



Minutes of the LOLA (Europe) meeting 27/28 of June 2009 – Glasgow

ACTION

Attendance:

Peter Ryder (Socitm) – Chair
Michael Voel Jensen (Kit@)
Torbjörn Larsson (KommITS - President)
Christian Bonfré (KommITS)
Steve Palmer (Socitm – President)
Arend van Beek (VIAG - President)
Antoinette van Leeuwen (VIAG)
Louis Massage (V-ICT-OR)
Eddy van de Stock (V-ICT-OR - President)

1. Apologies for Absence - N/A

2. Introductions and Welcome to Denmark

Denmark were formally welcomed to their first LOLA meeting

3. Minutes from meeting on 8/9 February 2009

3.1 Agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising – covered by following agenda

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4. Progress on the joint Netherlands/Belgium Project

4.1 Individual meetings had taken place with relevant Belgium representatives and meetings are being rearranged with relevant Netherlands representatives. It is still envisaged that this work will be completed on time and results made available at Socitm09.

4.2 The Aspire product is now beginning to take off in the UK and 400 staff at Leeds have signed up. Aspire is to be offered to Socitm members as part of their membership. Learning and teaching of Aspire will be included at Socitm09 and relevant training and consultants will be present.

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5. Progress on any EU funding - is this a possibility for “translation purposes” for above

This could still be worth investigating.

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6. How realistic are cross boundary international projects

6.1 It was agreed that this was still worth doing and pieces of work should be shared. By sharing learning and best practice LOLA will be able to move forward.

6.2 As a result of this it may be possible to identify a project for collaborative working and perhaps a bid for funding.

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6.3 The following were identified as potential areas for sharing information:

- Videoconferencing – Sweden are actively looking at this and any help from other societies would be welcome
- Web 2.0 (Social Media) – a common issue seen as a topic for the international program at Socitm09
- Smart Cards – everyone is interested in progress and details of what is being done – once again a topic for Socitm09

7. Lola Web Site – review

7.1 It was agreed that the LOLA web site would be changed to become mainly static and each society would be responsible for submitting new and changed information.

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7.2 Unwanted parts of the web site would be taken out. Case studies/best practice/shared information should still be submitted.

7.3 The following actions were agreed:

- Louis to review the web site.
- Peter to liaise with Louis.
- Each society to review its own web site data (including calendars) and ensure that it is up to date – any changes to Louis
- Case studies etc. still to be submitted.
- All societies would ensure that there is a link from their own web sites to the LOLA home page.

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7.4 The use of Listserv was discussed and how we could still utilise it. Eddy and Arend to check if the one set up by GMIS was still working and report back.

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7.5 Christian to contact ENISA to see if we can distribute or link to their information so as we can distribute it via LOLA to our members and put it on the LOLA web site.

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7.6 Steve Palmer to ask Mark Brett (Socitm) if he has any information that could be shared.

7.7 Steve Palmer to see if there can be a closer tie between LOLA and e-Cities as there seemed to be common ground and common themes.

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8. Sponsorship

It is up to each society to try and get some sponsorship to help defray their own costs but also to see if any corporate sponsorship is possible.

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9. Determine requirements for international at Edinburgh

9.1 A long discussion took place on what was wanted at Socitm09. Steve has given the opportunity for the international group to set its own requirements and run its own international stream supported by topics from the main agenda. Steve will work with Peter to put forward a comprehensive international program that will also allow attendance at the relevant main conference where topics have been identified by the international group as being of interest.

9.2. Topics identified include:

- Social Capital/Exclusion
- Google (repeat of session from KommITS)
- Voluntary/Charities collaboration
- Australian bush fire response
- Single network (case study Wales)/joining together of networks
- Smart Cards
- Web 2.0
- Panel Discussion – question from floor – International response
- Sustainability/Green IT
- Technology into the home
- Use of public information
- Cloud computing
- Expert clinics

10. Social Exclusion

Should be part of the program for Socitm09 or the first LOLA international conference.

11. Update on agreements between regarding attendance at conferences

11.1 Number of Delegates – two per society.

11.2 Invitations – host country by email to each societies LOLA representative and/or

president. Replies to be returned as quickly as possible to enable arrangements to be made

11.3 Arrangements – to be sent to all delegates as soon as available

11.4 Costs - Society to pay their own travel and all personal expenditure. Host country to pay conference fees, hotels, international day out, evening meals plus hospitality.

11.5 Extra costs for partners – will be charged at the partner rate if known or the cost will be determined by the host country and issued as requested. Partners should be entitled to the same as a full delegate.

11.6 Additional delegates – will be charged at the normal conference rate but will be entitled to join in the international program if required at a cost to be determined by the host country and issued as requested.

12. The value of Lola and where it is going

12.1 It was stated that LOLA had come a long way and was now established and has buy in and commitment from all societies. This is demonstrated by the fact that there were four Presidents at the meeting. However it was agreed that LOLA has to change and move on and that some of the aspirations have not been capable of being delivered. The strength of LOLA is in the relationships between its members and its ability to quickly share information, best practice and case studies. It was agreed that this should be done between LOLA members by email and then details could be used as appropriate by each society.

12.2 It was agreed that the international program at Socitm09 could give real benefits to each society and its membership and could be used as a model for future international conferences. It was also seen that if LOLA can run a successful international conference this could help to influence the politicians which would be a significant achievement.

12.3. It was agreed that perhaps only two meetings a year were necessary depending on future agendas.

12.4 As a result of this conversation Peter agreed to look at revising the LOLA concordat document.

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13. LOLA International conference 2011

13.1 The proposal to have a dedicated international (LOLA) conference in 2011 was discussed. Renk Ruijter from the Netherlands has agreed to look into running a conference on a risk or reward basis. He currently does this for VIAG. It was agreed that a meeting should be set up on the Saturday of Socitm09 to meet with Renk to discuss details.

13.2 It was agreed that the location would (if viable) be best in the country who holds the EU presidency on the date of the conference or at a European hub and that March would be a good month (Presidency in March 2011 is Hungary followed by Poland then Denmark)

13.3. The theme of the conference should reflect the political agenda at that time and be non-technical and non-ICT. It should attempt to influence Governments, politicians and Government agencies. Politicians should walk away from the conference understanding the issues then supporting the ICT initiatives. It should identify political goals and discuss solutions with ICT acting as an enabler.

13.3 It should be about improving people's lives and access to services.

13.4 Some of the subjects identified for Socitm09 could be included in an international conference.

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14. Invite Norway to LOLA

Sweden has contact details for the Norwegian equivalent of our organisations.

Torbjörn will follow this up and pass on details to Peter who will open a dialogue with them.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Steve palmer quickly outlined Socitm09

- Saturday 10th October – International Meeting at 16:00 (provisional time)
- Saturday 10th October – Welcome dinner (evening)
- Sunday 11th – International day out (Steve apologised that he could not attend)
- Monday 12th (Drinks with the President) then Gala Dinner
- Tuesday 13th Evening – International farewell dinner

15.2 Denmark outlined the main issues in their country and said that the priority was a partial overview of the citizen using a unique person code and a person home page for local and state details. Socitm

16. Date and Venue of Next meeting

Saturday 10th October provisionally 16:00) – venue to be determined.

Future meetings to be determined at the above meeting