Novell User Groups in Denmark and Poland

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NOUG DK Activities

NOUG DK sponsors activities that range from small technical meetings to organized trips to conferences such as BrainShare in the United States and France. In addition, approximately 250 people participate in the NetWare Perspective Conference, which features Novell products currently available in Denmark. From October to May, NOUG DK organizes meetings in several cities across Denmark.

NOUG DK Web Site

The NOUG DK web site is continuously updated with news about upcoming NOUG DK activities, as well as other pertinent information. Through cooperation with other user groups, NOUG DK makes sure that its members have access to information about all relevant user conferences in Denmark. NOUG DK is developing a strong technical user organization that covers UNIX, Linux, and other systems related to the network environment. For more information about NOUG DK, you can visit www.nbd.dk.

NOUG Poland

When NOUG Poland was established in 1993, it had 25 members. In 1994, NOUG Poland grew to 50 members. After NOUG Poland implemented its web site, the number of members started growing dramatically. Today, NOUG Poland has more than 500 members, who are also NetWare Connection readers, and more than 2,500 electronic members, who are registered as NOUG Poland members on the web site.

NOUG Poland Activities

NOUG Poland holds monthly meetings, which are organized for anyone who would like to increase their knowledge of Novell products. NOUG Poland advertises these meetings by posting an invitation on the NOUG Poland web site, through word-of-mouth, and through e-mail messages. To view an invitation to the monthly NOUG Poland meeting, visit www.ptun.org.pl.

Because NOUG Poland has members from every part of Poland, NOUG Poland and the Novell office in Poland organize a tour of seminars about subjects of interest to Novell users. For example, seminars may feature topics such as NetWare 5.1, the Internet, Novell Internet Caching Services, NDS eDirectory, and BorderManager. These seminars travel to cities such as Wroclaw, Rzeszow, Krakow, Lodz, Gdansk, Koszalin, Szczecin, Poznan, Bialystok, and Lublin. NOUG Poland also offers its members special discounts for conferences such as BrainShare, BrainShare on Tour, and NetWorks—an international technical conference organized by NOUG Poland and the Novell office in Poland. At the NetWorks conference, NOUG Poland members and anyone else interested can attend lectures about new Novell products. In addition, the NetWorks conference offers a hands-on lab.

This year, NetWorks 2000 will be held November 15–17 in Mikolajki, Poland. NetWorks 2000 will cover topics such as WebSphere Application Server, NDS eDirectory, DirXML, and ZENworks for Desktops. Attendees will also be able to meet Certified Novell Instructors (CNIs) in the labs and ask them questions about current technological problems. The NetWorks 2000 labs will offer demonstrations such as upgrading NetWare 4.11 to NetWare 5.1.

Anyone who is interested in attending NetWorks 2000 is welcome. This conference will be held in both English and Polish. NOUG Poland members throughout the world are eligible for special discounts.

NOUG Poland Web Site

NOUG Poland’s web site (www.ptun.org.pl) features information about upcoming events and seminars, benefits, new Novell products, books, information on CD (quarterly information for all members), and ClubInternet (a virtual community for networking professionals in Europe, Russia, the Middle East, and Africa). In addition, NOUG Poland’s web site includes links to other related web sites. For example, you can find links to Novell, NOUG Technical Support, the Novell Support Connection Forums, and more.

For more information about NOUG Poland, visit www.ptun.org.pl. If you would like to contact NOUG Poland, please send an e-mail to ptun@ptun.org.pl.

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