South East Regional Janet User Group

Minutes
Wednesday 14th November 2012 at the Institute of Physics

Present:

William Barber	European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)
Jonathan Barker	European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)
Gordon Bridges	MRC Technology
Gary Dooley	Cranfield University
Vin Everett	JDRF/Wt DIL
Chris Greenwood	Brabaham Institute
Gavin Harrison	Rothamstead
John Herd	University Campus Suffolk
Sally Justice	London South Bank University (LSBU)
James Lyne	Sophos Ltd (Guest Speaker)
Brian Omotani	University of Cambridge (Chair)
Robert Prabucki	Janet (Secretary)
Marion Rosenburg	Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL)
John Seymour	Janet Network Operations Centre
Guy Sudron	Janet
Shirley Wood	Janet

Apologies for Absence:

Judie Ayoola	University of Westminster
Alan Benson	Richmond Adult Community College
Henryk Glogowski	University of Oxford
Savvas Kleanthous	MRC Technology
Graham Mort	Strode's College (retired)
Andrew Paxton	University of East Anglia (UEA)
Steve Platt	MRC Biostatistics Unit (MRC-BSU)
Graham Thomas	University of East London (UEL)

Presentation

The presentation this meeting:

> Modern Cybercrime and How They Ripped us off.
> James Lyne. Director of Technical Strategy. Sophos Ltd

An excellent presentation by James explaining the nature of software packages available to cyber criminals and how they are being deployed in becoming a software as a service offering. A current trend was ransomware, which results in files being encrypted on the local drive, and only capable of being decrypted with a code obtained by calling the offender. It was felt that the current antimalware and virus offerings were not likely to be successful in the longer term and possibly a more pro active offensive stance may be required. One concern was the embedding of gps co-

ordinates in photos being uploaded to sites like Facebook. Browsers and HTML5 contain large amounts of data beyond browsing history and are vulnerability. James showed a rage of USB Wi-Fi enabled keyboard loggers, which are easily available and very cheap. A significant problem was Android but James had demonstrated it was possible to get Malware into Apple Apps too.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 16th May were accepted as fair and accurate.

Matters arising
None

New Executive Chair
John Herd University Campus Suffolk was elected the new Chair. The position has become vacant post Brian Omotani's notice to retire in March 2013.

New Secretary
Robert Prabucki , Janet , has taken over from John Seymour.

Janet SLA Discussion

Shirley Wood led a discussion on the SLA. The current SLA is between Janet and JISC , not between Janet and customers, There are terms and conditions provided as part of the Janet connection process. In order to consider a Customer SLA customer requirements need to be articulated. The SLA period is August 1st for 12 months. The next SLA between Janet and JISC will be different because of the company changes coming into place.

UCISA-NG Report
Report from the UCISA-NG Meetings held 19th June and 24th September
UCISA-NG had circulated a diagram (prepared by Matt Cook from Loughborough University) providing details of the organisations operating within the HE communities.

The recent UCISA Cloud Computing event in Nottingham had been well attended. NG are developing several case studies : wired v wireless , green issues and bidding for funding.

There will be a BYOD event in early spring. Programme yet to be decided. Siemens had prepared a new 2 page document on cabling issues which would be on UCISA web site shortly.

NG will be shortly seeking a new Secretary (currently Brian Otomani – University of Cambridge) and new Chair (currently Ian Griffith – Nottingham Trent University)

UCISA are considering setting up short term Hot Topics Groups.
UCISA have representation on the Janet Stakeholder Group and Peter Tinson attends.

Janet Quarterly Report

The quarterly report is available on the Janet web site.
https://community.ja.net/groups/janet-quarterly-reports-community

JISC transition is proceeding. From December 1 Janet becomes Jisc Collections and Janet Ltd, a subsidiary company of JISC, which will become a new company itself. JISC will be owned by Universities UK, Guild HE and Association of Colleges. The JISC transition Board will cease shortly.

The Janet Stakeholder Group meets 3-4 times per year. The next meeting is December 10th and the focus will be new Jisc, VAT issues, Funding and Service Level agreements.

Janet Server Certificates – as a result of budget pressures, Janet will start to make a charge for these certificates. Existing certificates will have a 3 year grace period for charges and information will be going to the community in the new year. Janet is the biggest user in Europe. Charges will be less than commercial offerings.

Janet 6 roll out has started . the core infrastructure fibre is contracted to be in place and operational by May 2013. Any service changes will avoid the usual clearing period. Janet 5 fibre will be ceased October.

Janet has funding from Dept of BIS for e-infrastructure and will be putting fibre into EBI, Hinxton, Norwich and Met Office Exeter. Other sites will have upgrades if a need can be demonstrated.

Aurora will cease, but Janet Lightpath remains and becomes normal business.
Public Access over Janet – the eligibility rules have been amended to enable this, but no commercial supplier is currently interested.

World IPv6 day – this went well with the only problem seeming to be Google which blocked sites with broken IPv6 structures.

NG minutes are available at https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/groups/ng/minutes.aspx

Eduroam currently has 195 participating institutions and has become an expected service for visitors.

Items for UCISA-NG Meeting 12th December to be sent to Brian for inclusion in the agenda.

Dates of future Meetings

Wednesday 13th February
Woburn House Conference Centre 20 Tavistock Square London WC1H 9HQ

Wednesday 15th May to be confirmed