TF-MSP survey – evaluation of meetings attendance

11 responses:

Deputy Director, Business Development, Project Manager, Procurement advisor
Head of Product Management, Manager Customer Relations & Product
Management, Director international relations, 2 x Product Manager, 2 x Customer
Relations.

RENATER, RedIRIS, HEAnet, NIIF/Hungarnet, Janet, 2x SURFnet , 2 x Belnet, 2 x
DANTE

Majority of respondents have been with TF-MSP for 5 years and attended more than
5 meetings.

Most valuable aspect of taking part:

- Information exchange
- Networking with other NRENs
- Sharing knowledge/expertise/ideas/common interests
- Knowing what is done in other countries
- Sharing valuable information about key topics for our strategy
- Opportunity to meet international colleagues and discuss formally and
  informally Topics of common interest and potential for collaboration
- Learning from technical expertise / experience of other NRENs
- Keeping up to date with the community activities and service topics
- Getting known in the community of marketing professionals
- Discussing about common challenges and opportunities
- Deciding about joint efforts and activities
- Opening ways of fruitful collaborations
- Hearing how other countries handle product management, process controls,
  product marketing, pricing
- Seeking procurement collaboration.
What have you found to be the most interesting/useful/valuable element of TF-MSP meetings?

Sharing of services interactive discussions (based on presentations), informal networking and social contact.

Ideas of persons/organisations to invite to the group or give a presentation?

• (Cloud) service providers - GOOGLE and AMAZONE, but also the smaller ones who have a Pan-European service portfolio useful for the R&E community and even public sector. Key connected institutions (from NREN all over Europe: CERN like research institutes; what is their experience/perception of working with NREN's? What are their (future) needs?
• More subject matter experts/external specialists?
• It is positive that experts in specific fields make presentations to the group. It would also be positive to have more participation from some NRENs, including several big ones.
• Analysis / Research experts Business case by NRENs for new services Summary / feedback on other conferences of interest e.g. Future Internet
• Key e-Infrastructure strategists and policy makers from the US, Canada, and Australia.
• It would be good to hear from DANTE on the benefits to NRENs of using GEANT to host shared services for the GEANT community. For example, we have a number of services that other NRENs are interested in using, but we are unsure which is the best delivery model - host the service ourselves, or offer to GEANT so that other NRENs can subscribe that way. How does this improve/avoid the procurement process and the requirement for the host NREN to respond to procurement tenders...etc.

TESTIMONIAL:

“I would like to express my thanks for your invitations, your warm welcomes and no-nonsense approach in everybody's sharing of their achievements, in short for the great initiative and organisation that this taskforce is! I think there are lots of possibilities left here, especially where it concerns Third Parties with European R&E business case, such as Google, GreenQloud, Adobe”. Ann Bevers, Belnet