AUS-002 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Technology - Future

Title of motion
"non-Dolphin" groups to use Dolphin

National secretary and national member group proposing motion
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Summary of the motion
About half of the SERVAS member countries maintain their host data in Dolphin. To facilitate the development of SOL (Servas Online) and the migration of the existing host data to the future SOL database, all member countries should be encouraged to use dolphin as their member database.

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.
Migration of data is always a difficult and crucial process. The more different sources are to be considered during a migration process, the more difficulties will arise. To support the migration of data to SOL, the data should already be consolidated in advance - and in our opinion - in the existing HOST DOLPHIN system. This matches also the problem mentioned in SERVAS Distant Vote DV Nov2014 motion EXCO-001-2014 of 2014-09-18: "In the context of the developing Servas On Line Project - SOL, each National Secretary of a National Servas Group should create a list of individual members (travelers, host and others) from relevant data bases before March of each year. ...". In our opinion, all member countries using the Dolphin system for their host data should be exempted from the obligation to compile such a list of individual members.

Likely benefits for Servas International and national groups if the motion is passed.

Resource implications if the motion is passed in terms of time, human resources and specialist expertise.

"non-Dolphin" countries, in particular their host list coordinators, need some time to input their data into the Dolphin system

What are the budget implications, if any, of the motion for Servas International and for national groups in the short and longer term?

None

Who should be responsible for the actions arising from the motion in terms of planning, development and management, for example which officer within SI Exco or SI Committee.

The person/s who is/are responsible for the Host Dolphin system within SI Exco or SI Committee

Would there be implications for the Servas International statutes if the motion is passed?

No

What is the likely impact if the motion is not passed?

increased work load on HLC host list coordinators