Plone Foundation Organizational report 2017-2018

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Alexander is liaison to the Education and Security Teams, Philip is liaison to the Framework team, and Victor is liaison to the Frontend team.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee reviews all applications for membership in the Foundation and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.

- T. Kim Nguyen, co-chair
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Ambassadors

Plone Ambassadors represent Plone in their region.
- Jian Aijun, China
- David Bain, Jamaica
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- Virginia Choy, Australia
- K. K. Dhanesh, India
- Fernanda Lobato, Brazil
- Manabu Terada, Japan

New Members

The following new members have been approved this year. Welcome and thank you for your contributions to Plone!
- David Bain
- Sven Strack
- Franco Pellegrini
- Katja Süss
- Davi Lima
- Eric Bréhault

Plone Events

Sprints funded

The Board helped fund the following strategic sprints:
- Barcelona post-conf sprint (CAT, ES)
- Alpine City Sprint (AT)
- Baby Carrot /pastanaga Sprint (DE)
- Plone Tagung and sprint (DE)
- Plone React sprint (DE)
- Zope 4 Welcome Sprint (DE)
- Beethoven sprint 2018 (DE)
- Costa Brava sprint 2018 (CAT/ES)
- Manresa Sprint (CAT/ES)
- Saltlabs Sprint (DE)

The Saltlabs sprint can possibly lay claim to the title of Biggest Non-Conference-Related Sprint, with 34 attendees.

And also a number of community meetup-level events:
- Plone Bangladesh (BD)
- Pre-GSOC Plone Newbie event (JA)

Not funded but noteworthy:
- Plonator sprint 2018 (DE)

Evangelism & Outreach

PyCon (Cleveland, Ohio, US)

We were again a community sponsor and had a booth. Thanks to all volunteers, notably Sally Kleinfeldt, Witek Przybylowicz, Carol Ganz, Anthony Bosio and Chrissy Wainwright.

EuroPython (Edinburgh, Scotland, UK)

We hosted a booth with marketing materials, and a poster session. Thanks to all volunteers, notably Paul Roeland and Calvin Hendryx-Parker

PyconWEB (Munich)

Several talks and workshops on Plone were held at this event, drawing 200+ people.

CMS Garden

We renewed our membership, and participated in this joint open source CMS promotion campaign. Maik Derstappen and Alexander Loechel represented Plone at the annual meeting.

Various

- Maik Derstappen represented at Cloudfest Hackathon (DE)
- Paul Roeland represented at accessibility meetup
- Jörg Zell represented Plone at the Drupal Conference in Germany
- Alexander Loechel and Max Jacob attended the annual meeting of German Universities using Plone.

- We've established control over some disparate Facebook pages and Twitter accounts, so they can be unified and updated.

Google Summer of Code

Cris Ewing served as our coordinator, and did an excellent job.
Four students entered into the program:
- Shriyansh Agrawal (IFTTT plugin for Plone)
- Kumar Akshay (Command Line Plone Tools)
- Ajay NS (GatsbyJS Integration with Plone)
- Nilesh Gulia (Create-React-App for Plone-React)

All 4 students completed their projects successfully.

This year, Cris Ewing coordinated a large number of mentors and the new project role of "project stakeholder", including Timo Stollenwerk, Rob Gietema, Víctor Fernández de Alba, Asko Soukka, Andrea Cecchi, Paul Roeland, Alexander Loechel, Maik Derstappen, Encolpe Degoute, Nejc Zupan, Sally Kleinfeldt, T. Kim Nguyen. Thanks all!

The Plone Foundation has offered financial help to the students to come to Tokyo, in order to deepen their ties with the community and present their work.

Intellectual Property

Trademarks

- Trademark watch service renewed
- We've added a domain watch service
- Several sites with names that violate our policy for domain names were shut down.
- The plone.no will be safeguarded by Geir Bækholt, as Norwegian law doesn't allow transferring to the Foundation.
- We gained ownership of the plonegov.org domain. The legal costs were unexpectedly high, though, and this will need consideration in future.

Miscellaneous Items

- The Foundation allocated more funding for infrastructure, to move away from Rackspace. Their donation was appreciated over the years, but it is clear that their

sponsorship of open source projects will end, and we need to become independent of them.
- Similarly we need to move away from [Oregon State University Open Source Lab](#) (OSOSL) infrastructure; we thank them for many years of support. The historic videos and other materials have been temporarily saved, but should be made available on our YouTube channel for wider access.
- Originally coming out of a GSOC ideas list, Sally Kleinfeldt led the troops to create a Plone plugin for [SiteImprove](#). With some Foundation paperwork, the plugin is now official and listed on the SiteImprove pages.

One-time donations

Two incidental donations need special thanks:

IMIO, a leading provider of e-government solutions using open source software used by 260 localities in Belgium, was awarded the first prize by the European Commission in the "Sharing and Reuse" category. As IMIO uses Plone for their solutions, they generously donated the majority of the award to the Foundation. Thank you!

Niteo.co is a SaaS company with deep ties to the Plone and Pyramid communities. As part of their corporate culture, they donate part of their profits to causes close to their hearts. This year, the Plone Foundation received a generous donation. Thank you!

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This year's sponsors follow.

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