

ICTF Chair's Report

18th March 2015

ICTF- Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee has met twice and is now on a two month meeting programme rather than limited to term time only. In 2015 the meetings were on the 21st January and the 11th March.

The format of the meetings has changed to help facilitate oversight of IT activities around the University. The aim is to enable communication, expert engagement and fit for purpose services.

At both meetings IT Services presented a service update and there has been interesting discussions around the services being developed. Where appropriate members of the ICTF local IT community are encouraged to become expert collaborators on IT Services projects, helping to provide oversight and synergy with local service plans. In addition the Steering Committee is bringing reports from Divisional IT Committees and providing an overview of any issues that may be common or could benefit from a wider view. The ICTF termly meeting being the place where any identified services or developments are presented to the wider community.

One of the discussions at the meetings was about the IT Services Innovation fund and the ICTF Community is encouraged to take a look at the fund and consider items that could be developed using the fund.

<http://www.it.ox.ac.uk/innovation-fund>

This term Brian Hicks sadly had to resign from the committee due to other commitments. Thank you to Brian for his hard work and commitment to ICTF during his term of office. We are pleased to announce that Andy Davies, IT Manager at the Philosophy Faculty has agreed to be co-opted to the ICTF for the remainder of the year.

Conference Planning:

In addition to the service and IT oversight the Steering Committee has been very busy organising the 2015 ICTF conference. The date is the 7th July 2015. The venue is the Maths Institute and the line up of speakers is already very impressive. The booking will be announced after Easter and the website with details will be going live soon.

Thank you to all the contributors to today's ICTF meeting. If you have any concerns, ideas or items you would like to share then please do let the Steering Committee know.

Current committee details are available at <http://www.ictf.ox.ac.uk/ictf-sc.html>