The first quarter of my term flew by. The first part of the quarter was themed: Structure and transparency.

Each team agreed on my proposal to formulate and publish goals for the upcoming quarter and will continue to do so for the future. The first pack of goals were published in the magazine.

Together with the CMS Release Team I stabilised the release process and successfully formed Release Manager teams for 4.2, 4.3 and 5.0. Also the 4.1.x series was fully released, now continuing with the 4.2.x series while the 3.10.x will go into security mode. Additionally the Release Manager of 5.0 and I have defined the roadmap for 5.0 while the 4.3 roadmap is in progress.

The next quarter will be focusing on documentation & testing. Therefore the budget was approved in a way, giving us many possibilities in this regard. Many sprints are already planned for the upcoming quarter.

Most of the teams are highly motivated, bringing Joomla! Forward. The reports from each team can be read in the Volunteers portal.

As Production DC, I restructured some teams, got back the Joomla! CMS (Core) Language Team below the CMS Release Team and we are starting to grow in the volunteers base. Google Summer of Code, where I am heavily involved, is established as a reliable supplier of new features. The Security Team is on the way to implement secure updates (TUF sprints with me participating are done, and planned for the future) and the CMS Maintenance Team is tackling the open PRs to reduce their numbers.

I also think that the cooperation between the other departments is on a new level, Operations doing a hell of a job supporting the Production department with infrastructure and technical support (and much more) whenever needed while Outreach helps us in communicating and reaching people.
Overall for a long time promised, now it seems we reach more and more a professionalised level of management in Joomla!, but much still has to improve.
The biggest issue is still the lack of volunteers, so if you can afford a few hours each month, please reach out to us.

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