

**Conference Attendance report template - to be sent to gertrud@internetcz.net.nz
1 month after attending the conference**

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Name of organisation (if applicable)	
Name, date and location of conference attended	APRICOT 2017, 20-02-2017 through 02-03-2017 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Amount of funding received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,500 + GST
Budget details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights: \$2455.00 • Accommodation: \$1,189 • Conference Registration: \$859 • Transfers, Meals, misc., in cash: \$289 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total requested was \$4,600 • Total granted was \$4,025 (including GST) • Total spent was \$4,792 <p>Have you achieved what you expected to achieved and with this spend? (If "No", please provide more details) Yes</p> <p>Please account for any areas of overspend or underspend. Variations in spend were in line with what can normally be expected when budgeting a conference six months in advance.</p>
What were the highlights of the conference?	<p>During the workshop week I was paired with Thương Tiểu Bình from Online Data Services in Vietnam. We spent around 40 hours together working learning BGP topologies in pair programming format. Meeting Thương and his Vietnamese colleagues was well worthwhile, and I was able to introduce him to the Hong Kong Internet Exchange where they hope to start peering soon.</p> <p>The conference week was busy for me. I gave a 30 minute talk in a technical stream on the state of peering in the Pacific Islands. I gave a ten minute talk</p>

	<p>during a Community Wireless “Birds of a Feather” session. I gave a 90 minute tutorial on IoT technologies. And I gave a five minute talk during the RIPE Atlas “Birds of a Feather” session. The highlight for me was the IoT tutorial, where I had a packed room of interested participants from more than a dozen countries. As a result of giving the tutorial a number of participants came to talk to me about their IoT projects around Asia – something I love hearing about.</p>
<p>What were the lowlights of the conference?</p>	<p>What would you do differently? This year’s APRICOT was the first to follow a shorter format with more streams. This meant I missed several talks I really wanted to see – several times because I was participating in sessions. When I attend again I will try to say “no” to more invitations, and keep my active participation down to a single talk and a single “Birds of a Feather” session.</p>
<p>Was their media coverage or media-worthy content at the Conference?</p>	<p>Please note that report/s might be included in a media release if applicable. Is there any information in this report that is not publicly available?</p> <p>My participation was noted a few places:</p> <p>http://www.voanews.com/a/robot-future-humans-still-stars-technophiles-say/3752728.html</p> <p>http://www.internetsociety.org/deploy360/blog/2017/03/other-ipv6-stuff-apricot-2017/</p> <p>https://blog.apnic.net/2017/03/03/thanks-farewell-ho-chi-minh-city/</p>