

Meeting 04 may 2004

International Board - Minutes of Meeting

Minutes from International Board Meeting in Lund 2004-05-04

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1. Report from the better connected

Survey of Website usage

SOCITM. Huge success in GB. The Guardian is covering the fight between municipalities. Total cost for all the countries for making a comparison around £50,000. We need sponsorship. IBM may be interested so that they could gain ICC publicity and be at the forefront of E-government. A possibility for them is to use the material at customer seminars. Socitm have not started negotiation yet. Socitm has got £6,000 funding from Insight which produces many documents. Local Authorities get them for free because they have a subscription. Researchers may buy these documents. We could sell paper versions! The business model for this survey needs more work.

VIAG where interested but not in the whole survey. They are eager to find ways to compare the results from their own surveys. (Comparison figures) Oracle could be interested in sponsoring such a project. VIAG and Johan are going to ask Oracle if they are willing to sponsor this survey in Holland. But VIAG also thought that it would be better if all the finance could be covered so that each country wouldn't have to get the sponsor money themselves. Question that came up is what happens if we talk to Oracle in different countries. How can we make sure that Oracle has internal communication in this matter? Fahri thought it would be a good idea if we wrote a report which included the findings of all participating countries.

Algim position. We have just started to look at this. Mohammed has waited for an update. They couldn't justify the cost though they would like to do it. Mike has been in contact with Microsoft in New Zealand. They are willing to look at the proposal.

GMIS. The supplier of CM-tools all over the world should be interested in this.

Microsoft should be interested.

Material for comparison

Workshop at an airport to make the comparison material was an idea that came up.

We could put up a database on the Lola website with the material and give every organisation an access code.

Fahri wanted to make a move now in this matter, in order to make a decision to go or no-go in case it seems easier to do this next year instead.

2. The Telecities conference in Holland.

At the conference no standards or studies were discussed.

Socitm is thinking about joining a Work stream in Telecities to be able to build a network with good to know persons. Through these people we may be included in some EU projects.

Johan reported that we may be invited to a group for discussions. The EU wants to deal with the society of societies because they are tired of all bids from many small groups around Europe.

3. EU and the funding bids

Bob has made several bids to the EU. We haven't been really successful yet, but Bob has got 133 000 € for an Open source project which totals 2,6 €million. Visibility is important. We need more money to do more things. There is a group in Socitm who works with this and they want to put a group of practising IT-managers together to focus on this issue.

4. Survey of systems and suppliers

Henric reported about the KommITS survey in our municipalities about which systems and suppliers we use. Socitm has a similar "software index" which is updated every year. Copy of the survey from last year goes to each municipality . 50 % of the ones who gets the reports reply. Holland has a similar system but not so structured.

5. Lola organisation

We collaborate together. Bob has tried to make the group grow with Italy, Germany Yugoslavia and Sri Lanka, but they don't have the same type of organisations as us in the other countries. The purpose of LOLA was that we should act as a unit to work with the EU. We have no new members.

We should put up some simple facts about our member societies on the web-site.

How many inhabitants in each country.

Our organisations fees and rules

How many municipalities in our country and organisations.

Johan is going to make a questionnaire for these data and send it to Bob who then is going to send it out to the rest of us. We will then fill in the form and return it to Bob who can update the web-site. Bob has asked us to mail information that we wish to put up on the site to Bob. It is also possible to add links.

6. GMIS member survey

The most important thing that GMIS found out in the member survey was that the List server services were much appreciated. Full contact with other persons working with the problems. Algim has the same experience.

7. International meetings

Two hours was too short a time to get through all the topics.

Next year we should aim for a whole day or at least one half day for the international meeting.

As a preparation for that meeting we should make a short presentation by each organisation and list any questions. We could have presentations before lunch and discussions about solutions during the afternoon.

The meeting decided not to wait another year and a half to start this. Therefore we aimed for a separate conference in Europe within three months. Johan knows there is a teleconference room at Schipol. If the conference is held there both Algim and GMIS could join. The conference should be held Sunday till Monday so that we don't loose so many working hours.

The focus of the conference is to share issues. We should all bring five key topics we are dealing with in our organisation. VIAG is hosting the meeting in September

8. Update from the international Worldwide view study.

Socitm has not got any real positive response for doing the job. Neither has Algim.

9. Graham Williamson challenge

There where no exchanges this year and they don't feel the need to undertake this as strongly any longer. We briefly discussed an exchange program between countries but no decisions where taken.

10. Information management toolkit

Algim have completed the toolkit and 33 local authorities have bought it.

They think highly of it. How do we deal with information management? Where can it be useful? This is a business practice toolkit with templates, glossary, revues and examples.

Fahri wanted to look at the material to see if this is something new. Those who get the material have to respect commercial secrecy

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