APOLOGIES: purposefully wordy slides so you can take them back to managers etc who want to know what the **** REFEDS does
The mission of REFEDS is to be the voice that articulates the mutual needs of research and education identity federations worldwide. The group represents the requirements of research and education in the ever-growing space of access and identity management.

Above all else, REFEDS is a community of practitioners actively engaged in access and identity work within their home countries and supportive of standards-compliant developments to enhance international collaboration.

Only plan on a yearly cycle, meaning focus is on short-term requirements.

Supported by the organisation formerly known as TERENA, via REFEDS Coordinators.
Nicole and Licia take the role of chair / coordinator. Decision is by consensus.

Six members nominated from the community. April 2013 – March 2015:

• Andrew Cormack (Janet) – second term.
• Valter North (SUNET)
• Miroslav Milinovic (SRCE)
• Thomas Lenggenhager (SWITCH)
• Mehdi Hached (Renater) – recently replaced by Jean-François Guezou.
• Ken Klingenstein (Internet2) – second term.

From March 2015?
• All the dull stuff, managing the meetings, calls, website, wiki, list, proposals, contracts etc.

• New wiki now mostly in place: wiki.refeds.org.

• Continue to be on Kantara Board of Trustees.

• Blog: blog.refeds.org.

• Three main contracts:
  
  • Heather Flanagan, work on SCHAC
  
  • Ian Young, work on Metadata Query Protocol and Entity Category specs.
  
  • Yaco, work on SAML Metadata Editor in REEP.

• Coordinators: Nicole (approximately 3 MM a year) Licia (approximately 1 MM a year)
• MAIN PURPOSE: can’t move forward with more assurance until we have our baseline in place

• FOCUS: templates for Federation Operator Practice, in the same suite as the Federation Policy Template.

• Draft Metadata Registration Practice Statement available for input: https://wiki.refeds.org/download/attachments/1605961/MRPS-templatev0.2.pdf. Q: should this include metadata PUBLICATION?

• Draft Key Management Practice Statement being worked on – v. dependent on local practice: see comments on FOG list from WAYF et al.

• Next up: monitoring practice statement? Do we need this?

• Working with SIRTFI and VoT (presentations to come).
• SCHAC – Schema for Academia: sorting out a legacy of mess after being gifted SCHAC from TF-EMC2. Heather will explain all.


• The Entity Category SAML Attribute Types: how to form entity categories. Work being led by Ian Young via RFC process: https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-young-entity-category/.

• Research and Scholarship Entity Category: revision 2 complete, in final week of consultation: https://wiki.refeds.org/display/ENT/Research+and+Scholarship.

• Hide from Discovery Entity Category: complete, in final week of consultation: https://wiki.refeds.org/display/ENT/Hide+From+Discovery.

• Code of Conduct: complete, in roll out.
• MET: Metadata Explorer Tool. Mostly moved to a new home, waiting for a new certificate. Still only works sometimes. Need to fix - perhaps link up with Federation Lab??

• REEP: all in place to use, although interface is less than helpful to end-users. Licia working on this with Yaco at the moment.
REF14-5: Working Groups

- **FOG**: Federation Operators Group. CLOSED to Operators only, need to have approval of 2 members to be allowed on the list: [https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/FOG](https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/FOG).

- **MARI**: managing attribute release in interfederation use-cases. Needs to be kick-started or will drop:
  - [https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/MARI](https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/MARI).

- **NON-REFEDS – SIRTFI**: [https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/SIRTFI](https://wiki.refeds.org/display/GROUPS/SIRTFI).
Upcoming Meetings


• 4th March 2015, BoF, APAN meeting Fukuoka Japan.

• Sunday 14th June 2015, Annual REFEDS Main Meeting as part of TNC2015 in Porto, Portugal.
• Increasingly difficult to gain commitment for funding. Not efficient.

• Informal approach isn’t working anymore.

• Will introduce a lightweight funding agreement – already in place with some of the existing sponsors.

• Will move to automatic generation of invoices.

• Want to formalise levels, but difficult – how differentiate?:
• People wanted REFEDS to be independently wealthy so it was free and more representative. STILL TRUE??

• Organisations being asked for money in many different directions – complex.

• Current process is very open and gives very little to sponsors.

• Should we change that?
  
  • Charge for meetings unless you are a sponsoring organisation.
  • Close some documentation / services e.g. charge for use of entity categories or MET.
  • Steering Committee/ workplan focus only sponsoring organisations.
  • Maintain current model - how can we get more people in?
Impact of GN4 Trust and Identity Harmonisation and AARC?

More work on SCHAC and possibly eduPerson together??

Group management / VO management, check list work??

Interfederation-ready guidelines

Continue work on FOP, and work with SIRTFI / VoT

PR material for Service Providers on entity categories and other areas - HELP

new website