Network Operator Groups (NOGs)

Communities within the RIPE community

Mirjam Kühne | 18 May 2018 | RIPE 76

Agenda

- Overview of NOGs in the RIPE NCC service region

- NOG stories

  - GRNOG, RONOG, ESNOG, UKNOF

- How NOGs are innovating with communities (iNOG)

- Open mic

Over 25 NOGs in our Service Region

We Support NOGs

- We want to connect NOG participants with the RIPE community (and vice versa)

- Support local and regional relationships

- Engage more effectively across our service region

- NOGs have a crucial role to play in the Internet's development - we support that!

What We Can Do For NOGs

- Speakers (RIPE NCC staff or others)

- Sponsorship

  - Venue, catering, social events, etc.

- Expertise

  - From running RIPE for almost 30 years

  - From contacts with many local NOGs

- Promotion of NOGs (RIPE Labs)

- Meeting tools (including meeting app)

NOG Coordination

- Mailing list for NOG organisers

- New section on RIPE Labs for local NOGs to share updates, experiences and ideas

  - https://labs.ripe.net/nogs

- NOG organisers meeting at RIPE 76

- We surveyed NOGs in our service region:

  - To find out more about various NOG formats

  - To see how the community can help further
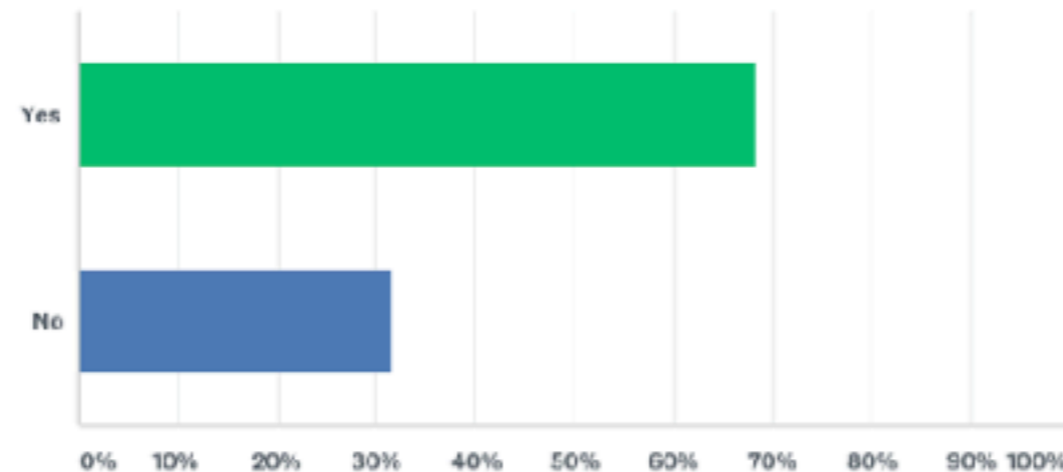
Survey Results

- Great diversity and adaptation to local needs

- One- to two-day events or evening events

- Many have social events attached

- Challenges:

  - Finding volunteers

  - Sourcing interesting topics and presenters

  - Finding and dealing with sponsors

- Full results here: https://www.ripe.net/s/2JFH

Similarities

- Most funding for events comes from sponsorship
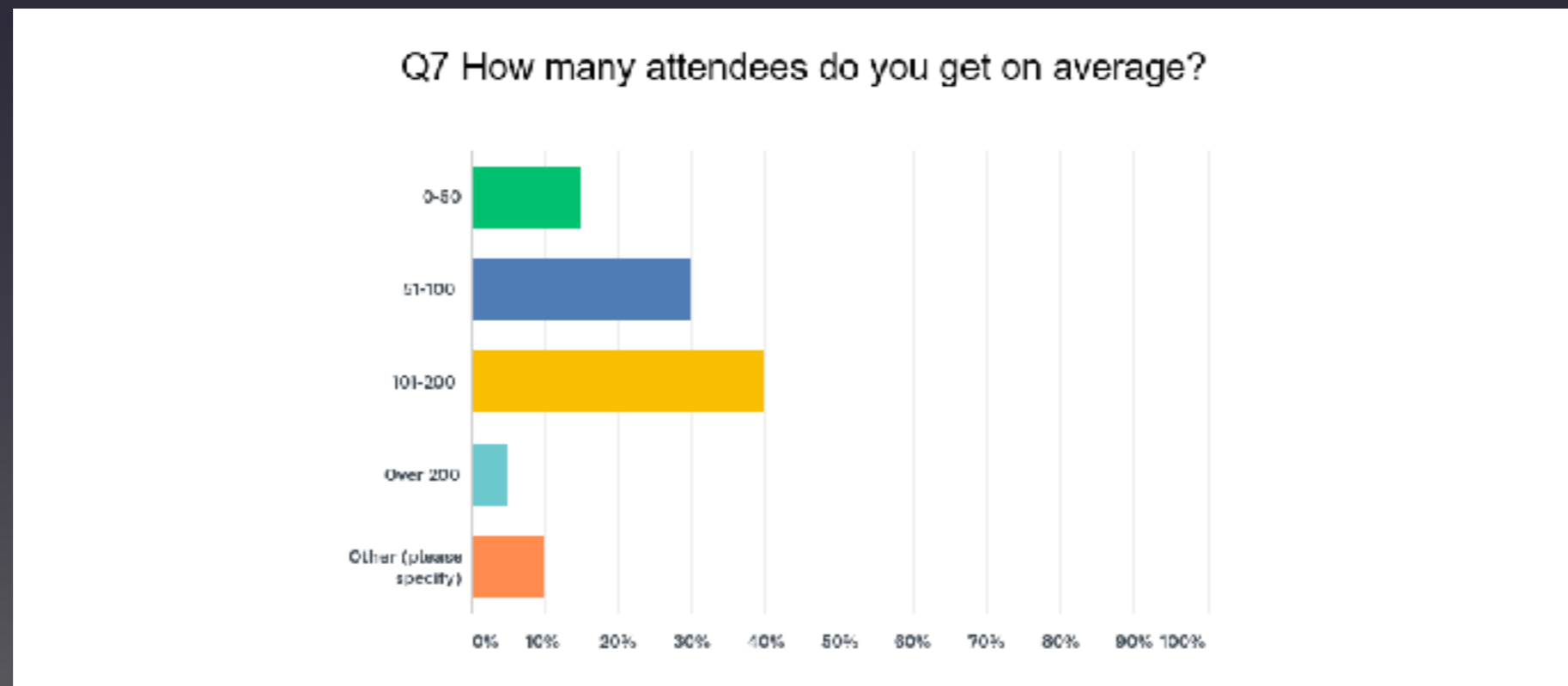
- Mainly organised by volunteers

Q4 Do you use volunteers as well as the **main organising committee?**

Differences

- Most NOGs have 50 - 200 attendees, but some outliers

- Legal entities

  - Five of the 20 NOGs who responded are set up as legal organisations

Q7 How many attendees do you get on average?

Questions to the Audience

- Do you think NOGs are useful? Why?

- Have you attended a local NOG meeting?

  - If not, why not?

- Are you helping as a volunteer?

- Have you presented at other NOGs?

- What can the RIPE NCC do to help?

What Can You Do?

- Exchange experiences

- Recommend speakers

- Attend other NOGs when possible

- Or follow them remotely

- Help fellow NOGs to spread the word