OpenFabrics User Day(s)
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User Day – The Sequel

- **Inaugural Day – August 2012 at Argonne**
  - 1 ½ days
  - Handful of presenters
  - Lots of unstructured discussion
  - A fair amount of complaining
  - 40(-) attendees

- **Second attempt**
  - 1 ½ days
  - 15 presenters
    - ANL, Calcul Quebec, Cray, Chelsio, IBM, Intel, LANL, Mellanox, NASA, NERSC, ORNL, UNH-IOL
    - 3 presenters were attendees at last year's meeting
  - More structured presentations
  - Very little complaining
  - Variety of subjects
  - 40(+) attendees

User Day – Feedback on the Conference

- **Results / 23 responses**
  - 96% liked the location – very positive responses
  - Speaker selection
    - Overall positive reception with a few exceptions
    - "Stay on time"
    - "Excellent speakers"
  - Topic Selection
    - Relevant and well rounded
    - More on "Management of IB"
  - Next year?
    - 100% said they would recommend it to others
    - 82% said they would return next year
    - 3 respondents were unsure due to funding
    - 1 said "No"
  - Improvements
    - Manage speakers' time
    - More admin-type talks
    - More content from community
    - Extend to 2 full days

User Day – Feedback for Developers

- **General**
  - Monitoring
    - Variety of options, lots of overlap, output inconsistent
  - Congestion handling
    - How to know, where is it at, what to do
  - Routing options/verification
  - Better partition support
  - Scaling issues

- **Specific**
  - UFM – need more information, how might it affect existing monitoring
  - Ibutils2 – needs to be in the main branch
    - Ibdmchk and ibdiagnet
  - Ib-node-name-map for SRP targets
  - SRP claims it only works with default partition

Takeaways

- **User Day is filling a void**

- **Moderately successful**

- **Need better advertisement**
    - DellXL
    - SC10,11,12 mailing lists
    - ISC
    - #userday2013

- **User's mailing list still seen as valuable**
    - More traffic would increase visibility
    - Confirmation that most questions seen as inappropriate for linux-rdma

- **Partnering with Developer's Workshop is valuable**
    - More overlap between the conference schedules
    - More developers interested in User Day

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Questions?