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The New EurOpen - The European Federation of Open Systems User Groups

In 1992, the Governing Board decided to appoint a new four person Executive with the specific task of streamlining EurOpen financially and bringing its services more in line with the actual needs of the National Groups. One of the economies was to discontinue the rather large and expensive EurOpen Newsletter, and instead, during 1993, a small four page Newsletter was produced bimonthly and sent on a restricted distribution to the Committees of each National Group. Some National Groups have sent it on to their membership, others have incorporated the content in their own Newsletters, so it is hoped that all individual members have been kept up to date with events, but, as a special mailing is being done to everyone this Spring, it seemed a good idea to send a special issue of the current Newsletter direct to members just to keep them in touch with the parent body.

As a result of the economies, the new EurOpen is in a healthy financial state, and its Executive concentrates its efforts in supporting National Groups while providing a European umbrella under which they can operate and exchange information.

National Groups now pay a fixed fee to EurOpen based on three categories: Junior Member (1,000 ECU's), Full Member (5,000 ECU's) and Sponsor Member (10,000 ECU's). All categories carry voting rights.

The four groups who are at present Sponsor Members, EurOpen.SE (Sweden), GUUG (Germany), NLUUG (The Netherlands) and UKUUG (United Kingdom), are to be thanked particularly for their contributions which are used to help emergent countries and those Groups with particular difficulties.

The newest Group to join EurOpen is Hr.Open - The Croatian Open Systems Users Group which was welcomed into membership at the end of 1993.

The current Executive consists of Chairman, Zdravko Podolski (UK), Kim Biel-Nielsen (Denmark), Lothar Koch (Germany) and Maria Toth (Hungary), with co-opted help from Marten van Gelderen (The Netherlands) and Mick Farmer (UK). The EurOpen Secretariat remains at Owles Hall, Buntingford, Herts. SG9 9PL, UK to which any interesting news for inclusion in future Newsletters may be sent.

Governing Board Meeting

The next full meeting of the Governing Board will be held on 16th and 17th April, 1994 at The Royal Holloway & Bedford New College, Egham, Surrey, UK.

Full Agendas will be sent to the National Groups in due course, but in the meantime all National Groups are asked to send any extraordinary Agenda items to the EurOpen Secretariat.

The meeting will co-incide with EurOpen Forum 1994, the joint UKUUG/EurOpen Conference to be held at the same venue from 11th - 15th April, 1994. The event will begin with 2 days of Tutorials with Speakers including: Dan Klein, Tom Christiansen and Bill Rieken. The provisional programme for the Conference will cover Mobile Computing, Public Domain Software and Systems Administration. This is likely to be a most popular event and it is hoped that delegates will attend from all the National Groups.

EUnet

In November 1992, EUnet and EurOpen Executive Committees submitted business plans to the plenary bodies of EUnet and EurOpen recommending the formation of EUnet as an independent limited company to be owned jointly by the EUnet National Service providers and EurOpen at the National level.

This has been completed with the establishment of EUnet Ltd. as a company registered in Ireland, but with its operating company in the Netherlands, under the management of Glenn Kowack. The EurOpen representative on the EUnet board is Marten van Gelderen.

Honorary Members

It is worthwhile to remember all those who have done so much for EurOpen in the past and have been granted Honorary Membership of the Group. These are:

Emrys Jones
David Tilbrook

Jim McKie
Keld-Jorn Simonsen
Dr. Peter Collinson
Mike Banahan
Teus Hagen
Michel Gien
Dr. Frances Brazier
Nigel Martin
Dr. Ernst Janich

Obituary

It is sad to report that James (Jim) Joyce, for a long time a well known member of the UNIX Community passed away in San Francisco in May, 1993.

A European Public Domain Encryption/Decryption Algorithm (EPDEDA)

(an open letter from Marten van Gelderen)

At the memorable fall 1988 EUUG conference in Estoril, Portugal I had the privilege of announcing an initiative based on ideas by Leen Kuiper and Leon Oostrijk from the Netherlands.

At that time the Reagan administration was in office in the USA. Referring to the concept of national interest there was put a ban on the export of all technology (it being hardware or software) that involved encryption techniques. The ultimate consequence was that AT&T had to deliver two different versions of UNIX: one for the domestic market that included crypt.o and one for the international market that did not include crypt.o. The UNIX manual page for crypt.o in fact, featured a disclaimer which ran along the lines that due to export restrictions the software (i.e. crypt.o) was not guaranteed to be available outside the USA in the standard distribution.

In Europe dissatisfaction with this policy grew. It was felt unfair that US citizens were allowed to use certain software whereas all other world inhabitants were not, purely based on their nationality. That was completely against the basic ideas expressed in bodies like X/Open and OSF.

And above all that, persistent rumours spreaded that the algorithms implemented in the various encryption software were not mathematically sound. That is, serious suspicion still exists that the NSA or similar bodies (perhaps the KGB) indeed can decrypt, within an acceptable amount of time, encrypted messages when the above mentioned software is used.

In Portugal the idea was presented to solve this problem once and for all. It was suggested that EurOpen should organise a competition to produce a European/EurOpen public domain, mathematically sound, encryption algorithm. The competition should provide the winner (and perhaps serious contenders too) with an interesting, sizable amount of prize-money. Therefore it was suggested that EurOpen should seek support from the EEC. To guarantee the mathematical soundness it was proposed to ask a number of well known mathematicians/cryptologists from different nationalities to enrol as members of the jury. Part of the support of the EEC could be used to give the members of the jury an acceptable compensation for their effort. Then a rather basic problem popped up: who will organise this all?

Find out if the idea is viable and report to EurOpen.

Write a draft "fact-sheet" outlining the ideas.

Contact the EEC and look for funding.

Contact possible members of the jury.

Set up the rules of the game.

Set up an infra-structure for contenders.

Set up reporting facilities for the jury to the contenders, the GB and perhaps the EEC.

Etc. etc. etc

At the time of the conference in Portugal unfortunately only two persons were willing to help organising the PD Crypt competition: Teus Hagen and myself. It speaks for itself that that was not enough. Five years have gone by since and let's face where we are: there is still no genuine, generally available and accepted encryption algorithm.

So here we come again.

EurOpen seeks a number of persons who think that the idea is viable and who are willing to help in organising the activity. I am still available. I do not know about Teus, but I like to guess that he is still interested too. We need at least four to five additional persons, preferably from a number of European countries who are willing to invest a considerable amount of time. If the organising committee comes to the conclusion that the idea is not worthwhile investigating after all, the amount of time that was initially invested may even stay within reasonable limits!

Interested parties may announce their willingness to participate to:

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Current News from the National Groups

GUUG - Germany

GUUG (German UNIX User Group) is the registered association for German UNIX users and is one of the largest groups of its type in Europe, with over 1,500 members. The objective of the association, which was founded in 1985, is the promotion of open computer systems. The Group consists of both companies and individuals. Every year in September, GUUG holds its AGM and the "UNIX in Germany" exhibition, the most important forum for open systems users in Germanspeaking Europe, in Wiesbaden. "Open Systems" is also the title of the magazine published by the Springer press. GUUG offers its members numerous services such as, for example, a program library containing Public Domain Software. GUUG also maintains contact with international associations with similar objectives, is a member of EurOpen and represents the members' interests in the POSIX, usr/group, X/Open, OSF and UNIX International standardisation bodies.

It has recently appointed Hartmut Streppel as its new committee spokesman. Streppel studied computer science at the University of Bonn and worked as a consultant for Interface Computer in Munich on various Unix transfer projects, at Siemens, IBM and Nixdorf from 1982 until 1990, most recently as a divisional manager. He then spent a year with the Open Software Foundation (OSF) as a member of the DME evaluation team. Since 1992, Hartmut Streppel has been responsible for support for transfer projects on DEC OSF/1 AXP at the Digital Equipment Open Systems Service Centre (OSSC).

i2u - Italy

i2u has announced its next Convention to take place in Milan, Italy on 18th - 20th May, 1994. The event will begin with technical Tutorials on Wednesday 18th May, followed by two days of Conference. An accompanying Exhibition will be organised over all three days. Further information is available from the i2u Secretary, Tel: (02) 25202672, email: i2u@i2u.it

i2u is a non profit making Group. Its Executive Chair is currently Carlo Mortarino and operating Secretary is Stefania Battistini. It has Working Groups on OLTP, Security and UNIX on PC, with participants from Olivetti and Unisys, members of software houses and universities.

Publications include annual Conference proceedings and a catalogue of UNIX products and suppliers in Italy, which is available to EurOpen members at a cost of 80,000 IL plus delivery.

FUUG - Finland

In 1993 FUUG held 6 small, free, club meetings, attended by 20 to 40 members, drinking coffee, eating biscuits, listening and talking. More are planned for 1994, starting with 1st February which covered MIME.

In March FUUG will organise a one day seminar in COSE, with the help of HP, IBM and SUN. Topics include: CDE overview/demo, architecture,

application integration, SPEC 1170 and Unix portability issues, the status of COSE in HP's, IBM's and SUN's products. Topics are covered by speakers from HP, IBM and SUN and the talks are given in English. The admission fee is 900 FIM an 600 FIM for FUUG's (and other EurOpen member organisations') members. Everybody is welcome to Helsinki (for more information, mail to fuuq@fuuq.fi)

The FUUG Annual Meeting, where a new board will be elected, will be held following the COSE meeting. This meeting will decide on future events. In May 1994 FUUG will celebrate its 10th birthday.

AFUU - France

During TEC 94, an exhibition dedicated to high technology and competitivity, which will take place on 11th - 14th October, 1994 in Grenoble, France, AFUU, in conjunction with EurOpen, will organise -on 12th and 13th October - the first European Open Systems Convention. Over these two days will be presented: the European open systems strategy with respect to the market, European projects, requirements of major public and private users.. and the technology associated with open systems (normes, standards, networks, EDI...).

AFUU and IIR (Institute for International Research) are also in the progress of organising an Exhibition/Conference called:

Unix 94; Enjeaux et Strategies

This event will take place from 3rd to 6th May, 1994 in Paris. Unix 94: Enjeux et Strategies is based on a Conference space and a business meeting forum. Different user groups will take part in the event to present their activities and results.

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The Group publishes "An Introduction to Unix with POSIX Conformance" by Miss Farah Askar. It is available to EurOpen members.

GURU - Romania

In January 1994 a training programme was organised together with the SOROS foundation from Bucharest, dedicated to the Romanian "High Schools". GURU started with 26 high schools from different towns in Romania. The training was structured in four courses, each two weeks long, covering the following:

- a) Basic UNIX training and dial-up e-mail administration. After this they get one PC with SCO UNIX o.s. and 1 modem for dial-up e-mail for their own usage at their location. They receive also 4 PC based LAN workstations with PC-NFS and X/Windows client software. One workstation is for Linux. At the end of this training module they also get a complete Linux Slackware (the last release) package plus the printed documentation for Linux (about 800 pp. of text), financed by the SOROS Foundation. They are also tested and certified from GURU and they continue to work with the Romanian Group by e-mail.
- b) UNIX programming. It has two parts. One is dedicated for basic UNIX C programming and POSIX compliance for programmers. The 2nd part is for MOTIF programming under X/Windows.

- c) Networking and application development on NFS based LANs. Some IP administration topics for the "full" INTERNET connectivity are also presented.
- d) Special training with some modern tools: GNU compilers, Emacs, Ocean & Nelsis, PVM, ARJUNA, PERL and some AI & Neural Net tools. This training is performed on Linux by those fellows from GURU who used this application and have the expertise to train people in this area.

All this training is performed in order to start some modern activities at the high-schools level in Romania and for selecting some "youngsters" for the future "University training". This is the first national training program from Romania in which GURU as a group, has been involved.

The main tool for making these high-schools operational is the e-mail, and GURU is trying to help them to build a "high-schools' net" with several value added services like: news, list servers e.o for information interchange and for starting their own working groups inside the country.

GURU is slowly increasing the number of "juridic members" in the group, starting with January 1994. This means a fee of 30\$ each per month for each juridic member, which is low, but GURU cannot ask for more at the present time. Instead there is an increased confidence in the "consultancy" offered by the group's technical staff. GURU would appreciate help in this area from EurOpen and AFUU, access to more benchmarks, comparison data for the different platforms on the market, and benchmarking software for GURU are all needed.

The composition of the group remains the same: 30% of members are UNIX high level staff with a lot of experience and the others: 70% are users of Open Systems.

Now all the board from GURU have email addresses.

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ROSE 94 is planned for November / December, 1994.

UKUUG - United Kingdom

The UKUUG is at present busy with the organisation of EurOpen Forum 94 being held jointly with EurOpen on 11 -15 April, 1994, during which it will be holding its Annual General Meeting. Their present Chairman is Mick Farmer. The Group recently organised a joint event at the London Metropole Hotel in conjunction with the SUN UK User Group. The Conference, which was well received, covered themes such as, SUN Focus, Network and Communications and System Administration and proceedings are available at a price of 25.00 GBP including postage and packing by telephoning UKUUG on + 44 763 273475.

As well as publishing a regular bi-monthly Newsletter the UKUUG has recently funded modem access for its members to the archive via two fast US Robotics Sportster 14,400 modems. These modems should provide compatibility with V.42bis, V.42 (LAPM), V.32bis, V.32, V.22bis, V23, V.21, MNP levels 2-5 modems and seem to work very well, especially at high speeds.

Liaison

EurOpen has strong liaison with many outside bodies and is represented on several technical committees. EurOpen maintains strong ties with both USENIX and UniForum in the States

News & Views

Finally the editor would be pleased to receive news items and views from members. Please contact Helen Gibbons -<europen@EU.net>

PROGRAMME OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 1 2 GUUG Workshop, Kassel, Germany GUUG
- 2 LUG Oxford, UK UKUUG
- 3 LUG Cambridge, UK -UKUUG
- 10 POSIX DKUUG
- 21 Auditing SIG, London, UK UKUUG
- 21 Projekterfahrungen: Datenbankanwendungen unter "UNIX" SAS Hotel, Vienna -UUGA
- 21 25 UniForum Trade Show & Conference, San Francisco
- 23 Trends and Technology DKUUG

APRIL

6 - LUG - Oxford, UK - UKUUG

TBA - IFABO '94 - Forum on Open Systems, Vienna - UUGA

11 - 15 UKUUG/EurOpen Conference - Royal Holloway & Bedford New College, Egham, Surrey. UKUUG/EurOpen. 16 & 17 - EurOpen Governing Board Meeting

12 - "Megatrends der PC Softwarehersteller" - SAS Hotel, Vienna - UUGA

25 - 29 Spring Event - Moscow, SUUG

26 - 27 System Development - DKUUG

MAY

FUUG - 10th Birthday

4 - 6 - EDV als Erfolgsfaktor im Unternehmen - "Koexistenz der Welten" - Messegelande, Vienna - UUGA

18/19/20 - Annual i2u Convention - Milan, Italy -i2u

TBA - Networking, Ede, The Netherlands - NLUUG

TBA - 1994 Conference, Milan, Italy - i2u

TBA - UNIX 94, Paris - AFUU

TBA - Spring Conference (Networking) - CSUUG

26 - New LAN Technologies - DKUUG

SPRING

TBA - UNIX Workshop, Luxembourg - LUUG

TBA - Spring Workshop, - CHUUG

JUNE

8 - 10 Summer Technical Conference, Boston, USA -USENIX

16 - DBMS Publishing

AUGUST

25 - The UNIX Market

SEPTEMBER

TBA - HUNIX 1994, Budapest, Hungary - HUUG 12 - 16 - Interop, San Francisco, USA 19 - 22 GUUG Jahrestagung 1994 - Conference & Exhibition, Wiesbaden, Germany. GUUG

19 - 22 Systems Administration, San Diego, USA - USENIX

27 - 28 X-Event - DKUUG

OCTOBER

TBA - Ede, The Netherlands, NLUUG

11 -14 TEC94 - Grenoble, France - AFUU

27 - Drift: Network Management

31 - Annual Meeting & Conference, Stockholm -EurOpen.SE

end Oct - Autumn Conference - Moscow - SUUG

AUTUMN

TBA - UNIX Workshop, Luxembourg - LUUG

TBA - Autumn Workshop - CHUUG

NOVEMBER

17 - Autumn Conference - CSUUG

24 - POSIX in Praxis (Annual Meeting) DKUUG

Nov/Dec - ROSE 94 - Conference & Open Systems Conference, Bucharest, Romania -GURU

The copy date for the April, 1994 issue of the News Sheet will be 20th March, 1994. Articles and information on events are particularly welcome.

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EUROPEN FORUM 94



'Bringing together leading authorities on the latest developments in UNIX and Open Systems' – Mick Farmer, UKUUG Chairman

UKUUG/EUROPEN SPRING CONFERENCE

at Royal Holloway & Bedford New College, Egham, Surrey, UK 11th-15th April 1994

Keynote speakers: Steve Johnson – author of YACC and Glenn Kowack of EUNet

The UK UNIX User Group (UKUUG) was set up to represent users of UNIX and Open Systems and its technical conferences are highly regarded as lively and informative events, where like-minded people can get together and discuss the latest developments. The importance of the UKUUG is underlined by the fact that *every* major UK supplier of UNIX, UNIX-related and Open Systems products is now a member of the Group.

WHO WILL BE AT THE EUROPEN FORUM '94?

IT administrators, developers, programmers, managers and researchers, as well as those in application, support, system, technical and training roles.

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday 13th	09.00-17.00
Thursday 14th	09.00-17.00
Friday 15th	09.00-14.00

Mobile Computing, Public Domain Software and Systems Administration. Guest speakers will include Steve Johnson, formerly of Bell Labs and author of YACC, Glenn Kowack, Executive Director of EUNet and a speaker from Olivetti.

TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

Monday 11th	09.30-17.00
Tuesday 12th	09.30-17.00

Tom Christiansen Dan Klein PERL

Bill Rieken

Power Tools and TCP/IP Network Administration

Mobile Computing

Michael Padovano Networking Programs for UNIX Systems

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The Governing Board

The EurOpen Governing Board Meetings will be held on Saturday 16th April and Sunday 17th April, 1994. These meetings were intended to follow on from the UKUUG / EurOpen Spring Conference scheduled for 11th - 15th April, but unfortunately, due to lack of support from members, the event has had to be cancelled.

As the Conference venue was somewhat difficult to get to, the venue for the Governing Board meeting has been moved for the comfort and convenience of participants to: The Heathrow Ambassador Hotel, London Road, Brands Hill, Slough, Berks SL3 8QB, UK, where the last two meetings have been held.

Full packages of information containing the Agenda and the audited accounts, as well as a separate letter giving details of the change of venue, have already been sent to every National Group.

New Chairperson

It is sad to announce that Zdravko Podolski has given notice as Chair of EurOpen as he is leaving to take up a new position in the U.S.A. The April meetings will be his last as Chairman, and nominations are being sought for his replacement. Nomination forms for this purpose have been included in the package and sent out to all National Groups. Already two names have been put forward - Simon Kenyon (Ireland) and Kim Biel-Nielsen (Denmark). Other nominations are welcome and a vote will be conducted at the meeting.

Current News from the National Groups

AFUU - France

A new event - "UNIX 94: Challenge and Strategies"

A new event, organised by the AFUU (French Unix Users Group) and IIR (Institute for International Research) will be held 3 - 6 May, 1994 at the "Cite des Sciences et de l'Industrie" in Paris, France.

The main topics of the Conferences include:

- *2 days of strategic convergence with round tables
- Open Systems: a strategic requirement for competitiveness
- How to migrate to Open Systems?
- In what way is UNIX a solution for the future?
- Examples of migration to Open Systems. Technical and economical approach
- The importance of Benchmarking to measure the performance of a data processing department
- The Client/Server solution ...
- * 1 special day on visions and elements of technical architecture (state of the art, evolution, selection criteria).
- Architectural approach of operating systems in Client/Server
- Object based architecture: evolution or revolution
- Examples of architectures by business activity: Bank/Insurance, Industry, Public Sector
- * Technical Conferences
- Introduction to the Internet
- Open Transaction Processing monitors
- Portability and Open Systems
- DNS and electronic mail with Sendmail

- TCP/IP networks security and Internet gateways
- CORBA/OMG Architecture
- Distributed system administration

In the exhibition space, open Systems products and solutions will be demonstrated.

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SUUG - Russia

A SUUG Conference on Open Systems will be held on 25-29 April, 1994, at the International Center for Scientific and Technical Information in Moscow, Russia. The Conference is hosted by SUUG, the Society of Unix User Groups (formerly the Soviet Unix Users Group) and the International Center for Scientific and Technical Information. The name of the Conference and its proposed main topics reflect the organizers' intention to promote the Open Systems concepts in the Newly Independent States (NIS).

The main topics of the conference include:

- Open Systems standards;
- system and applied software portability in the Open System environment;
- interoperable software;
- technology for information systems design and development in open computer networks;
- network organization of Open Systems;
- software internationalization and localization;
- experiences with applied software development in the Open System environment;
- Open Systems and education;
- current state and future of Open Systems hardware and system software.

Concurrent with the SUUG Conference, there will be a small Exhibition demonstrating hardware and software solutions for Open Systems. The Conference will be held during the same week as COMTEK '94 exhibition takes place in Moscow. COMTEK '94 is the biggest yearly computer exhibition in the former Soviet Union. Collocating

these two events will help promote closer contact between academic researchers and corporate developers.

The conference encourages submissions of original designs, papers and ideas and welcomes the participation of computer and software companies.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The SUUG '94 Conference will have the KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Mr. DOUG MICHELS, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of The Santa Cruz Operation, co-founded SCO in 1979. He has been instrumental in developing technology that has become the most popular UNIX operating system on the INTEL-based desktop.

DOUG Michels will present an overview of the UNIX market, the importance of Client/Server strategies and the need to integrate UNIX and Windows applications for greater user productivity.

With the increase in INTERNET activity and Information SuperHighway technology, UNIX is fast becoming the global communications standard. And as communications expand to all locations and types of people and computers, the

need for seamless access to UNIX applications from Windows applications on INTEL-based personal computers is even more important. DOUG will discuss ways to provide IT users with the greatest choice of "WINDOWS FRIENDLY" UNIX solutions to simplify communications throughout the world.

And Mr.Doug Michels will provide an insight into what we can expect from UNIX in the future.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Mrs. Sally ATKINS, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

"Open Systems and Education"

Mrs. Cathy GORTNER, Chorus, Los Gatos, CA, **USA**

"Microkernel and Real-Time Systems"

Mr. George WHITE, Corollary, Irvine, CA, USA "Multiprocessor Pentium Servers"

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

The Program Committee would like to include both technical papers and short reviews.

Submission should be in form of either a complete paper (4 - 8 pages) or at least of an extended abstract (2 pages). Please send submissions via E-mail to the Program Committee chair, Dr. Sergei Kuznetsov < kuz@ivann.delta.msk.su>, by 25 March 1994.

If your paper needs a special formatting or includes figures, please send camera-ready copy to the Organizing Committee, care of:

The Chairman of Organizing Committee, SUUG **Executive Director**

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Submissions should include name(s) of author(s). postal and E-mail addresses, and a list of keywords. Each submission will be examined on

the basis of its clarity, technical quality and adherence to the topics and the general theme of the Conference. After review by the Program Committee, acceptance/rejection of the papers will be confirmed by March 20th, 1994. Accepted papers will be published in Proceedings and will be distributed at the Conference. Papers will be presented in forty minutes sessions with consecutive translation.

OPEN SYSTEMS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Papers and tutorials deadline 10th March, 1994

Papers and tutorials acceptance 20th March, 1994 Conference 25th - 29th April, 1994

THE VENUE

The International Center for Scientific and Technical Information hosting the conference in Moscow will also provide a special social and cultural program to give participants the opportunity to:

- establish contacts and have meetings with colleagues from Russia and other Newly Independent States:
- get first-hand impressions of current governmental, economic and social developments in Russia:
- gain a better knowledge of Russian history, architecture, museums and theatre.

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UUES - Spain

At its last General Assembly, the Spanish Unix Association, UUES, decided to cease activities. The decision is effective as of 1st January, 1994. As a consequence, UUES will cease membership of Europen and will not participate in its activities for 1994.

It is hoped that ties will not be severed and that a new Group will be able to form in Spain in due course.

PROGRAMME OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

6 - LUG - Oxford, UK - UKUUG

TBA - IFABO '94 - Forum on Open Systems, Vienna - UUGA

16 & 17 - EurOpen Governing Board Meeting - Heathrow Ambassador Hotel, Slough, Berks. UK.

12 - "Megatrends der PC Softwarehersteller" - SAS Hotel, Vienna - UUGA

25 - 29 Spring Event - Moscow, SUUG

26 - 27 System Development - DKUUG

MAY

FUUG - 10th Birthday

3 - 6 - UNIX 94, Paris - AFUU

4 - 6 - EDV als Erfolgsfaktor im Unternehmen - "Koexistenz der Welten" - Messegelande, Vienna - UUGA 18/19/20 - Annual i2u Convention - Milan, Italy -i2u

TBA - Networking, Ede, The Netherlands - NLUUG

TBA - 1994 Conference, Milan, Italy - i2u

TBA - Spring Conference (Networking) - CSUUG

26 - New LAN Technologies -DKUUG

SPRING

TBA - UNIX Workshop, Luxembourg - LUUG

TBA - Spring Workshop, - CHUUG

JUNE

8 - 10 Summer Technical Conference, Boston, USA -USENIX

16 - DBMS Publishing

AUGUST

25 - The UNIX Market

SEPTEMBER

TBA - HUNIX 1994, Budapest, Hungary - HUUG

12 - 16 - Interop, San Francisco, USA

19 - 22 GUUG Jahrestagung 1994 - Conference & Exhibition, Wiesbaden, Germany. GUUG

19 - 22 Systems Administration, San Diego, USA - USENIX

27 - 28 X-Event - DKUUG

OCTOBER

TBA - Ede, The Netherlands, NLUUG

11 -14 TEC94 - Grenoble, France - AFUU

27 - Drift: Network Management

31 - Annual Meeting & Conference, Stockholm -EurOpen.SE

end Oct - Autumn Conference -Moscow - SUUG

AUTUMN

TBA - UNIX Workshop, Luxembourg - LUUG

TBA - Autumn Workshop - CHUUG

NOVEMBER

17 - Autumn Conference - CSUUG

24 - POSIX in Praxis (Annual Meeting) DKUUG

Nov/Dec - ROSE 94 - Conference & Open Systems Conference, Bucharest, Romania - GURU

Next Newsletter

The copy date for the next News Sheet will be 20th May, 1994. Please send news and views to the editor, Helen Gibbons (europen@EU.net)

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The Governing Board

The Governing Board met on 16th & 17th April, 1994 at the Ambassador Hotel near London, with representatives present from the National Groups in UK, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Russia, Finland, Ireland, Austria, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Hungary, France, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and Croatia. Also present were Glenn Kowack representing EUnet, Steve Johnson representing USENIX and Jean-Michel Cornu as external liaison representative.

It was noted with disappointment that current subscriptions had not yet been received from AIUUG (Algeria), FUUG (Finland), ICEUUG (Iceland), IUUG (Ireland) and NUUG (Norway).

Mr. Podolski, at the end of his Chairman's report explained that he was having to resign as Chair of EurOpen because he was moving to work in California. Two candidates had been put forward to succeed him - Simon Kenyon and Kim Biel-Nielsen. After a very close ballot, Kim Biel-Nielsen was duly elected and took the Chair of the meeting.

All present were pleased to learn that EurOpen was in a sound financial position, though the

Treasurer warned that the reserves were not so large that they allowed for major risk plans. Mr. van Gelderen was re-appointed on to the Executive as Treasurer and his financial report and audited accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

The meeting was very productive and many projects were passed onto the Executive for further work.

The next Governing Board meeting will be held in Bucharest on 5th & 6th November, 1994.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee held its first meeting under Kim Biel-Nielsen's Chairmanship on 15th May 1994, to tackle the actions put on it by the Governing Board.

Portfolios were allocated as follows:

New Newsletter - Kim Biel-Nielsen EUnet - Marten van Gelderen Events - Simon Kenyon Finances - Marten van Gelderen Network Services - Simon Kenyon Each Executive also took responsibility for some National Groups as follows:

Lothar Koch - Germany, Austria and Switzerland

Maria Toth - All Eastern European countries

Kim Biel-Nielsen -Scandinavia, Baltic States and Iceland

Simon Kenyon - UK, Ireland, Portugal, Italy and Spain

Marten van Gelderen - Benelux, France, Tunisia and Algeria

Along with Finances, Services were seriously reviewed at the meeting, and the Chairman was pleased to report that the proposal to launch a new EurOpen Quarterly had received favourable comments and therefore the scheme would proceed, with Soren Oskar Jensen acting as editor. The contents will be drawn from translated articles, both technical and non technical, from the National Groups Newsletters, plus EurOpen news and lists of services and articles for sale.

National Groups can buy into the scheme at 2 ECU's per issue, and forms have been sent to all Groups asking them to indicate the numbers they would require. If your Group has not yet responded to this, please do so now. EurOpen Quarterly will be a very nice extra service for your members.

Simon Kenyon had taken on the task of arranging Network Services and is working on proposals which will include list server, news/mail gateways, anonymous mail, WWW Service, news digest, off-line news/ftp and retrieval services. He will produce a proposal with costings and timings for the next Governing Board meeting, but the Executive agreed that he should set up the list server immediately and progress the Web server so that it could be demonstrated. He was also asked to look at the possible connection of EurOpen to Internet.

The next Executive meeting will be held in Wiesbaden, Germany on 19th September, 1994.

Current News from the National Groups

GURU - Romania

In conjunction with the SOROS Foundation and the High School Network of Romania, GURU is partaking in a programme to:

- 1. To train student, trainers/professionals in network to be able to support and extension of meaningful networking activities leading to INTERNET connectivity within high schools, universities and other organisations represented.
- 2. To identify and share individual and institutional contacts as well as information sources that will assist the process of development, using international connections to and on the INTERNET.
- 3. To increase the level of co-operation among existing projects and activities for establishing data networks in educational field (high schools and universities).

Program:

A. TRAINING

An intensive program of instruction is planned for three program tracks (10 days):

1. Basic networking training. This training is designed for high school teachers, labs assistants and students focusing upon the establishment and operation of an initial network. It is anticipated that this initial network presence will be upgraded at a later time to support full INTERNET connectivity.

Participants in the basic technical track should have some hands-on experience administering a computer system. Additional experience with operating systems, modems, basic communications protocols and related topics is highly desirable, but not required. Upon completion, participants will be expected to teach these skills to other students and technical staff from other organisations (especially local TV and radio stations).

Topics covered will include:

- * Overview of computer systems, operating systems and data communications
- * Store-and-forward and packet network concepts; alternative network development approaches and protocols
- * Modern technology
- * UUCP networking: principles, operation and management
- * Internet-connected electronic mail services
- * Internet basic structure and services
- * Organisational steps to setting up networks

Participants will work in small groups to configure a network of store-and-forward UUCP mail nodes, and will install electronic mail services on the network.

2. Advanced technical transport training

This training is designed for network engineers who may have operational UUCP links and who want to learn about establishing and maintaining an IP network. This track will teach how to install and operate low cost Internet links within country and between countries. Philosophy and administration will be taught as well as host, router, and physical link operation. Upon completion, participants will be expected to teach these skills to others in their city, expanding the breadth of networking knowledge available nationally.

Participants should know basic communications concepts and some protocols and should have had experience operating a network node, such as UUCP or IP. As most work will be done with DOS and routers, participants need have no UNIX experience, but it would be helpful. Attendees should be engineering-capable.

Topics covered will include:

- * TCP/IP protocols; IP routing principle and capabilities
- * Routers: DOS-based and commercial products
- * The domain naming system; name servers and services
- * Management and debugging of routed networks
- * Issues in multi-protocol environments

- * Functions and operation of a network information centre (NIC) and a network operations centre (NOC)
- * Network administration and security

Participants will engage in extensive hands-on training, setting up a group of prototype low-cost IP-based nodes and establishing a network with them.

3. Network navigation and services training.

This training is designed for network information specialists focusing upon how to use connectivity to the Internet to obtain access to specialists, network resources, and information in electronic data bases. This group includes but is not limited to librarians, development specialists, and information specialists within higher education, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

The purposes of the track is to provide participants with the skills to discover and exploit the various network services available on the Internet worldwide. Upon completion, participants will be expected to teach these skills to others in their country, expanding the breadth of networking knowledge available nationally.

Participants should have had some hands-on experience using a computer system. Additional experience with operating systems, modems, basic communications protocols and related topics is highly desirable, but is not assumed.

Topics covered will include:

- * Development of global data communications and impact upon society
- * Personal electronic communications: locating experts and establishing effective communications
- * Telnet: Remote access to computing systems and information services
- * FTP: Finding and retrieving network-accessible information files
- * Electronic libraries: on-line catalogues, periodicals and databases
- * Internet navigation tools and information search strategies

Participants will engage in extensive hands-on training, accessing and using actual Internet resources through EUnet and Computer Publishing Centres computing facilities.

Location

The workshops and training courses will be held at:

- * Computer Publishing Centre, Bucharest, Siretului 8 (Tel: 666 5615)
- * lasi and Cluj: at Soros Foundation UNIX labs
- * High schools labs: Dimitrie Cantemir-Bucharest, unirea-Focsani, Grigore Moisil-Tomisoara

Dates:

- * 1994 Basic networking training
- * fall 1994 1995 Advanced technical transport training
- * fall 1994 1995 Network navigation and services training

Eligibility

The program is specifically directed toward the needs of people from educational institutions (high schools, university) and other organisations who are playing or will play an important part in introducing and extending networking in their activity. Attendees should be involved in establishing a networking presence in their schools (project directors from high schools network), universities, non-governmental organisations, local firms in learning about the services available through such network connectivity.

A booklet fully describing this, the Email High Schools Network, and the 1993 Annual report is available from the EurOpen Secretariat.

NLUUG - The Netherlands

NLUUG have published the following short review of 1993.

"Looking back to 1993, it was a memorable year for NLUUG. Not just because NLUUG was founded in 1983 and existed 10 years, but NLUUG decided to change its fee structure for the third time in those ten years.

On June 14th 1983 Marten van Gelderen, Theo the Ridder and Teus Hagen founded NLUUG formally and formed together with Andy Tanenbaum and Hendrik-Jan Thomassen the board for the second UUG in Europe (UK was a little ahead!).

The Board:

Chair: Marten van Gelderen (Xirion BV)
Treasurer: Emile van Dantzig (Transmediair
Solutions BV)
Secretary: Willem de Vries (Sun Microsystems
Nederland BV)
Members: Jos Alsters (Katholieke Universiteit
Nijmegen), Frances Brazier (Vrije Universiteit
Amsterdam), Jack Jansen (Centrum voor
Wiskunde en Informatica) and Ted Lindgreen
(Stitching NLnet)

Changes since 1992 have been so far:

Henk Hesselink had to stop being a member of the board because of a too busy job. Ted Lindgreen as general manager of NLnet had to minimise his contribution to the board and wanted to withdraw. The board decided to ask Ted to stay anyway as a non-active member, because of his role in NLnet. The board was happy to hear his "yes" for this special position. The board found the number of tasks per active member too high. So it decided to look for a replacement of Henk's chair and to look for more volunteers in order to organise Conferences. (Nothing has been changed in those 10 years, except for the number of NLUUG members !"). Leo Willems from TUNIX Open Systems has been invited to join the board as aspirant member.

Membership:

Since Ninet's detachment (as you might remember, NLUUG was one of the first NAluug's who decided to start a separate organisation for the network), NLUUG had to change its position.

The direction has been changed in order to allow a more direct and more individual bound contact, with smaller groups and lower entrance fees.

This change of route forced members to re-think what their bands are with NLUUG and in what way one wants to profit from the services.

The board regarded the change rather risky for the Group. "Sleeping" members might decide to quit and the question was how many members would stay. Today, April 16th 1994, we can say that the move has been accepted by the most of our members, since they filled in their new classification form and renewed their membership.

A new form of membership has been introduced in the form of a sponsorship. The board was very happy to find Philps NV. and SUN Microsystems Nederland BV. prepared to choose spontaneously for this form of membership.

Because of the narrow relationship between NLnet and NLUUG, we made an arrangement to offer NLUUG members a 10% discount on the NLnet network membership fees and services.

Growth of the Group is as fast as it has been in other years in the past. The growth for 1993 has been estimated at 10%.

Comparison of growth figures per group with former years is hard to make, because of the new fee structure. These figures per April, 1994:

Class 0 membership - 158

Class 1 membership - 227

Class 2 membership - 115

Class 3 membership - 0

Class 4 membership - 2

Extra info package - 80

Total members - 582

Conferences:

Plans made at the beginning of 1993 tended to be ambitious for the board.

Apart from the two normal Conferences we were aiming at special workshop oriented Conferences in the meantime between the two standard Conferences. Many ideas with too few hands forced us to postpone these activities.

The Spring Conference with subject: "Rightsizing with UNIX?" attracted 300 participants. A nice result regarding the more administrative directed subject and the positive reactions from our members.

With 4 tracks and 24 speakers, this Conference can be classified as a professional Conference, managed by a "non-professional" organisation as NLUUG.

The Autumn Conference with title "Non commercial software in Professional Organisations" had been placed in the focus of our 10 year birthday. With this title we tried to attract people from professional organisations, however, afterwards we had to conclude that most people came with personal interest in Public Domain software. For instance more than 10% of our over 400 attendees were HCC (Hobby Computer Club) members. With 26 papers and 4 tracks, this Conference was once more a success. The board was happy to find may famous speakers prepared to come from aboard and enlighten this Conference with their average very high level contributions. In contrary to the Spring Conference this proves the interest of our members in technique.

More Activities:

Our members often expressed the wish for an "Internet system management" book, especially projected in the situation in the Netherlands.

NLUUG decided to sponsor the writing of such a book. We expect this book will become available soon and hope it will be a success for our NLnet members.

After a very long period of hesitation and discussion, the Dutch NLUUG/NLnet Newsletter became a fact! We are happy with the effort contributed by a number of people that made the first two editions of this Newsletter. As often with new activities there must be energy to make things happen. In our situation we would like to mention Johan Vromans from NLnet as the person who worked very hard to get this done. Now we hope that more free lance journalist will come and fill the Newsletter with interesting articles and reviews.

The Office:

With average 1.5 full time equivalence and three changes in personnel for the half FTE, it has been a tough year. Marielle Klatten still faithful and dedicated to the NLUUG has been invited this year to start to manage the office from without own premises, close to the NLnet office at Amsterdam. This new office will start in July 1994.

New Directions ?:

As EurOpen, NLUUG had the same doubts about "how to continue" and "what services do we have to offer to our members". NLUUG activities look form the outer point of view very professional, however if we regard the number of hours spent for free by all board members, this looks like the opposite.

I (Emile) am convinced that all activities fed with enthusiasm for technology, for new developments done by people across the world, fed by the energy related to open ideas, can only be successful if these are executed on a non-profit base. So, the institution of EurOpen and all related NAluugs can only exist as long as there will be people who are willing to put in effort for free in the organisation. Maybe we have to conclude that the common interest has been changed or has been faded away at a certain moment. In that case we must not be anxious to leave the old institutions alone and look for what is coming in place.

We expect EurOpen to be the body that is able to centralise all NAIuugs information and to help set

up new NAluugs that are not able to do so alone on their own power. All NAluugs must become strong enough to organise their won events.

I believe the world is looking for complete new directions in technology. The Open Systems idea is still alive but, too old to be the base of this institution. If EurOpen might be able to help to trace the most interesting developments and store and forward that knowledge, this might be a new reason for existence.

Emile van Dantzig, Treasurer NLUUG and representative in the EurOpen Governing Board.

Thanks to Willem de Vries, who delivered the main part of the Dutch version of this report."

UKUUG - United Kingdom

The UKUUG is pleased to offer a new CD service to EurOpen members;

X Window System, Version 11 Release 6 - X11R6 was released on Monday 2nd May at 16.00 GMT (17.00 BST). It is freely available from several archives around the world, including SunSITE Northern Europe:

<src.doc.ic.ac.uk:/packages/X11R6/>

It is also available on CD via the UKUUG Software Distribution Service. The CD will be in ISO 9660 with Rockridge Extensions so will work fine with most UNIX CD systems e.g. SunOS 4.1.3, Linux.

These CD's are produced to order on a frequent basis (weekly), rather than being mass produced at a pressing plant in 1,000's, so they will be very up to date and will contain the very latest contributions as and when they become available.

Please send orders to the EurOpen Secretariat.
All orders must be accompanied by payment.
VISA/MASTERCARD/ACCESS details or cheque drawn on a UK bank in Pounds sterling.

Costs:

X11R6

Members Others

1 CD (UK post)

45.00 GBP 55.00 GBP

1 CD (UK express post)

50.00 GBP 60.00 GBP

1 CD (Europe post)

50.00 GBP 60.00 GBP

ICT Round Table Initiative

A full package describing this initiative has been sent to all National Groups. The meeting of the Round Table on Access to Community Information for Users, which is being chaired by EurOpen will be held on 21st June, 1994 in Brussels.

National Groups may subscribe to the scheme at a cost of 2,500 ECU's approximately.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS FOR EUROPEN

It was decided at the recent Executive meeting that Honorary Membership of EurOpen should be offered to Mr. George Schild, EurOpen Chair November 1992 - May 1993 and Zdravko Podolski, EurOpen Chair, May 1993 - April, 1994, in recognition of their efforts and time given to the Group. The Secretariat has written to offer the invitation for Honorary membership and awaits confirmation of acceptance.

Programme of Forthcoming Events

JUNE

8 - 10 Summer Technical Conference, Boston, USA -USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)

SEPTEMBER

TBA - HUNIX 1994, Budapest, Hungary - HUUG (+ 361 329390)

19 - 22 GUUG Jahrestagung 1994 - Conference & Exhibition, Wiesbaden, Germany. GUUG (+ 49 89 570 7697)

19 - 22 Systems Administration, San Diego, USA - USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)

27 - 28 X-Event - Denmark -DKUUG (+ 45 3917 9944)

OCTOBER

4 - 6 - UNIX EXPO '94 -Convention Centre, New York City, USA (+ 1 800 829 3976 ex. 9107)

TBA - Ede, The Netherlands, NLUUG (+ 31 30 291718)

11 - 14 TEC 94 - Grenoble, France - AFUU (+ 33 1 46 70 95 90)

31 - Annual General Meeting & Conference, Stockholm -EurOpen.SE (+ 46 8 25 96 22)

end October - Autumn Conference - Moscow - SUUG (+ 7 095 374 7049)

AUTUMN

TBA - UNIX Workshop, Luxembourg - LUUG (+ 352 42 27 90)

TBA - Autumn Workshop -Switzerland - CHUUG (+ 41 1 291 45 80)

NOVEMBER

17 - Autumn Conference - Czech Republic - CSUUG (+ 422 2357187)

24 - POSIX in Praxis (Annual Meeting) Denmark - DKUUG (+ 45 3917 9944)

3 & 4 - ROSE '94 - "Open Systems Technology for an Open World" - Bucharest, Romania -GURU - (+ 40 1 3129655)

NEXT NEWSLETTER

THE COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT NEWS SHEET WILL BE 18TH JULY, 1994.

PLEASE SEND NEWS AND VIEWS TO THE EDITOR, HELEN GIBBONS.

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ICT Round Table 8 - Access to Community Information for Users

Under the Chairmanship of Jean-Michel Cornu, ICT Round Table 8, the scope of which is to investigate how any ICT information from the Community may be provided in an efficient way to users, held its first meeting on 21st June, 1994 in Brussels.

As a result of the meeting Email lists have been set up, one for the organisations which signed the Memorandum of Understanding and another for the participants of Round Table 8.

These Email lists are accessible from various X400 networks and from Internet. They are expected to facilitate exchange of information between the organisations and to allow work to be done between two Round Table meetings. Other Email lists may be created for other Round Tables if they wish.

Draft recommendations have now been produced in line with the Bangemann report which recommends the setting up of an information Society.

The main points are:

The Round Table will investigate the structure and the content of information useful for users, in terms

of media, networks, types of information, access for SMEs, translation, price etc. The Round Table will produce guidelines for using new forms of information in Europe.

The Round Table identified the need for new ways of working and new approaches which must be investigated and implemented. One way to implement that is to use the channel of the members of organisations which have signed the MoU. New ways of working include Trans-European work on Email for the Round Tables.

It is important to capitalise on the experience already existing (Know-how, existing Basic Services), and to capitalise on diversity and quality already existing in Europe. Therefore, the Round Table will investigate what is already existing which may accelerate the creation of the information society.

The next meeting will be held on 5th October, 1994 in Brussels.

It will focus on Internet experiences with presentations on Internet in CERN and on the launch of an Internet service in Europe; and on identification of existing basic services and know-how.

The organisations which have signed the MoU may take a direct benefit in participating to the

Round Table on "Access to Community Information for Users" by developing the link between their members, the Commission and the other organisations.

National Groups of EurOpen may join in the scheme by subscription. UKUUG and AFUU have already joined.

For more information on the activities of the ICT Round Tables please contact: Jean-Michel Cornu, 6 rue de la Haute Montagne, 91130 RIS-ORANGIS, France. Tel: + 33 1 69 43 48 47, Fax: + 33 1 69 06 83 16, email: Jean-Michel.Cornu@afuu.fr

Current News from the National Groups

AFUU - France

AFUU will organise the First European Open Systems Convention on Wednesday 12th October - Thursday 13th October, 1994 at Grenoble -Alpes Congress - France.

It will be held in association with TEC '94, 4th European Exhibition of Technology and Competitivity from 11th - 14th October, 1994 and in partnership with EurOpen, X/Open and ADIRA (Association for the Development of Computing in Rhone-Alps).

The programme is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

Strategy Conference

Scope: "Open Systems: a strategic requirement for competitivity"

Morning: Why Open Systems?

*Open Information Systems and business strategy: a challenge for competitivity, Bruno Fontaine, Managing Director, Sycomore

*Business re-engineering and open systems, Bruno Lemaire, Professor at HEC, R&D Manager, IBM conseil

*European standardization for information and communication technology, Anne Lehouck,

Standardization Information Technology, European Commission, DG III/B2

Afternoon: How to migrate to open systems?

*Overview of the techniques for migration from proprietary systems, Jean-Luc Bellet, Consultant, Openware Consulting

*How to adapt migration to the company mentality ?, Michel Paysant, Freelance en communication in the computing world

*The benefits of evolution to open systems from proprietary and heterogeneous systems, Michel Dutartre, Direction of organization and computing, Renault Agriculture

Evening: Round Table

European co-operation: A challenge for competitivity

Session leader: Jean-Michel Cornu, Consultant

Speakers:

*ICT Round Tables: Users contribution to community policy, Dr Walter de Backer, Principal Advisor, European Commission, DG XIII

*Cooperation between Europe and the rest of the world, Georges Ferne, Head economics of information technology, standardization section, OCDE

*Users and suppliers: A productive relationship, Wim Vink, Vice-President, European Operations, X/Open

*Harmonization of public administration organizational policies, Luigi Bertuzzi, Consultant

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Technical Conference

Scope: "Reality and perspectives of open Information Systems"

Morning: Current technologies

*Distributed Computing (DCE) from a user's

perspective, Mark Laureys, Manager, Communications, Europe, OSF

*Question of availability in distributed systems, Michel Banatre, Research Director, INRIA

*TCP/IP network security, Herve Schauer, Consultant

*Client/server and Open Systems: The right approach to common sense computing, Didier Mithouard, Task Force Client/Server Director, Cap Sesa

Afternoon: Technologies of the future

*Overview of emerging new technologies, Gilles Kahn, Scientific Director, INRIA

*Virtual museum: How Ministry of Culture approaches the Internet and electronic highways to create a virtual museum: "le siecle des lumieres", Bruno Mannoni, Chef de mission, Ministere de la Culture et de la francophonie

*ATM in computing networks, Jean-Luc Archimbaud, Research Scientist, CNRS/UREC

To receive the program and register, please, contact:

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UKUUG - UK

The UKUUG is currently organising its next event - IP Workshop. This event will be held at London Zoo Conference Centre, Regent's Park, London, UK on 11th - 13th October, 1994. Two days of

Tutorials are planned for 11th and 13th with a one day Workshop on 12th October.

TUTORIALS:

Richard Stephens - "UNIX Network Programming"

William LeFebvre - "UNIX Network Administration"

Further details and a full bookings booklet will be available shortly from: UKUUG Secretariat, Owles Hall, Buntingford, Herts. SG9 9PL, UK

World Wide Web

The UKUUG now has an experimental entry on the World Wide Web (WWW). It contains details about the group together with pictures of the workers. You can reach it on

http://web.dcs.bbk.ac.uk/ukuuq/home.html

Please tell UKUUG what you think.

NEWS FROM USENIX

The Board of Directors of the USENIX Association for the 1994 - 1996 term are as follows:

President - Stephen C. Johnson
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Dan Geer and Greg Rose.

The USENIX Winter 1995 Technical Conference will be held on 16th - 20th January, 1995 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Programme and Registration Information will be available at the end of September 1994. Please contact USENIX Conference Office, 22672 Lambert St. Suite 613, Lake Forest, CA 92630, USA - email: conference@usenix.org

UNIFORUM

UniForum '95 is scheduled for 13th - 17th March, 1995 in Dallas. The preliminary tracks will include

PCs in an Open Systems Environment
The Mainframe in an Open Systems Environment
The Internet and the information Highway
Robust, Mission-Critical Open Systems
Large, High Volume Solutions
Distributed Systems Management and Network
Management
Open Systems Networking

Open Workgroup Computing
Developing Applications in an Open Systems
Environment
Futures in Open Systems
Object Computing
Industry Trends and Issues

For more information contact: Deborah Bonnin, UniForum Conference and Seminar Manager at 010 1 408 986 8840 or debbie@uniforum.org

Programme of Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

TBA - HUNIX 1994, Budapest, Hungary - HUUG (+ 361 329390)

19 - 22 GUUG Jahrestagung 1994 - Conference & Exhibition, Wiesbaden, Germany. GUUG (+ 49 89 570 7697)

19 - 23 Systems Administration, San Diego, USA - USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)

27 - 28 X-Event - Denmark -DKUUG (+ 45 3917 9944)

OCTOBER

4 - 6 - UNIX EXPO '94 -Convention Centre, New York City, USA (+ 1 800 829 3976 ex. 9107)

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AUTUMN

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NOVEMBER

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14 - 18 OSDI, Monterey, CA, USA - USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)

15 - Ede, The Netherlands, NLUUG (+ 31 30 291718)

17 - Autumn Conference - Czech Republic - CSUUG (+ 422 2357187)

24 - POSIX in Praxis (Annual Meeting) Denmark - DKUUG (+ 45 3917 9944)

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8 - 9 IEEE Mobile Computing Systems & Applications, Santa Cruz, CA, USA - USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)

Next Newsletter

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Governing Board Meeting

The Autumn 1994 Governing Board Meeting will be held in the Hotel Flora, Bucharest on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November. The first meeting will start with coffee and biscuits at 13.00 hours and will run through to dinner on the Saturday evening. The Sunday meeting will start at 09.00 hours and finish with lunch.

Agendas with full details and position papers will be sent to the Governing Board members shortly. Anyone wishing help with accommodation should contact the EurOpen Secretariat -europen@EU.net.

The meeting which will be hosted by the Romanian Group is being held to coincide with Rose '94 Conference & Exhibition taking place from 3rd - 5th November at the National Palace for Children in the southern area of Bucharest.

The Hotel Flora, where the Governing Board meeting will take place on 5th & 6th November in the Blue room, is in the northern area of Bucharest, about 10 km away. All transportation between Bucharest International Airport, the Hotel Flora and the Conference hall will be organised by GURU together with Welcome Tours SRL, a Bucharest travel agency, who will also organise the booking of rooms at the Hotel Flora.

Their address is:

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The GURU address for those wishing to participate at ROSE '94 is:

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A preferential rate has been arranged for Governing Board participants at the Hotel on the nights of 4th and 5th November of 51\$ per single room including Breakfast. Members of the Governing Board are also offered a reduced fee of 60\$ at ROSE '94 which will include copy of the Proceedings, refreshments and an invitation to the ROSE '94 cocktails on 3rd November and the ROSE '94 party on 4th November.

Registration desks will be open at the Hotel Flora on 2nd, 3rd and 4th November 07.30 - 08.30 and 13.00 -14.00 and in front of the Conference Hall starting at 08.30 daily.

The Exhibition will be open on 3rd and 4th November 09.00 -19.00 and on Saturday 5th November 09.00 - 13.00.

Tours of Bucharest are available on Saturday at 15.00 for ROSE '94 participants and Sunday at 15.00 hours for EurOpen Governing Board participants.

The timetable covering the whole event is as follows:

Thursday November 3

Breakfast 7:00-8:15

Hotel Flora

Bus Departure In front of Hotel for ROSE'94 8:30

Flora

ROSE'94 9:00-10:00

Conference Hall Opening Session

Coffee Break 10:00-10:15

Lobby, First Level

Sessions 10:15-12:40

Conference Hall

Bus Departure In front of the

for lunch 12:45

Conference Hall

Lunch 13:00-14:00

Hotel Flora Restaurant

Bus Departure 14:15 In front of Hotel for ROSE'94

Flora

Sessions 14:30-16:45

Conference Hall

Coffee Break 16:45-17:00 Lobby, First Level

Sessions 17:00-19:00

Conference Hall

Bus Departure 19:05

In front of the for Hotel

Conference Hall

Flora

Bus Departure 19:45 In front of Hotel for Cocktail Flora

Cocktail 20:00-21:30

Friday November 4

Breakfast 7:00-8:15

Hotel Flora

Bus Departure In front of Hotel for ROSE'94 8:30

Flora

Sessions 9:00-11:00

Conference Hall

Coffee Break 11:00-11:15

Lobby, First Level

Sessions 11:15-12:40

Conference Hall

Bus Departure In front of the

for lunch 12:45

Conference Hall

Lunch 13:00-14:00

Hotel Flora

Bus Departure 14:15 In front of Hotel for ROSE'94

Flora

Sessions 14:30-16:45

Conference Hall

Coffee Break 16:45-17:00

Lobby, First Level

Sessions

17:00-19:00

Conference Hall

Bus Departure 19:05

In front of the for Hotel

Conference Hall

Flora

Bus Departure 20:15 In front of Hotel for Conference

Flora Party

Conference

20:30-22:30

Party

Saturday, November 5

Breakfast

7:00-8:15

Hotel Flora

Bus Departure In front of Hotel for ROSE'94 8:30

Flora

Sessions

9:00-11:00

Conference Hall

Coffee Break 11:00-11:15

Lobby, First Level

Sessions

11:15-12:15

Conference Hall

ROSE'94

12:15-12:40

Conference Hall

Closing Session

Bus Departure 12:45

In front of the for lunch

Conference Hall

Lunch

13:00-14:00

Hotel Flora

EurOpen GB Meeting

Saturday, November 5

Breakfast

7:00-8:30

Hotel Flora

All the participants for the GB Meeting are

invited to

attend ROSE'94 sessions. Transportation will

be provided

according to the Conference schedule.

Coffee &

13:00-14:00

Hotel Flora Biscuits

GB meeting

14:00-16:30

Blue Room, Flora

Coffee Break 16:30-17:00

Lobby, hotel Flora

GB meeting

17:00-20:00

Blue Room, Flora

Dinner

20:15

Restaurant Flora

Sunday, November 6

Breakfast

7:00-8:30

Hotel Flora

GB meeting

9:00-10:30

Blue Room, Flora

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

Lobby Hotel Flora

GB meeting

11:00-12:30

Blue Room, Flora

Lunch

12:30-13:30

Hotel Flora

GB meeting

13:30-14:00

Blue Room, Flora

EurOpen Executive Meeting

The EurOpen Executive met on 19th September in Wiesbaden to coincide with the GUUG Exhibition and Conference. The meeting reviewed its various actions from the last Governing Board meeting and examined the financial reports from the Treasurer. It was noted that current capital reserves were substantially less than in previous years, and the budget for 1995 showed a break even position, if further sources of income were not identified. It was thought in any case that it was time for EurOpen to look once again at running its own events and two were proposed.

The first will be a Workshop on UNIX and Internet Security by Rik Farrow in January 1995 in the UK.

The second event will be a EurOpen Conference on 25th, 26th & 27th September, 1995 in Dresden on the subjects of Web and Internet.

Possibilities of a joint event with the Dutch Group are also under discussion.

Copies of the full minutes of the September Executive meeting are available from the EurOpen Secretariat on request.

EurOpen Quarterly

The first issue of the new EurOpen Quarterly is in the process of production and will be available in October. Some 3,000 copies have already been ordered by the National Groups. Any Group which has not already ordered supplies can still do so by contacting the EurOpen Secretariat. The cost is 2 ECU's per issue.

Network Services

As one of the projects aimed at giving the National Groups good value, Simon Kenyon is working on network servers. He has already set up a list server, and has a Web server up and running, which he will demonstrate to the Governing Board at the November meeting.

The Executive Committee wholeheartedly supports this initiative and is looking at ways of funding it. The possibilities which would be

provided by a Web server are endless, and would be of real benefit to the members as software news and information services could all be provided. The service would be restricted to members only by means of a token or password system.

News from the National Groups

UKUUG - UK

UKUUG will hold an IP event on 11th - 13th October, 1994 at the Zoological Society, London Zoo, Regents Park, London.

The event will consist of 2 days of Tutorials on 11th & 13th October and a one day Workshop on 12th October. The Tutorial on Tuesday 11th October, starting at 09.30 will be UNIX Network Programming - Tutor - Richard Stevens, and on Thursday 13th October, the Tutorial will be IP Network Administration -Tutor - William LeFebvre.

Only UKUUG EurOpen and SUKUG members are permitted to attend Tutorials.

Full course notes will be provided.

Full details are available from the UKUUG Secretariat, Owles Hall, Buntingford, Herts. SG9 9PL UK - Tel: + 44 763 273475, Fax: + 44 763 273255

UKUUG CD scheme

Custom made CD's of complete areas of The Archive from the UKUUG (up to 650 MB fits on a single CD) are now available to EurOpen members. The CD's are made individually to order, rather than selling mass produced CD's made months ago.

Current costs for a single standard CD of one area from The Archive e.g. X, or GNU etc. is 45.00 GBP to EurOpen members (postage & packing is extra) or 55.00 GBP for non-members. The CD's are all mastered in ISO 9660 format with Rock Ridge extensions (makes them UNIX friendly !). Other CD's can also be made, either from your data or from several areas of The Archive.

For further information contact the UKUUG Secretariat.

AFUU - France

UNIX 95: Challenge and Strategies will be held this year 21-23 March 1995 at the CNIT, Paris la Defense.

This event, organised by the AFUU and IIR Expositions will contain the latest developments and visions in the technology of Unix offering practical case studies on how to integrate the Information System to the overall strategy of your company, how to exploit the full potential of your information technology to optimise the better performance of your company and how to cut off costs, by clearly defining the strategic goals of the information systems in the future. The case studies will be based on real experiences of Unix Users who will share their own solutions with the audience.

The AFUU will be working closely with IIR Expositions to ensure that the combination of our know how in Open Systems and their conference and exposition professionalism delivers a much needed international platform for our industry to meet, discuss and to do business.

For more information about this unique event, how to apply, how to book place in the exposition, you may get in touch with:

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An AFUU conference on "Administration and Exploitation for distributed systems" will be held on 29 November 1994 in Paris la Defense. This conference will present users experiences on administration and exploitation of distributed systems. It was asked to professionals to find

some of their customers who accept to present how they manage to install their solutions. Contact: AFUU - Tel. 33 1 46 70 95 90

The AFUU (French Unix Users' Group) in collaboration with the French Trade Commission will be in Unix Expo, October 4, 5, 6 - stand 479 - to present French Companies who have successfully developed and installed innovative new products in Europe and who expect to find manufacturers, distributors, remarketers, VARs for North America.

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News from UniForum

UniForum would like to inform our members that the Second International World-Wide-Web (WWW) Confernce: Mosiac and the Web, planned for October 17 - 20, 1994 in Chicago, has sold out eight weeks following the July announcement of the event and 6 weeks prior to the event! New registrations are still being accepted for placement on a waiting list. According to Dr. Ira Goldstein, vice president research and advance development, OSF RI, "...Registration far exceeded our expectation.Conference participation for this fall's event will more than triple last May's attendance in CERN, Switzerland."

Complete information about the upcoming Conference can be viewed on the Web. The URL is:

http://riwww.osf.org:8001/ri/announcements/WWW

_Conf_F94.html or send mail to: www94@osf.org.

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X/Open

EurOpen recently participated in the X/Open Xtra '94 User Survey, which was a big success. Ninety user Groups took part with a total response of 889 users from 41 nations.

A copy of the analysis has been sent to the EurOpen Secretariat. It is in the form of a tabular

report detailing the groups responses to each question in the survey as well as the database of the survey responses on diskette. This database is in the form of an SPSS data file. Also on the diskette is the tabular output file itself as well as the SPSS syntax used to generate the tables.

The one exception to the contents of the survey database is the country of location of the respondees which has been erased at the request of some respondees who expressed concerns about confidentiality.

The Survey report published by X/Open is entitled "The Momentum of Open Systems".

Programme of Forthcoming Events

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26 - 28 Very High Level Languages, Santa Fe, NM, USA -USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)

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- 5 & 6 EurOpen Governing Board Meeting, Hotel Flora, Bucharest, Romania
- 5 6 Computer Security Conference & Exhibition, Washington, DC, USA Computer Security Institute (+ 1 415 905 2626)
- 14 17 OSDI Symposium, Monterey, CA, USA USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)
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- 15 Ede, The Netherlands, NLUUG (+ 31 30 291718)
- 17 Autumn Conference Czech Republic CSUUG (+ 422 2357187)
- 17 18 Interconnecting Client/Server and Legacy Systems - Heathrow Park Hotel, London -UNICOM Seminars (+ 44 895 256484)
- 24 POSIX in Praxis (Annual Meeting) Denmark DKUUG (+ 45 3917 9944)
- 29 30 Data Warehousing -Wembley Conference Centre, UNICOM Seminars (+ 44895 256484)
- 29 30 Integrating Client/Server & Legacy Systems, Wembley Conference Centre, UNICOM Seminars (+ 44895 256484)

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1 - 2 Building the Data Warehouse - Wembley Conference Centre, UNICOM Seminars (+ 44895 256484)

- 5 7 IT Services '94, Santa Clara, CA, USA Creative Expos & Conferences (+ 1 508 660 7099)
- 5 8 DB/EXPO '94, New York City, USA, Blenheim NDN (+ 1 415 966 8440)
- 5 9 Annual Computer Security Applications Conference -Orlando, Florida, USA - IEEE Computer Society (+ 1 703 993 2090)
- 6 8 Interactive Information Expo and Conference, New York City, USA - Bruno Blenheim (+ 1 800 829 3976)
- 8 9 IEEE Mobile Computing Systems & Applications, Santa Cruz, CA, USA - USENIX (+ 1 510 528 8649)
- 8 9 Understanding UNIX, London, UK Data-Tech (+ 44 780 2412)

Next Newsletter

The copy date for the next News Sheet will be 10th November, 1994. Please send news and views to the Editor, Helen Gibbons (europen@EU.net).

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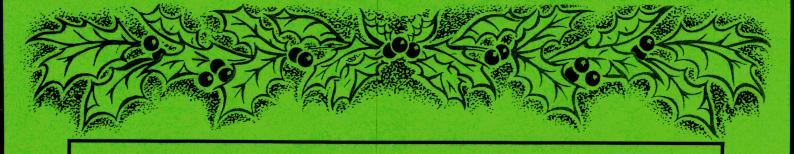


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A Very Happy Christmas and Good New Year to all members of EurOpen

Governing Board Meeting

The Autumn 1994 Governing Board Meeting was held at the Hotel Flora in Bucharest, Romania on 5th & 6th November, 1994.

A full set of minutes and accompanying papers from this meeting is available on request from the EurOpen Secretariat.

Sincere thanks are to be expressed to GURU for their help in hosting the meeting. Their kindness made attendance particularly pleasurable. The Romanian Group is also to be congratulated on the success of their ROSE '94 Conference & Exhibition which was well attended and enjoyed.

Seminar on Advanced UNIX and Internet Security

In conjunction with UKUUG, EurOpen is organising an important Seminar

"Advanced UNIX and Internet Security".

The tutor for this three day seminar, taking place from 8th - 10th February, 1995 at the Kenilworth Hotel, London, will be Rik Farrow.

Some brochures for the seminar are enclosed with this News Sheet. Please pass them around your group. If you want more please contact the Secretariat.





New Executive members

The Executive welcomes two co-opted members, Jan Saell from Sweden and Andrew Mcpherson from the UK. Marten van Gelderen has resigned from the Executive and as EurOpen Treasurer. Many thanks are due to Marten for his hard work and dedication.

Invoices

Subscriptions to EurOpen are now due for 1995. All groups are requested to let the Secretariat know if they are willing to upgrade or to pay more in sponsorship so that the appropriate invoices can be raised. When you receive your invoice prompt payment is requested as cash flow is always a problem at the end of the financial year.

Next Governing Board Meeting

Next Governing Board Meeting of the EurOpen Governing Board will be held on 13th & 14th May, 1995 probably in Oslo.

The copy date for the next News Sheet will be 20th January, 1995 for the February issue.

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