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Call-in coordinates:
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Meeting ID: 923 249 238

Expected Attendees
- Nicole Harris
- Scott Koranda
- Heath Marks
- Thomas Lenggenhager
- Miroslav Milinovi
- Tom Barton

Apologies
- Maarten Kremers
- Heather Flanagan

Agenda
1. Status of consultations
   a. SFA
   b. Assurance
   c. Academic Institution Entity Category
2. Discussion of the 2018 Workplan
   a. Federation 2.0 WG chair? (Two interested parties: Tom Barton, Jeanmarie Duh)
   b. MaceDir
3. Prep for the REFEDS annual survey
4. Service Catalog next steps

Notes
Nicole started the meeting by explaining that challenges with GÉANT staffing at the moment have impacted the amount of time she can spend on REFEDS. As such, Nicole has asked Heather to put together a proposal for increased support time for REFEDS moving forward.

Nicole briefly mentioned the FIM4R paper, which is very supportive of REFEDS outputs. She noted the desire of FIM4R to have good representation on governance groups such as the REFEDS SC and REFEDS should ensure this is addressed in future calls for SC members. Scott Koranda is currently part of the SC so help meet this wish.

The open REFEDS Consultations were discussed. The SFA and Assurance consultations are well in hand and will be circulated for approval by email when finalised. Nicole outlined the issues with the Academic Institution Entity Category. Members of the SC were unanimous that given the outstanding issues with the EC, the lack of evidence for support and use cases for the EC and the envisaged cost to support this EC by Federation Operators compared to known use cases, the EC should be parked at this stage and not rolled out for implementation. Work will be frozen and can be revisited if support can be proven.

Moving to discuss the workplan, Nicole asked if members were supportive of having a REFEDS meeting at TIIME. SC members felt that TIIME was most beneficial for more discussion based topics rather than a formal REFEDS meeting. If there is enough interest from the Working Group chairs, a more discursive session with detailed discussion of work items could be taken forward.

Nicole Harris to contact the WG chairs to see if there is interest in hosting sessions at TIIME.

Nicole Harris to reach out to Rainer.
Nicole asked members to consider inputs for the next REFEDS Survey. It is important to keep questions as similar as possible to allow benchmarking, but a few additional and topical questions can be added each year. Heath has used this information to help report to AAF Board.

Members discussed the current working group status. The following feedback should be given to the relevant working group chairs:

- IoLR: the SC would like to see a tighter coupling between the theoretical work and concepts developed by the group and existing IoLR offers. Could the WG undertake an outreach exercise and discuss the plans with existing IoLR providers?
- EC: it is important that R&S v2 is taken forward. This will in part be governed by decisions around pairwise identifiers in the SAML2Int Profile discussions, but this should be closely followed with a plan to start R&S v2 discussions within 6 months or so.
- Federation Trust 2.0. It is important that this group doesn't just focus on direct technical challenges and make the scope too narrow. This should be a strategic overview and as such should have broad membership. It will be important to have both IdP and SP operators participating.

Heather Flanagan to pass on the feedback from the SC to the relevant working group chairs.

Members discussed the Service Catalogue report. Next steps will be to finalise the paper as a REFEDS White Paper, but this will not go out to formal consultation. This paper will be passed to GÉANT for discussion around service operations. If there are any requirements from this that should be considered by REFEDS (e.g regarding MET), we will bring this back to the SC.

Heather Flanagan and Nicole Harris to publish Catalogue document as a REFEDS white paper.

Nicole gave members a brief update on the discussions with MACEdir regarding the future home for MACEdir outputs. This is in discussion with MACEdir and the CACTi group. No decisions have been made at this stage but the SC will be updated when we have further information.

Nicole raised the potential EOL of REEP. There is no hurry to shut this down and there are still some possible use cases for testing that should be considered before shutdown is finalised. Any testing requirements should be documented and an alternative approach identified before EOL.

We would normally only have two further meetings in 2018 but given the lack of meetings during the first part of 2018 members agreed to try and find a more frequent schedule. The next meeting should get back to the question of the REFEDS Strategy.

Heather Flanagan to set up another REFEDS SC meeting in the next 6-8 weeks.