CodeRefinery Reference Group meeting October 19th 2020

Invited (in alphabetical order):

- Michaela Barth, NeIC, Chair
- Radovan Bast, CodeRefinery Project Manager
- Matthias Book, IS
- Vigdis Guldseth, NO
- Joachim Hein, SE
- Tiina Leiponen, FI
- Naoe Tatara, Carpentries Regional Coordinator
- Birgitte Vedel Thage, DK

Agenda:

- Welcome and Presence
- NeIC announcements
- CodeRefinery status update (based on midterm report draft)
- Carpentries membership usage
- Benefit realization plan
- Nordic RSE
- Q&A
- Next meeting
- AOB

Minutes:

Presence:

Michaela, Vigdis, Birgitte, Radovan, Naoe, Joachim, Tiina (until 13:00)
Mattias is officially on parental leave and sent apologies in advance.

NeIC announcements:

- Long-term funding after end of 10 year MoU and current RCN funding proposal
- Next years open call: split up between development projects with external review panel (beginning of the year; deadline not fixed yet but probably February 2021) and prestudies (around or straight after summer)
- New PaRI project
- Promotional video on https://neic.no/
- Lessons learned Director leave of absence

- Zenodo
  - https://zenodo.org/communities/neic/
  - https://wiki.neic.no/wiki/Zenodo_howto#Links

CodeRefinery status update (based on midterm report draft):

CodeRefinery newsitem on NeIC website before the summer
https://neic.no/news/2020/06/29/better-science-through-better-software/

Midterm report had to be rescheduled from September board meeting to December meeting.

Highlights:
- we have moved online
- large workshops with over 100 participants
- announcement reach is uneven among the participating countries
- 2 more workshops this year (one starts tomorrow)
- we need helpers more than ever
- "bring your own team/breakout room"
- we have been active within Nordic RSE community: planning events
- we need to find follow-up funding
- we have been approached few times to give a workshop "for money" but it is not easy for us to receive money so we are thinking about creating a non-profit organization
- carpentries work (more about that below)

3-day workshops were transformed into 6 half-day online workshops.
Helpers are important for breakout rooms: cheaper, no need to travel. Helping is also a great way to learn.
As an organization CodeRefinery could also participate in funding proposals.

Last workshop was live-streamed on Twitch, also recording the workshops.
Recording: additional privacy removals necessary (like participants showing up in gallery views)
Break-out room exercises are not available over Twitch.

How to create awareness?
Team members within the project, pushing for it, using existing networks and mailing lists.
National competence centre for HPC now in DK with possibility to feature information on website.
Mailing list: national enforced, critical is the unsubscribe feature to avoid spam filtering. Put key events in subject line
LinkedIn and Facebook getting more used in Norway.
One helper per 5 participants? Not economic in person.
Much larger pool of helpers. Stream only would be easier to organise. Teach the helpers as preparation.
Online format gives the possibility of a whole afternoon of catch-up time during exercises.

CodeRefinery uses an asynchronous questions and answers document.
Recorded example solutions could be the answer.

Role of the helpers:
- blog post: https://coderefinery.org/blog/2020/07/31/mega-coderefinery/
- conference video: https://2020.carpentrycon.org/schedule/#session-32
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-5RsQqNInY&list=PLXLapl_LKb4fx-t_4MBSPief Traj5KdJ8&index=21

Statistics per country:
Affiliation, country and last 2 letters of email addresses: data not mined yet.

Statistics on where people come from should be added to web site and midterm report.
More registrations, but also more no-shows, CodeRefinery allows oversubscription.
1 out of 3 no-show at online events.
Improvement to 80% attendance with one week in advance confirmation.
Refer to waiting list, installation help the week before.
Since it is online, we might know less about local installation problems.
Raise Hand feature within Zoom is used very little.
Speaking up about problems is encouraged through break-room sessions.
yes and no replace red and green stickers.

Carpentries Membership usage (Naoe Tatara, Regional Coordinator):

With the NeIC Platinum Carpentries membership we have access to 6 centrally organized workshops per year. (1st of November - 1st November).

Workshops and instructor training listed now on https://neic.no/services/

With the NeIC Platinum Carpentries membership we have access to 15 instructor training seats per year. CodeRefinery instructors got precedence.

More info in midterm report draft.

It might be better if NeIC would take more ownership over the centrally organized workshops.

KTH, SU and KI have an ally membership.

Deadline concept could be reasonable between reserving one for each country and answering the demand.

Carpentries can offer central organized workshops (recommended number of participants is 20 people) only as of first of January due to covid-19 load.

So far, in total 17 people took Carpentries instructor training via NeIC's Carpentries platinum membership benefit. Among them, 11 people successfully completed their training and were

certified as Carpentries instructors. Six have applied for an instructor training event to be held November 12-13 (waiting for approval, per 19th October), and there are 5 people who show interest in taking instructor training.

We still have seats!

Visibility at CarpentryCon and planned presence in future Carpentry events

Collaborating with Nordic HPC CoE on instructor training and teaching, with CodeRefinery covering 2 out of 3 half days.

HPC Carpentries is still in incubator mode.

Discussion within CodeRefinery Team: Should also the CodeRefinery lessons be put into the Carpentries incubator?

Visibility worked very well:

- A blog post [“Lessons Learned from Running Code Refinery’s First Online Workshop”](#) was reposted as Carpentries blog post.
- 3 CodeRefinery online workshops were advertised via mailing list of Carpentries [for May and June workshop](#), and [for November workshop](#)
- In CarpentryCon2020@Home, a panel session [Online workshops - How to scale up your online workshop to reach 100 learners?](#) based on experiences from Mega CodeRefinery workshop was held on August 26.

Decision: Setting a deadline for end of February to apply for national centrally organized Carpentries workshops to keep them reserved, otherwise it's open for who comes first.

- **AP on Naoe to send a reminder to the RG members beginning of February.**

Benefit realization plan

Benefit realization:

Ratatosk listed with Michaela as contact person/programme sheppard as an affiliate project:

https://neic.no/affiliates/

What happens after the end of NeIC's platinum membership?

CarpentryConnect: Getting together, RSE people and instructors and communities and disseminate information to other universities.

Making people aware of the centrally organized workshop opportunities. There might be some invisible conflict of interest.

Nordic RSE conference:

Online get-together Nov 30 - Dec 2: https://nordic-rse.org/events/2020-online-get-together/
          Registration and call for contributions (very flexible) already open
Conference: May 27-29, 2021: https://nordic-rse.org/conference/
(had to be moved twice due to covid-19)

Q&A:

Next meeting:

Visibility is the key question.
- **AP on all of us: make Carpentry usage more visible (in local newsletters)**
- **AP Radovan to set up a doodle poll for a meeting still in December**
- **AP Radovan/Naoe to make data on country participation available**
  - trickier for Carpentries for those where we were not the host.
  - Updates by Naoe Nov 9:
    - Naoe was told by the Carpentries Core team that despite having access to the survey results as a regional coordinator (RC), it is not allowed to use statistics of the pre- and post-surveys for the Carpentries workshop for this purpose (i.e., to report to NeIC) as it is not mentioned as the purpose of use of the survey responses. She was also told that it is not allowed to ask the hosts for their statistics as RC, either.
    - This means what Naoe can do is only to ask the host site of the centrally organized Carpentries workshops that were requested with NeIC's membership benefit. The 3 workshops, all held at Nord Univ. in Norway, approved only participants from Norway, and the capacity was 20 for each.

AOB:

Recommended number of participants by Carpentries is 20 at the moment.
According to https://carpentries.org/workshops/#workshop-organising, the Carpentries want a host to "request Centrally-Organised workshops at least 2-3 months before your desired workshop date." (not 1 month, I am sorry for a confusion) - Naoe

Sign-ups depending on the country

Online CodeRefinery workshop May 25 - Jun 4 *25 May - 4 Jun*

Created by Radovan Bast (radovan.bast@uit.no) from event on 18 May 2020

Registration

Stats for "Online CodeRefinery workshop May 25 - Jun 4"

Overview

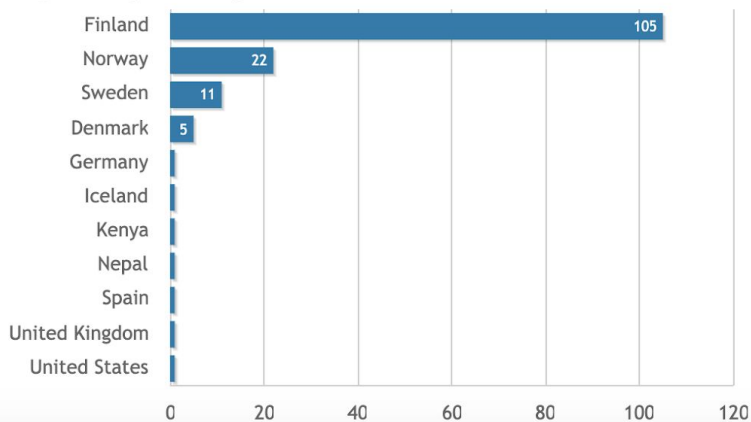| 150	0	11
Registrations	**Days left to register**	**Countries**

Availability — 50 places available
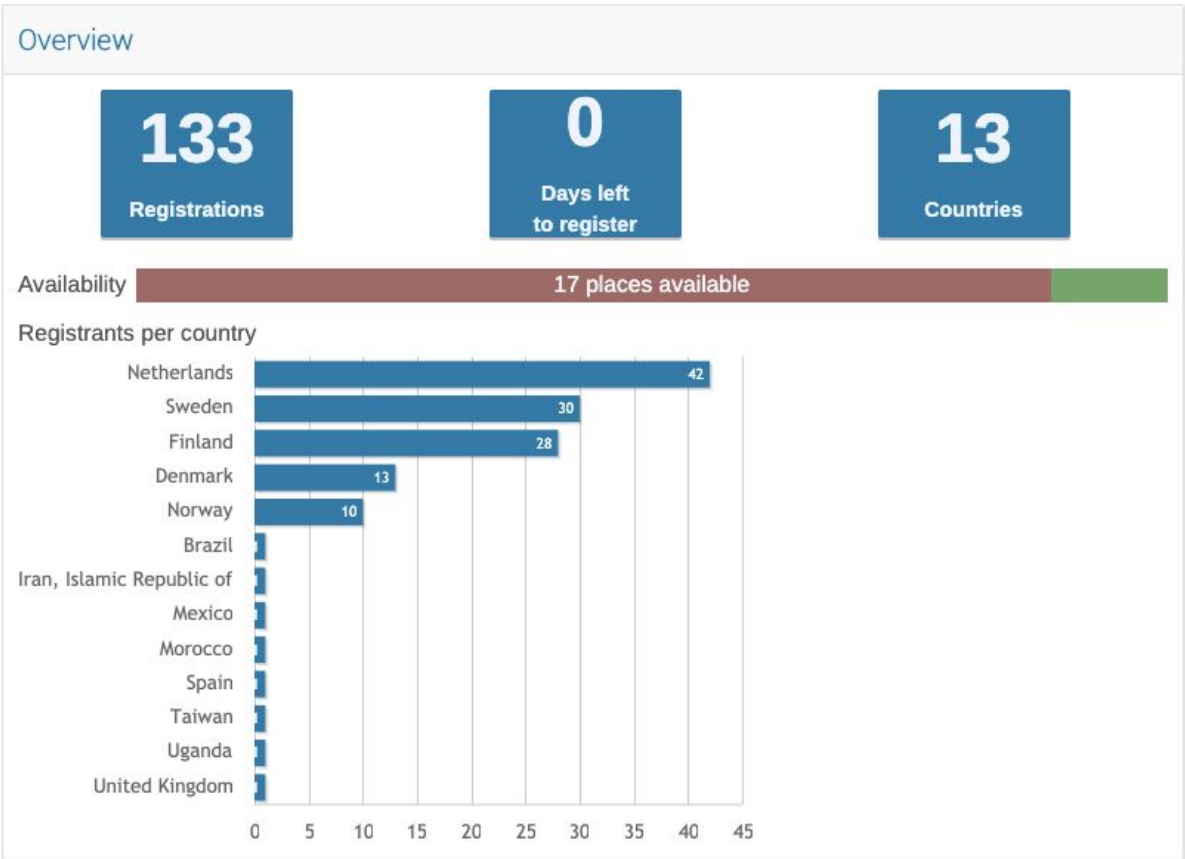
Registrants per country

Online CodeRefinery workshop Oct 20-22, 27-29 *20 Oct - 29 Oct*

Created by Naoe Tatara (naoe.tatara@ub.uio.no) from event on 25 May 2020

Registration

Stats for "Online CodeRefinery workshop Oct 20-22, 27-29"

Overview

133 Registrations

0 Days left to register

13 Countries

Availability — 17 places available

Registrants per country

Country	Registrants
Netherlands	42
Sweden	30
Finland	28
Denmark	13
Norway	10
Brazil	
Iran, Islamic Republic of	
Mexico	
Morocco	
Spain	
Taiwan	
Uganda	
United Kingdom	

Online CodeRefinery workshop Nov 17-19, 24-26 *17 Nov - 26 Nov*

Created by Naoe Tatara (naoe.tatara@ub.uio.no) from event on 20 Oct 2020

Registration

Stats for "Online CodeRefinery workshop Nov 17-19, 24-26"

Overview

48 Registrations	0 Days left to register	8 Countries

Availability — 40 places available

Registrants per country

Country	Count
Norway	34
Sweden	26
Finland	3
Spain	3
United States	3
Germany	2
United Kingdom	2
Bangladesh	1
Belgium	1
Canada	1
Iceland	1
Switzerland	1
Zimbabwe	1