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Cc:	'Bernard Londeix'
Subject:	RE: UK COSMIC SIG - next steps - Core-Group COSMIC-DevOps March NewsLetter

Dear All,

This is a short bulletin to let you know that work is in progress on the Study-Group COSMIC-DevOps as a confederated Core-Group of UK COSMIC SIG.

Launching Stage (E: 10/06/2019):
Three main tasks pertinent to the launch

- Communication infrastructure: UKMIS chat-Room completed, SocMed activated, Co-ordination centre at basics level
- Invitation of participants: In progress. Offer to join is still available
- Data gathering: Initiated and increased priority in this coming month

And

- Strawman study plan

Next Stages:
- Revue of the Launch
- Pre-study Plan
- Preliminaries

I would appreciate it if you could:
- send me any comment useful for this study;
- recommend any potentially interested participant, and;
- point any orientation this study should take to satisfy your needs . .. or .. . curiosity.

DevOps Online Summit 2019
From the 8th to 11th April I will be attending the DevOps Online Summit.
To register for this free Conference, log on to https://www.devopsonlinesummit.com/2019
Let me know if you attend. I may not be able to be present at everything but we could compare notes.
Let's hope it's interesting.

Core-Group
Please create your Core-Group on topics of Interest, UK COSMIC SIG needs as many relevant activities as possible.
The key word of a SIG is   _Interest_.   All the best.

Contact:
If you'd like to comment on or discuss any points raised above, I'll be contactable, on a 24hours **WhatsApp** notice, on:
Skype: https://join.skype.com/invite/k6ngp4Nu9nL

Kind regards,

Bernard

From: Charles Symons [mailto:cr.symons@btinternet.com]
Sent: 27 March 2019 12:15
To: Carol Buttle; Aveek Dasgupta; Mike Eagles; Peter Fagg; Allan Edwards; 'Colin Hammond'; Keith Lines; Bernard Londeix; Sanathanan Rajagopal; Federica Sarro; Chris Woodward; Simon Wright
Subject: UK COSMIC SIG - next steps

Dear All, following our last meeting in February we need to think about next steps for the UK COSMIC SIG. Your many ideas and suggestions seem to fall under these headings:

Marketing:

Aiming to promote software metrics and estimating in general and the COSMIC method in particular. It seems to me that our marketing challenges are common across all countries, so we in the UK should simply join and support the marketing initiatives that COSMIC is planning internationally, rather than setting out on our own approach.

The Market Development group has started to draft messages to send out regularly via Twitter from the @COSMIC_FSM account. This takes more time to prepare than I (a Twitter novice) realised since a short Tweet should often point to a longer blog or document for those interested to follow up. (I am attaching a first set of example Tweets which includes the topics listed in the Notes of the 9th SIG meeting. *Your thoughts or suggestions?*

Aiming to promote metrics and COSMIC in the UK

I have had some promising contact with the National Audit Office. They at least acknowledge that we are right in drawing attention to the lack of any performance data on the supply of software across Central Government. However, it will be a very slow process to get any action.

Any other ideas on how to help promote COSMIC specifically in the UK?

Future Meetings

Peter Fagg and I discussed holding a conference jointly-sponsored by UKSMA and the UK COSMIC SIG, with UKSMA providing the funding for hiring a conference location. (Example we could get the UJC auditorium for £500/day, which UKSMA can afford.) Questions to consider:

- Date/time. Late June is only 3 months away. You need a good lead time to organize, so most likely a conference would have to be in early autumn.
- Theme and speakers. Can we find enough good speakers to make an attractive agenda?
- Should we charge an attendance fee or make it free?
- Organizing a public conference like this requires much more effort to organize than the sort of UK COSMIC SIG meetings we have had up to now, but of course with greater potential benefit and impact. I would only consider undertaking this if other people than just Peter and me volunteered to help find speakers and do some promotion and admin. *Volunteers?*

Alternatively we could hold a 'regular' SIG meeting in, say, late June if we can fill a worthwhile agenda and a venue, e.g. at UCL. *Suggestions?*

The COSMIC SIG to undertake specific studies or develop products?

Bernard Londeix suggested the SIG develops something on DevOps. I was not happy about this proposal as the goal was fuzzy and I am not convinced we have the means and expertise to tackle this particular topic. However, if I was wrong and SIG Members wish to tackle a specific task, *what ideas are there?*

Please respond with your comments, ideas and offers to help *at the latest by Monday, 8th April.*

Regards

Charles