

**MINUTES OF TTC MEETING
14 May 2001
Talya Hotel, Antalya, Turkey**

APPROVED BY TTC – 12 October 2001

Those present:

TTC members:

Kees Neggers (chair),
Brian Gilmore,
David Chadwick,
Claudio Allocchio,
Dimitrios Kalogeras,
Stanislaw Starzak
Olav Kvittum,
Karel Vietsch,
John Dyer (secretary)

TERENA staff:

Valentino Cavalli,
Yuri Demchenko

MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM TTC MEETING 16 FEBRUARY 2001

The revised minutes dated 4 May 2001 of the 16 February 2001 TTC meeting were accepted without change.

OPEN ACTIONS from 16 February 2001

010216-01	TERENA Secretariat to send TEC summary to TTC Email distribution list	DONE
010216-02	TERENA Secretariat to strongly pursue SENERATE proposal or successor	ONGOING
010216-03	VC to work on TF-NGN pages to incorporate more value added material	ONGOING
010216-04	VC to send IST-F5-RN2 call URL to TTC Email distribution list	DONE
010216-05	JD to include TF-LSD Presentation in Technical Programme Slot at TNC	DONE
010216-06	YD collect community PKI CPs and make an on-line repository of the them	ONGOING
010216-07	TERENA Secretariat - Organise a PKI BoF on Wednesday pm, at TNC	DONE
010216-08	Olav to give a presentation on UNINETT mobile project at TAC	DONE
010216-09	JD to draft TAC agenda and circulate to TTC email distribution list for discussion	DONE

DECISIONS MADE ON MINOR PROJECT PROPOSALS AT TTC 14th MAY 2001

1. Pilot Implementation of the IODEF Based Incident Handling

SURFnet and UKERNA
7 kEURO from TERENA
12 months elapse time to completion.

A revised proposal from SURFnet and UKERNA dated 12 May 2001 was reviewed by the TTC. The main change from the original version being the removal of the funding request for the funding of staff effort within SURFnet and UKERNA. The requested funding is now for XML tools (2k EURO) and travel funding for non -SURFnet / -UKERNA experts within the normal TERENA travel rules up to a maximum of 5 kEURO. The partners have explicitly requested 1/8th FTE of PDO time to support the project which was approved.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of the XML tools. David Chadwick pointed out that IBM alpha-works includes such tools and is available to the academic community for none commercial purposes free-of-charge. Adoption of such tools should be investigated as an alternative to commercial purchase.

It was also agreed that the proposal should be more explicit that it will provide two way parsing to and from the commercial tools so as to allow seamless exchange of incident information between systems.

It was also agreed that the project partners should explicitly commit to provide feedback, information and promotion of the use of the tools through TF-CSIRT. Provided the partners agree to these conditions the project proposal was approved with a maximum budget of 7 kEURO.

2. CIP-BASED REFERRAL SERVER

Catalogix (ES) and RedIRIS
20 kEURO from TERENA
7 months Elapse time to completion

It was agreed that there is a need for the use of indexing in the field of LDAP service provision. It was thought that the use of indexes can improve the performance of an LDAP directory by approximately two orders of magnitude. Members of the TTC could not think of other uses of CIP-based referral servers outside of LDAP, despite the fact that this was suggested in the proposal. The proposers are requested to be more explicit on these other applications. HTTP already has LDAP filters for example. The proposal did not provide any evidence of wider support for the project outside of Spain and if the proposal is to be accepted, then wider support, particularly a commitment from NRN's to use the products that result will have to be demonstrated. The issue of IPR and the terms under which the academic community may use the products need to be stated, in particular, the extent of the community (does it include Internet2 partners for instance under the collaborative MOU signed between TERENA and UCAID ?). There was widespread concern over the cost, despite the 50% discount being given by Catalogix on their normal rates. RedIRIS is asked to investigate more cost effective solutions, looking for other potential developers, or undertaking more of the work in the academic community.

The TTC were sympathetic to the funding of the project at an appropriate level, however agreed that before funding approval could be given, the above issues need resolution. A revised proposal should be re-submitted, containing a better description of the work and addressing the issues mentioned above.

3. Definition of a European Educational Person (DEEP)

DASSI International (DE)
38 kEURO from TERENA
12 months elapses time to completion.

There has been significant support for this project proposal at the TF-LSD meeting, although David Chadwick has serious reservations on technical and financial grounds. It should be noted that although he is an acknowledged expert in the field, he was unable to convince the TF-LSD attendees of his views. David's view is that ObjectClasses should only be defined when there is a real practical need (for implementation for example) and not in a vacuum and under those conditions, definition is a fairly short task. The counter argument from Brian Gilmore, supported by many of the other LSD and TTC members is that rather than let many divergent solutions be developed independently at institutions around Europe, it would be sensible to collect the requirements and draft a definition that could be adopted as a common starting point, therefore saving much un-necessary re-invention and duplication.

It was agreed that the project proposer should demonstrate clearly community support for this project by getting the firm commitment of several NRNs to this project. The most effective way of demonstrating this support is by their willingness to make a financial contribution to part fund the project. The project was thought to be too expensive in its present form and the total hours proposed should be investigated with a view of reducing the number. It was suggested that effort from TF-LSD members could be enlisted in undertaking some of the survey for instance.

It was agreed that the proposer should be asked to address these issues, revise the proposal and then resubmit to the TTC with commitments of financial support from interested NRNs to the level of at least 50% of the total funding requirement.

4. Adding Certificate Retrieval to OpenLDAP

Salford University, UK
76 kEURO from TERENA
18 months elapse time to completion

It was agreed that this is technically good proposal and it was given support by the TF-LSD and TTC. It was also noted that this is a long and large project and is not a good fit with the minor project programme. The proposal does not explicitly demonstrate a firm commitment from the NRNs. The recommendation from the TTC is that the proposer has to demonstrate firm NRN commitment before TERENA minor project funding can be awarded. It was agreed that contributions from the NRNs should be sought by Salford and when this has been done, TERENA will fund the project to the level of 26 kEURO.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was not set. It will be agreed on the email list.

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010514-01	JD to inform project proposers of the outcome of the TTC review	New Action