TNC18 RAISING THE BAR EVER HIGHER: A RECORD YEAR?

TNC18, the 34th edition of the GÉANT community's flagship conference, was held in June this year in the beautiful city of Trondheim, Norway.

As we look back over TNC18 there are too many highlights to list, so we are selecting just a few.

Approximately **780 participants** from **73 countries**, including:

16 attendees from **14 countries** supported by the GÉANT Emerging NREN Programme

14 students from the GÉANT Future Talent Programme

24 sessions and **5 plenaries**

50 side events including BoFs, demos, workshops and meetings

Our video streams also attracted nearly **1250 unique viewers** from **45 countries**, and on social media we have had great engagement with over **1500 tweets** and **1000 photographs**!

Delegates enjoyed an extensive programme whose impressive daily plenary sessions, presentations, demonstrations, lightning talks and posters focussed on a variety of thought provoking sub-themes ranging from the responsibility of sustainability and delivery, to the power of data analytics, the creation of intelligent complexity, and networking at the speed of science.

The fascinating opening keynote by Research Scientist Dr. Marie Moe of SINTEF, Scandinavia's largest independent research organisation, kicked off TNC18. Exploring the issue of medical implants that are connected to networks, and their potential vulnerability to cyber security, the keynote aimed to raise awareness and to inspire others to do more research on the security of connected medical implants.

TNC18 ended with an impressive and touching closing plenary featuring Andrew Woods from Curtin University, Australia. Andrew talked passionately about the Sydney - Kormoran Project, a multi-disciplinary project combining deep-water imaging, supercomputing, image processing, advanced visualisation and history, to tell the story of two of Australia's most significant shipwrecks – the HMAS Sydney (II) and HSK Kormoran.

You can view his presentation, together with all the other TNC18 archived streams at: **tnc18.geant.org/web/media/archive**

Our huge thanks go to the teams behind this successful event, from the programme committee to the local host Uninett team, to the events team and technical support from PSNC and NORDUnet, and all our sponsors, exhibitors and participants who made this such a fantastic week.

In particular, our most heartfelt thanks go to this wonderful community for helping to make TNC18 such a success!

Looking to the future

As the (visible for almost 20 hours!) sun had barely set on another successful conference, Kristina Lillemets from EENet of HITSA invited all participants to look towards next year with an invitation to TNC19 in Tallinn, Estonia, from 16-20 June 2019. To learn more visit: **tnc19.geant.org/**