

## 2013 Annual General Meeting: Technical Management Project Committee Report



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The Technical Management Project Committee (TM PC) performed the following tasks for the period 2012-2013:

- specified and implemented a cloud virtualised host server, to transfer the main Web and EMBnet node journal operations. The Linode server provider was chosen;
- completed the transfer of the following domains from the Norwegian EMBnet node servers to the Linode hosting provider, minimising the impact on users and maintaining availability of operations:
  - <http://www.embnet.org>
  - <http://conference.embnet.org>
- helped the new website team to resolve a number of system issues in the deployment process of the new EMBnet website;
- set up a newly configured Adobe Connect Video and Audio Meeting software suite, in an attempt to help the EMBnet Operational Board (OB) choose an alternative way to conduct virtual general meetings (VGMs). The

server operates at the following URL: <https://connect.uninett.no/testembnet>

Currently the TM PC continues to manage:

- the [EMBnet.journal Web server](http://www.embnet.org)<sup>1</sup>, and is helping the Swedish EMBnet node to transfer its content to a new server in Sweden;
- the EMBnet mailing lists
- the EMBnet DNS operations
- Because the TM PC Chair could not attend the AGM, new committee members willing to collaborate in the activity of the TM PC were hired after the AGM. The Committee is now composed of: George Magklaras – Chair and Secretary (NO), Gang Cheng – Member (NO), Romualdo Zayas Lagunas - Member (MX)

The TM PC chair wishes to thank all the previous TM PC members for their contribution and effort.

The following goals of the TMPC are set for the remaining activity time until the next AGM (2014):

- a. improve/run the Adobe Connect Video and Audio meeting software for EMBnet;
- b. manage the transition of *EMBnet.journal* to a new server, owing to decommissioning of the Norwegian EMBnet node server [proteas.uio.no](http://proteas.uio.no);
- c. manage the transitioning of the EMBnet node DNS from Sweden to Linode and
- d. secondary DNS servers so that continuity of operations is sustained;
- e. manage the transitioning of the EMBnet node mailing list from Sweden to Linode and other servers, to ensure that communications are not disrupted.

The TMPC will meet twice every month, at a pre-determined date and time, as called by the TM PC Chair, using the Adobe Connect Video and Audio Meeting software suite service. All members are expected to attend these meetings and contribute towards the specified goals/tasks above.

<sup>1</sup> <http://journal.embnet.org>