

Report 2004 to IFIP from the Danish IT Society

1.1 Short review of activities 2003/2004

Focus has been on member activities and a new structure for activities has been implemented. The Danish IT Society is operating with 4 kinds of networks (SIG's): active networks, competence networks, strategic networks and virtual networks. These networks are addressed to either practitioners or managers. We have been successful and app. 10 networks are operating for know.

Regarding virtual networks, we have set up a framework for these on the net. The virtual networks have some activity but still not satisfactory.

A lot of efforts have been put into younger it-professionals to become members of the society. With a special brand "IT-citizens", we have had activities focused to this group, like for instance a mentor/mentee program. We have contacted students at the universities and told them about the possibility to get a mentor among our members with at least 5 years experience as a CIO or project manager.

Our conference activities for it-professionals are still going quite well. We arranged over 20 conferences last year, and have expanded our departement for conferences with further resources.

We have been ECDL-licensee since 1997 and continue to develop the market for certifications. We have developed a pre-testing system so it is possible to manage students into the right level and right type of education (e.g. class-room, self-education).

Danish IT Society developed a special driving license, called the Junior PC-kørekort (Junior Driving License), to the primary schools in 2001. We are very pleased, that the Danish Ministry of Education has accepted the concept as a gift and is now implementing it into all primary schools in Denmark. It is a tremendous jump for raising the IT-skills level for youngsters at a very low age.

On the political front, there has been focus on a debate about rearranging municipals and counties into bigger units than now (new structure for the Danish local authorities). This opens a discussion about how IT can be used in a better way in the public service.

1.2 Review of TC membership

Danish IT Society is still represented in all IFIP TCs.

The society has decided that the contact with the IFIP TC representatives should be intensified in the future. An Annual Meeting will be "institutionalized". Also the Danish IFIP WG members will be contacted in the future. This in order to obtain a closer co-operation between Danish IT Society and IFIP in general. The society will try to get more members involved in IFIP as WG members.

Danish representatives include 1 TC secretary, 1 WG chair, 1 WG vicechair, and 1 WG secretary. Danish members can be found in 31 WGs, altogether 69 Danes.

2.1 Review of new initiatives 2004/2005

In the forthcoming period, Danish IT Society will continue to focus on networking for members and will make efforts to involve more members in networking and thus become active members. The ambition is that every member is involved in at least one network.