

# EurOpen News Sheet

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Winter 1995

## Governing Board Meeting

The dates for the next Governing Board Meeting are confirmed as **Saturday 25th** and **Sunday 26th November, 1995**. The venue is:

**The Holiday Inn  
De Boelelaan 2  
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The Netherlands**

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and the meeting will commence with a light lunch at **1.00 p.m.** on the **Saturday** and end with a lunch at **1.30 p.m.** on the **Sunday** to allow for travel.

An Agenda is being sent out separately to all Governing Board representatives along with a hard copy of the previous minutes held on 13th & 14th May, 1995 in Denmark.

It is hoped that every National Group will send a representative as there are important issues to be discussed,

such as future subscription rates, future events and EUnet as well as a full presentation on Networking services.

Message from

**Simon Kenyon**

**Network Services**

**EurOpen Exec.**



*"It is with much pleasure that I announce the movement of the EurOpen WWW server to <http://www.europen.org/>*

*I would like to thank Simon Poole and the Swiss Group for obtaining the name in the firstplace and for helping in the transfer for the domain.*

*Could you all please update your WWW servers accordingly.*

*I will watch the referer logs for the next while and notify Webmasters individually.*

*Thanks in advance"*

## **EurOpen Executive**

The EurOpen Executive met on 1st October, 1995 in Brussels. There were no apologies for absence as the full Executive - Kim Biel-Nielsen, Andrew Macpherson, Simon Kenyon, Jan Saell and Mario Zagar, plus Executive Director Helen Gibbons were all present.

The Treasurer, Andrew Macpherson, reported that the finances were running as expected with a small loss predicted for the end of the year. He recommended that raises in the subscription rates, at least to keep in pace with inflation, should be considered.



**Simon Kenyon and  
Andrew Macpherson**

Only three National Groups remained unpaid at the time of the meeting one of which, Luxembourg, was in the process of paying. PUUG (Portugal) had contacted the Secretariat to say that it was experiencing problems and would pay whenever possible, but no contact has been received from EurOpen.SK (Republic of Slovakia).

New Networking Services were discussed at length during the meeting,

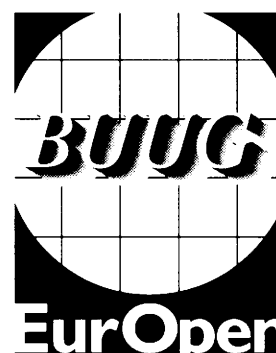
and these will be presented in detail at the November Governing Board Meeting.

There is an action to send out to each National Group a diskette and paper versions of their Web pages for correction, and suggestion and comments from the Groups in the Web are welcome, either direct to Simon Kenyon <simon@itc.icl.ie> or via the Secretariat.

**Meeting**

**with**

**BUUG**



One of the prime reasons for meeting in Brussels was for the Executive to make contact with the Belgian UNIX User Group (BUUG).

Pascal Delmoitie, the Secretary, explained that BUUG is very small with only about 250 members.



**Jan Saell and  
Pascal Delmoitie**

Many institutional members had left when the network moved away from BUUG and most members were now individuals. The Group is intent on running successful events but it needed a lot of effort and the representatives were pleased to hear from Kim Biel-Nielsen about the services currently being undertaken by EurOpen.



**Helen Gibbons, Robert Sprockeels  
and Mario Zagar**

He stressed that the Belgian Group was a key Group within Europe, especially because of its position in the EEC, and he offered whatever help was needed, and asked the Belgian Group to try if possible to attend the next Governing Board Meeting.

The editor of the BUUG Newsletter, Robert Sprockeels, also attended the meeting and both representatives were made very welcome.

### **EurOpen Executive meets BUUG representatives**



**from left to right:**

**Andrew Macpherson, Helen Gibbons, Robert Sprockeels  
Pascal Delmoitie, Kim Biel-Nielsen, Mario Zagar  
and Simon Kenyon**

The board members of BUUG are:

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## Events

EurOpen is pleased to announce the following events:

**"Publishing on the World Wide Web"**  
**23rd November, 1995**

NLUUG Annual Autumn Conference,  
Ede, The Netherlands

**"Advanced UNIX and Internet Security"**  
**10th - 12th January, 1996**

Seminar by Rik Farrow, London, UK

**"Advanced UNIX and Internet Security"**  
**15th - 17th January, 1996**

Seminar by Rik Farrow, Copenhagen, Denmark

**"Publishing on the Internet"**  
**29th & 30th January, 1996**

Conference & Tutorials, Zurich, Switzerland

**"Publishing on the Internet"**  
**31st January & 1st February, 1996**

Conference & Tutorials, Stockholm, Sweden

The NLUUG Conference, in liaison with EurOpen, organised for 23rd November has as its Keynote speaker: Peter Salus with "Before the Internet, there was ARPANET"

The Technical track includes presentations from Mick Farmer (troff2html-ms), Evi Nemeth (WWW Publishing), and Martien van Steenbergen (Hot-Java). The Commercial/Management track covers legal issues, business benefits, payment issues and publishing. The Graphical Design track includes presentations from Steve Pemberton (Readable Electronic Journals), Simon Kenyon (KoalaIO) and Dan Farmer (Satan).

Most of the presentations will be in English. Bookings can be made by contacting the NLUUG Secretariat:

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As well as those events detailed above, discussions are currently taking place with a view to running a series of COSE/CDE events in Europe in 1996 under the title "The Interoperable Desk Top". Suggestions are that they be held in June in Copenhagen, Prague and Paris.

### **Rik Farrow Seminars**

The Rik Farrow Seminars continue to be popular. A big turnout in Budapest from the Eastern European countries ensured a big success and thanks are due to Maria Toth who organised it with her customary efficiency. We heard that she subsequently suffered a broken hand and I hope that she is now recovered.

Unfortunately there was a poor take up in Stockholm, although the event there was financially successful and thanks are due to Anita Nilsson who bore the brunt of the hard work there.

Mr. Farrow is being asked if he is willing to continue his Seminars in Autumn 1996, possibly in Iceland and The Netherlands, as well as re-running them in Copenhagen and London in 1997.

## **News from the National Groups**

### **UKUUG**

#### **The UK UNIX**

#### **User Group**



Chairman - Mick Farmer:

October two John S. Quarterman Tutorials "The Matrix Today and the Internet Tomorrow" in London and Edinburgh. Sadly these did not prove to be quite as popular as expected.

However, a major Conference is now planned for **19th & 20th December** in **York** - entitled "**Location Independent Computing**". Anyone interested in submitting a paper on the subject Mobile Computing should send an abstract by email to <ukuug-conf-95@bnr.co.uk> as soon as possible.

Future events for **1996** will include Tutorials by **Richard Stevens** and **Eric Allman** plus the **Rik Farrow** Seminar on **Internet Security** on **10th - 12th January, 1996**.

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**HrOpen**  
**Croatian Open**  
**Systems Users'**  
**Group**



Chairman - Mario Zagar

HrOpen (established in late 1992) stands for Croatian Open Systems Users' Group. Its primary objectives are the promotion of Open Systems, the exchange of experiences and connecting to the Open World. It helps users protect themselves from pressures exerted upon their budget by different vendors and looks to influence the strategic development of future standards in the field of information technologies.

HrOpen was established during a particularly difficult time for the country, when such activities didn't seem to have the highest priority. However, there was a strong feeling among the computing (and wider)

community that the future of Croatia and its citizens lies in the openness of both its technology and its people as well as in the struggle towards an open world.

HrOpen is a self financed, non profit association organized similarly to other EurOpen national associations. It has been a member of EurOpen since 1993 and it participates in all of the group's activities. The association is open to everyone who wishes to contribute to the development of HrOpen services, its advertising or any other activity in the open computing field. Since its inception, HrOpen's policy has stated that every member should have a login account with a certain minimum disk space, an email address and access to the world wide network information services.

**Equipment:**

Through co-operation with CARNet (Croatian Academic and Research Network), HrOpen has been able to build a small thin ethernet based network with Internet access. The current technical base consists of:

- \* Sun Sparc station 5 (2 GB disk space, 64 MB RAM, a CD ROM),
- \* Digital Venturis 466 (500 MB disk space, 16 MB RAM, a CD ROM),
- \* PC 486 (1 GB disk space, 16 MB RAM),
- \* a modem server with a modem pool available to HrOpen members.

Some of the equipment was purchased by HrOpen, and the rest of it

donated, thanks to invaluable help from the Croatian Ministry of Science and Technology and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (University of Zagreb).

### Membership:

Every active member of HrOpen is entitled to:

- \* a login account at the HrOpen node,
- \* an e mail address of the form:

First\_name.Last\_name@open.hr

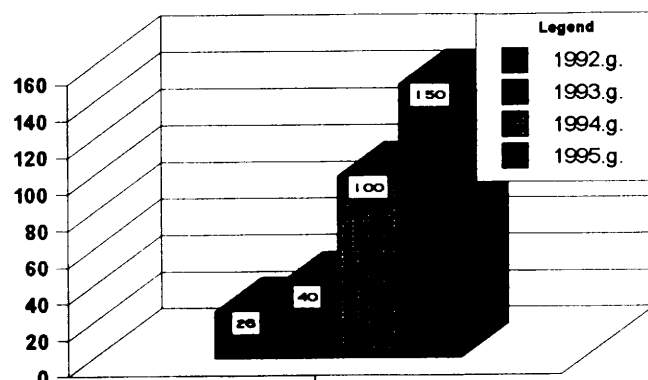
- \* an introductory WWW home page

<http://www.open.hr/>

- \* free attendance to all of the meetings and conferences organized by HrOpen.

The members fall into following categories:

- \* individuals (1 account),
- \* small companies (up to 10 accounts),
- \* large companies (more than 10 accounts),
- \* young members (mostly students).



So far, HrOpen has organized the following events:

Open Systems Days DORS '94, held in Zagreb in January 1994. The event included a conference, a number of tutorials, an exhibition and the annual meeting of the members of HrOpen. The event, whose theme was Open Computing, hosted several speakers from different European countries. The event was supported by EurOpen Exec, who had organized a simultaneous meeting in Zagreb,

Open Systems Days DORS '95, held in Zagreb in March 1995. The event included a conference, a number of tutorials, an exhibition and the annual meeting of the members of HrOpen. The theme of the event was Open Computing in Modern Business,

Several one day seminars were organized through co-operation with companies (members of HrOpen) that distribute products such as WordPerfect, UNIXWare and BEST uninterruptable power supplies.

HrOpen members actively took part in the Advanced UNIX and Internet Security seminar held in Budapest from September 6 to September 8, 1995. The seminar was a success and provided a good model for how these events should be organized in the future. The basic idea is to find an interesting topic and keep the seminar expenses relatively low for the participants. There was a strong feeling among the participants that such events should continue to be organized. Possible future topics

include Common Desktop Environment.

HrOpen was one of the world associations included in X/Open survey of the open technologies in 1994.

The primary objective of HrOpen in 1995 and in the near future is the promotion and the extension of our own WWW service:

**URL:** <http://www.open.hr/>

The WWW site contains information about HrOpen members and (for small and large member companies) information about their products. It also contains links to the EurOpen WWW site and, through it, to other EurOpen national groups. Providing network information services is one of HrOpen's key tasks.

Throughout 1994 and 1995, HrOpen has organized meetings and tutorials in most Croatian cities for its present and potential members. During the partial occupation of Croatia, it was difficult to travel between different parts of the country. E mail and other network information services were (and still are) the bridges that connect different regions together. Once all the parts of the country are free, there will certainly be even more contribution towards the building of an open community.

By continuing improvement of our services, we wish to extend our members' opportunities for communication inside and outside of the association. Information disseminated in any part of the world is instantly available to our members.

In the future, we look to increase the number of our members and educate them about the benefits of everyday presence on the Internet because: "the information generators have the obligation to PROVIDE the information to the consumers and the information consumers have the obligation to use it and BENEFIT from it!"

**Future events:**

- \* extending our local WWW service and supporting EurOpen's WWW site,
- \* organizing conferences like DORS '96 (to be held in the Spring of '96),
- \* organizing (in cooperation with EurOpen) events similar to the one recently held in Budapest,
- \* improving our technical base.

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## The ICT Partnership

Jean-Michel Cornu reports that the ICT Partnership is continuing on its way. Plenary sessions, involving all the organisations were held in July, and EurOpen was well represented with four delegates.

The first demonstration of the User-Link Web was presented which is being put in place for all the organisations of the ICT Partnership. The home page was presented in 13 different languages including Greek (with Greek characters). All the characters were designed in GIF images to allow everyone in the world to read it.

A working version of this Web with rooms for each Round Table and contact points for all organisations is being prepared.

The next meeting of Round Table 8 which is chaired by EurOpen on "**User Co-operation for Access to the Information Society**", will be held on **Wednesday 13th December 1995**.

What follows is a paper from the Association OSITOP which proposes to set up a study on Open Systems with the ICT Organisations. Anyone interested should contact: *Jean-Michel Cornu - Jean-Michel.Cornu@afuu.fr*

### "OSITOP Proposal for a European Survey"

The "Bangemann Report" and the "Genval Workshop" on ICT (Information and Communication

Technologies) raised a number of new, challenging issues.

Therefore the OSITOP-project "European Information Infrastructure - Analysis of the needs of the business community" is helping to define the needs of the business community and to derive some priorities for the standardisers.

The project is to respond to the following four questions:

*What are the communication needs of the users ?*

*What are the currently used infrastructures ?*

*What are the limitations of the existing infrastructures ?*

*What do users expect from the standardisers in the future ?*

The answers are derived from an extensive user survey. The second main field of the OSITOP Project is the establishment and the maintenance for a pan-European forum of business users.

The forum's tasks in details:

Availability for consultation on ICT related issues to the European Commission and to their organisations who require user feedback from the European business community.

Dissemination of ICT related information to the business community in order to raise awareness on European ICT initiatives and on ICT standardisation Exchange of experience in various ICT areas.

## News from USENIX

The USENIX Association has announced the following forthcoming events:

### January 22-26, 1996

#### **USENIX 1996 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina,  
San Diego, California

Sponsored by the USENIX Association

Program Chair: Bob Gray, US WEST

Tutorial Program: January 22-23,  
1996

Keynote Address: 9 am, January 24

"Nature and Nurture: The Interplay  
of UNIX and Networking" by Van Ja-  
cobsen, Lawrence Berkeley National  
Laboratory

Technical Sessions, including Refer-  
eed Papers and Invited Talks tracks:  
January 24-26, 1996

Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions: eve-  
nings, January 23-25, 1996

USENIX Reception: evening, January  
24, 1996

Vendor Display: January 24-25, 1996

### May 13-17, 1996

#### **5th UNIX SYSTEM ADMINISTRA- TION, NETWORKING, AND SECUR- ITY SYMPOSIUM (SANS V)**

Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Open Systems Con-  
ference Board, in cooperation with  
SAGE, the System Administrators

Guild, FedUNIX, and the Escal Insti-  
tute

Program Chairs: Rob Kolsatd and  
Michelle Crabb

### June 17-21, 1996

#### **2ND CONFERENCE ON OBJECT- ORIENTED TECHNOLOGIES AND SYSTEMS (COOTS)**

Marriott Eaton Centre, Toronto,  
Canada

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tion

Program Chair: Douglas C. Schmidt,  
Washington University

Tutorial Program Chair: Doug Lea,  
SUNY Oswego

Submissions due: February 13, 1996;  
final papers due: May 17, 1996

### July 10-13, 1996

#### **4TH TCL/TK WORKSHOP (TCL/TK 96)**

Doubletree Hotel, Monterey, Califor-  
nia

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tion

Program Chairs: Mark Diekhans,  
Santa Cruz Operation and Mark  
Roseman, University of Calgary

Paper and demo submissions due:  
March 5, 1996; copy due: May 28,  
1996

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events, please contact the USENIX  
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## **News from UniForum**

Richard Jaross, Executive Director of UniForum, has announced the implementations of a new strategic plan which will help chart the course of UniForum over the next several years. Some highlights of it are:

- UniForum will remain UniForum. There will be no change of name.

- UniForum believes that Open Systems is the preferred model of computing, in that it provides freedom of choice for the User in a vendor-neutral environment and fosters sense of community among vendors, developers and users, which is so valuable that it cannot be overstated.

- UniForum will be more active than ever before in providing education through Conferences, Trade Shows and Training programs - many of them new this year.

- UniForum will publish and distribute to broader audiences than ever before a selection of high-quality periodicals and publications. Look for the brand-new UniForum Press book publishing venture to be announced and for major changes in this magazine.

- UniForum will be an aggressive partner with Users and Industry in facilitating communications among all interested parties.

- UniForum will do everything in its power to assist in the development and growth of new open technologies.

**UniForum '96** will be held in **San Francisco** on **12th - 16th February 1996**.

UniForum's home page on the World Wide Web is:

**URL <http://www.uniform.org>**

## **AUUG - Australian UNIX User group**

The Australian UNIX User Group is now on the Web:

**URL <http://www.auug.org.au/>**

## **Next News Sheet**

National Groups please send an informative piece about your Group for publication in the next News Sheet. It does keep everyone in touch with events and what's happening around the Groups.

***The copy date will be:***

***19th January, 1996***

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## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

- 1 - 1 GURU - ROSE 95 - Bucharest, Romania (rose@guru.ro)
- 2 - 8 DECUS - San Francisco, CA, USA
- 3 - 5 Datorn Hemma 95, Sollentunam, Stockholm Sweden
- 5 - 9 ACM Multimedia 95 - San Francisco, CA, USA
- 6 - 8 MacWorld Expo 95 - Stockholm, Sweden
- 6 - 10 NetWorld + InterOpen 95 - Paris, France
- 14 - 18 COMDEX Fall - Las Vegas, Nevada
- 21 - 24 Scanautomatic - Svenska, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 22 - 25 Ljud, Ljus & Bild - Sollentunam, Stockholm, Sweden
- 23 - 24 NLUUG Conference "Publishing on the World Wide Web" - Ede De Reehorst, The Netherlands

### DECEMBER

- 2 - 7 DECUS - San Francisco, CA, USA
- 3 - 6 SOSF - Colorado, USA
- 4 - 8 IETF - Dallas, TX, USA
- 11 - 14 94th World Wide Web Conference - Boston MA, USA
- 19 - 20 UKUUG Conference "Location Independent Computing" - University of York, UK

### 1996 JANUARY

- 10 - 12 EurOpen - Internet Security Seminar, London - EurOpen/UKUUG
- 15 - 17 EurOpen - Internet Security Seminar - Copenhagen, Denmark - EurOpen/DKUUG
- 22 - 26 USENIX - Winter Conference - San Deigo, USA
- 29 - 30 EurOpen "Publishing on the Internet" 2 day Seminar - Zurich, Switzerland (in conjunction with /ch/open)

### FEBRUARY

- 30 Jan - 1 Feb EurOpen "Publishing on the Internet" 2 day Seminar - Stockholm Sweden (in conjunction with EurOpen.SE)
- 14 - 16 UniForum Winter Conference - San Francisco, USA
- AUUG Summer Conference, Australia

### MARCH

- 12 - 14 UniForum - San Francisco, CA, USA

### APRIL

### MAY

- 18 - 24 DECUS - Orlando, FL, USA

### JUNE

### JULY

### AUGUST

- 4 - 8 Interex 96 - San Diego, CA, USA

### SEPTEMBER

- AUUG '96, Melbourne VIC, Australia

### NOVEMBER

- 16 - 22 DECUS - Winter '96, Anaheim CA, USA

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