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# NMRG Status Report '2006

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# NMRG Origins

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- First unofficial meeting in Lausanne, November 1998



- Idea: create a forum for in-depth technical discussions
- NMRG formally approved by the IAB in March 1999

# NMRG Business Model

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- Collaboration and discussion forum
- Bridging gaps between academia, industries, operators, standards developing organizations (SDOs), ...
  - Improve mutual understanding
  - Participation of people from different SDOs to exchange viewpoints (ITU, CIM, W3C, IETF)
- Interactive workshops (1-2 days) [W]
  - usually co-located with other events
  - hosted by a supporting institution (low cost)
  - originally intensive discussions of a given subject
  - now presentations followed by detailed discussions
- Few short meetings (1-2 hours) [M]

# NMRG Workshops and Meetings

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No.	Location	Date	Type	Topic(s)
1	Lausanne, Switzerland	Nov 1998	W	SNMP evolution
2	Boston, USA	May 1999	M	SNMP over TCP
3	Oslo, Norway	Jul 1999	W	SNMP compression
4	Zurich, Switzerland	Oct 1999	W	SNMP operations (e.g., get-subtree)
5	Washington DC, USA	Nov 1999	M	64bit types, SNMP / COPS / policy
6	Twente, Netherlands	Mar 2000	W	SMIng and operations / methods
7	Kleinheubach, Germany	Sep 2000	W	SMIng
8	Austin, USA	Dec 2000	W	Information models
9	Seattle, USA	May 2001	W	SNMP enhancements
10	Pisa, Italy	Apr 2002	W	Alarm models
11	Osnabrück, Germany	Sep 2002	W	Web Services for management
12	Colorado Springs, USA	Mar 2003	W	SMI conversion to XSD
13	Vienna, Austria	Jul 2003	W	MIB module metrics
14	Heidelberg, Germany	Oct 2003	W	SyncML, WS vs. SNMP
15	Bremen, Germany	Jan 2004	W	Middleboxes, signaling, packet capture

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16	Seoul, Korea	Apr 2004	W	XML-based management
17	Davis, USA	Nov 2004	W	WS performance, MIB metrics
18	Nancy, France	Jul 2005	W	VoIP management
19	Stockholm, Sweden	Jan 2006	W	Promise theory / dist. monitoring
20	Montreal, Canada	Jul 2006	M	SNMP traffic measurements

# NMRG Achievements

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- Organized 16 NMRG workshops and 4 NMRG meetings
- Produced 4 NMRG RFCs (3430, 3444, 3780, 3781)
- Involved in 16 other publications by NMRG members
- Spring-off activities:
  - Editorial activities (IEEE ComMag feature topic)
  - Research events (IEEE VoIP Security Workshop)
  - Research projects (EMANICS, ...)
- Influenced IETF work  
(most notably the failure of SMIng in the IETF)
- Currently  $\approx 140$  subscriptions on the mailing list

# NMRG Experiences

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- Bridging cultural differences between operations, engineering and research is a non-trivial undertaking
- Interaction with people from other backgrounds takes time and patience but is worthwhile
- IRTF research groups are really volunteer driven
- Driving projects to completion is sometimes difficult
- Creation of a network of people who know each other well enough to communicate efficiently is probably the main contribution of the NMRG

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