was founded by UKIF, but has rather outgrown these beginnings

Current Status



- We have run 16 successful meetings 😊
 - ~40-100 attendees each time
- Mailing list of ~650 people
- Programme Committee
- Funding Council
- Committed regular volunteers
- Secure ongoing financial base

UKNOF Remit



- From Charter:
 - *“To pro-actively support the sharing of knowledge, ideas and best practices to enhance the effective, stable and secure operation of the UK's Internet infrastructure as a whole.”*
 - *“UKNOF's remit is technical, and any discussion or activities involving commercial, legal or political issues should be limited to where they have a direct impact on technical aspects of network operations.”*

UKNOF Activities



- *“Distribution of clue”* 😊
- Meetings 3 times/year
 - Current, interesting, stimulating, relevant sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices
 - Wider-ranging and less specific remit than other UK Internet bodies
 - OPEN to all, bring in new blood
 - Bring world-class international speakers to UK audience
- Mailing list
 - Mostly announcements

Programme Committee



- 13 volunteers
- Ensures supply of interesting presentations
- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-pc.html>
- We are **always** looking for interesting, topical, relevant speakers and presentations
- Submissions and suggestions to:
<uknof-pc@uknof.org.uk>
- Increasing demand – submit early !

PC Members



- Keith Mitchell
(chair)
- Andy Davidson
- Bijal Sanghani
- Denesh Bhabuta
- Ian Meikle
- Ivan Beveridge
- Mike Hughes
- Nigel Titley
(co-chair)
- John Lyons
- Neil McRae
- Rob Evans
- Steve Kennedy
- Will Hargrave

Funding Model



- Non-profit
- We prefer to avoid charging meeting registration fees if at all possible
- In general this has been possible through per-meeting sponsors, but..
- ..relying on solely on vendors can be a bit unpredictable, making meeting logistics difficult
- so we added “subscriber sponsors”..

Funding Model



- Use mixture of vendor and subscriber sponsors
- “subscribers” are various not-for-profit Internet associations with interests in common with UKNOF, comprising the *Funding Council*
- These commit baseline funds which allow meetings to be confirmed well in advance
- Commercial vendors enhance these per-meeting where available
 - e.g. lunch, nicer venues, beer, curry 😊

Funding Council



- Invited representatives of sponsors who have contributed significantly to UKNOF
- ..and have made an ongoing support commitment
- We covered our 2009 costs well enough to not need to ask FC for 2010 funds
- Provides degree of governance/oversight for UKNOF
- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/uknof-fc.html>

Current Funding Council Members



- Aeximous Admin time
- C&W £
- ISC Chair time
- Jump Networks Hosting
- LINX £
- LONAP Mail list server
- Nominet £

UKNOF Running Costs



- Typically about £5k per meeting:
 - venue ~£1.5k
 - catering ~£1.5k
 - admin, misc expenses ~£1500
 - connectivity, webcast
- About 20-25 days/yr Chair's time
 - contributed by ISC, as part of their public benefit remit
 - Keith's day job now Director of Engineering at ISC (only !)
- About 1-15 days/yr Admin time
- We have reserves for around a year of meetings
- Detailed accounts available on request

UKNOF Meetings



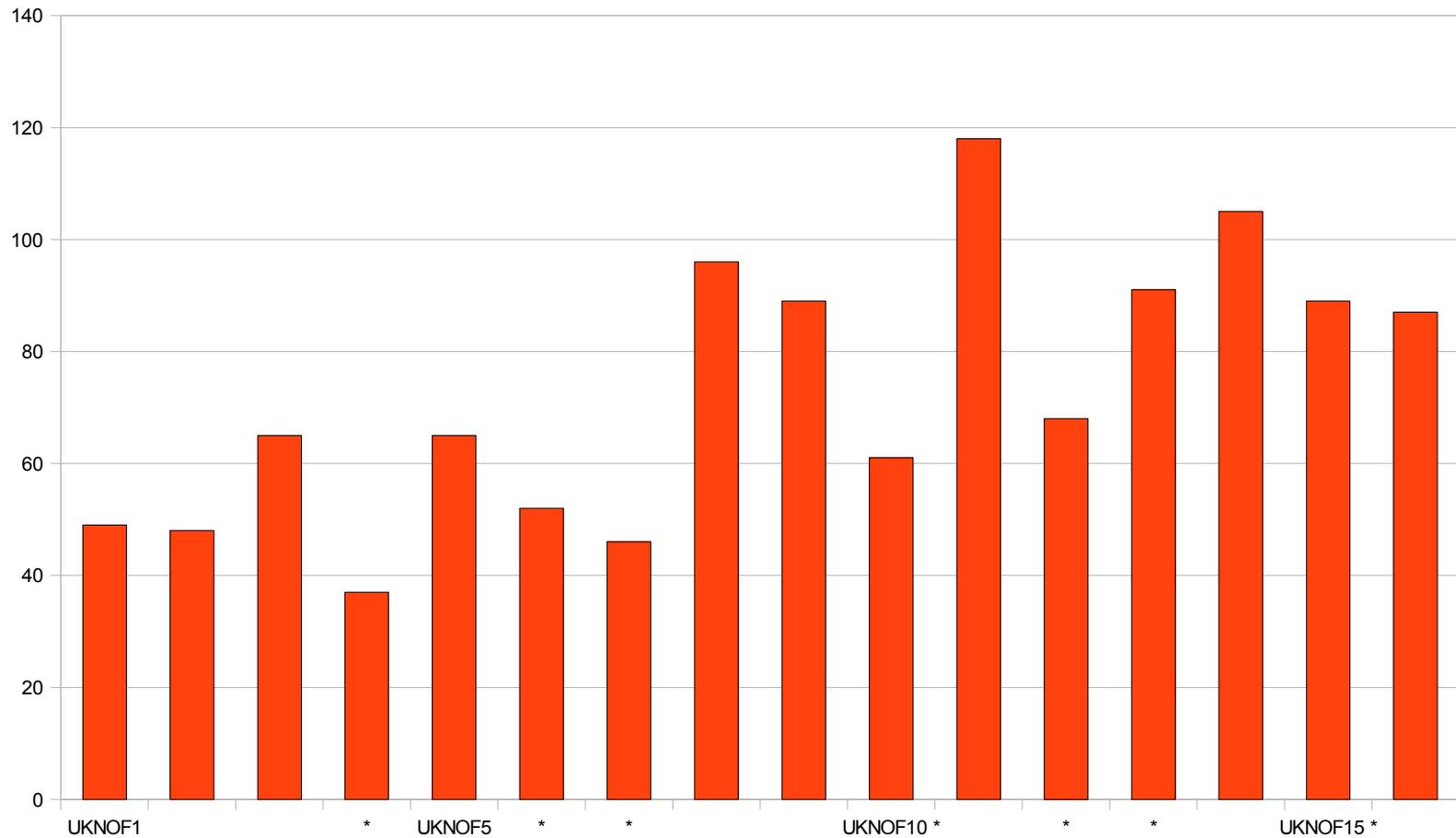
- 3 times per year
 - At least one per year in London
 - At least one per year outside London
- Dates are now notionally 3rd Thursday of every Jan, Apr & Sep
 - subject to venue etc availability
- We are always looking for hosts/venues

UKNOF Meetings



- UKNOF1, May 05
- UKNOF2, Sep 05
- UKNOF3, Jan 06
- UKNOF4, May 06
Manchester
- UKNOF5, Oct 06
- UKNOF6, Jan 07
Southampton
- UKNOF7, Apr 07
Manchester
- UKNOF8, Sep 07
- UKNOF9, Jan 08
- UKNOF10, May 08
Wolverhampton
- UKNOF11, Sep 08
- UKNOF12, Feb 08
Bristol
- UKNOF13, May 09
Sheffield
- UKNOF14, Sep 09
- UKNOF15, Jan 10
Rochdale
- UKNOF16, Apr 10

Meeting Registration



Past Meeting Sponsors



BROCADE



Optical Internet

UKNOF Facilities



- Web site, DNS and internal e-mail currently hosted on Keith's server
 - getting upgrade next week..
- Co-lo and transit for this donated to UKNOF by Jump Networks
- Mailman mailing list hosted by LONAP
- Various parties help with VoIP, meeting and webcast connectivity/archive
- UKIF provide bank account, bookkeeping, legal entity

Our Valued Volunteer Helpers



- Without whom it would not all be possible:
 - **Admin: Denesh Bhabuta**
 - **Connectivity: Andy Davidson, Will Hargrave**
 - **PGP signing: Ivan Beveridge**
 - **VoIP: Steve Kennedy**
 - **Webcast: Brandon Butterworth, Tom Bird**
 - **Accounts: Willie Black**
- And all our speakers
- **THANK YOU !!**

UK Internet History Project



- <http://www.uknof.org.uk/history.html>
- A modest attempt to gather material from the early (1980s/90s) days of the UK Internet
- Regular speaker slots from people who were there
- Would be nice to have archive server for preserving primary source material
- Needs **co-ordination**, funding
- Speak to Keith or Nigel if you'd like to help with this

Next Meetings



- **UKNOF17**
 - 7th Sep 2010
 - Edinburgh University
 - Seeking sponsors
- **UKNOF18**
 - 20th Jan 2011 *TBC*
 - Seeking venue/host/sponsors
- **UKNOF19**
 - 21st Apr 2011 *TBC*
 - Seeking venue/host/sponsors

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