

APRICOT Update

APstar Retreat

7th September 2020

APNOG Update

- APNOG Ltd:
 - Is the holding company for APRICOT
 - Set up as a “company limited by guarantee”, as a non-profit, completing move to charitable status in the near future
 - APRICOT Board transitioned to form the Board for APNOG

APNOG Ltd Board of Directors

- Philip Smith, Chair
 - Also serving as Company Secretary and Public Officer
- Yoshinobu Matsuzaki, Vice Chair
- Ole Jacobsen, Secretary
- Raphael Ho, Treasurer
- Aftab Siddiqui
- Gavin Tweedie
- Jian Zhang

APNOG

- What we do @APNOG:
 - The legal entity supporting and producing the annual APRICOT Summit
 - In partnership with APNIC
 - Assist and support NOGs across the Asia Pacific region by:
 - Holding their operational funds
 - Receiving sponsorship donations
 - General assistance to NOG operations if any required
 - Operate the apops@apops.net mailing list for the network operations community in the Asia Pacific region

APRICOT 2020 Summary

- 560 delegates representing 60 economies
 - 180+ remote participants

- 45 Sponsors & Supporting Organisations

- 5 Workshops providing technical training
 - Routing Security, Network Security, SDN, Virtualisation, Net Management
 - 84 participants plus 18 instructors and 5 support staff

- 30 Fellows (Workshops or Conference)

APRICOT 2020 Challenges

- Timing of APRICOT 2020 was extraordinarily fortunate
 - Three weeks later would have had devastating impact on participation due to COVID-19 pandemic; Australia entered full lock down in late March

- Unprecedented bush fires across national parks and other forested areas of QLD, NSW and Victoria
 - International view: “Melbourne CBD is on fire”, “Australia on fire” – deemed “unsafe”

- Visa refusals:
 - Australian immigration refusing many visas on spurious grounds, even with Victoria conference bureau (and IECN) supporting our delegates’ applications

APRICOT 2020: COVID-19

- At time of APRICOT 2020, minimal impact in Australia
 - Quick action by Government on 1st February following WHO declaration of “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” on 30th January
 - All travellers from or transiting mainland China (excluding Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan) not permitted to travel to Australia

- APRICOT 2020 Impact:
 - 40 mainland China delegates
 - Around 30 other delegates due to strict corporate travel policies

- Refunds:
 - Full refunds (no quibble) were provided to around 80 delegates

APRICOT 2021 – Philippines

- APNOG Board reluctantly confirmed that APRICOT 2021 will be held online
 - Originally planned to be in Manila, Philippines
 - COVID-19 pandemic cases are still climbing globally, with no end in sight to travel restrictions/bans

- Online event:
 - Partnership with PhNOG, with support from Philippine Govt
 - Operating fully in Philippine time zone
 - Technical Training: 22nd – 26th February
 - Conference: 1st – 4th March
 - Possibility of local hubs if the pandemic impact has reduced by February 2021

- Format of Online event to be finalised in November and December

Future APRICOTs

□ APRICOT 2022

- Intention is to work with the ISP Association of Bangladesh to host the event in Dhaka
- COVID-19 will determine what this event will look like
- Workshops: 21st – 25th February
- Conference: 28th February – 3rd March

□ APRICOT 2023

- Working with Hong Kong community to hold the event in Hong Kong
- Dates and venue yet to be finalized

□ APRICOT 2024

- We have undertaken to hold this event in Fiji, working with Pacific Island Telecom Association and the local Fijian Internet community
- Dates and venue yet to be discussed

Thank you

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