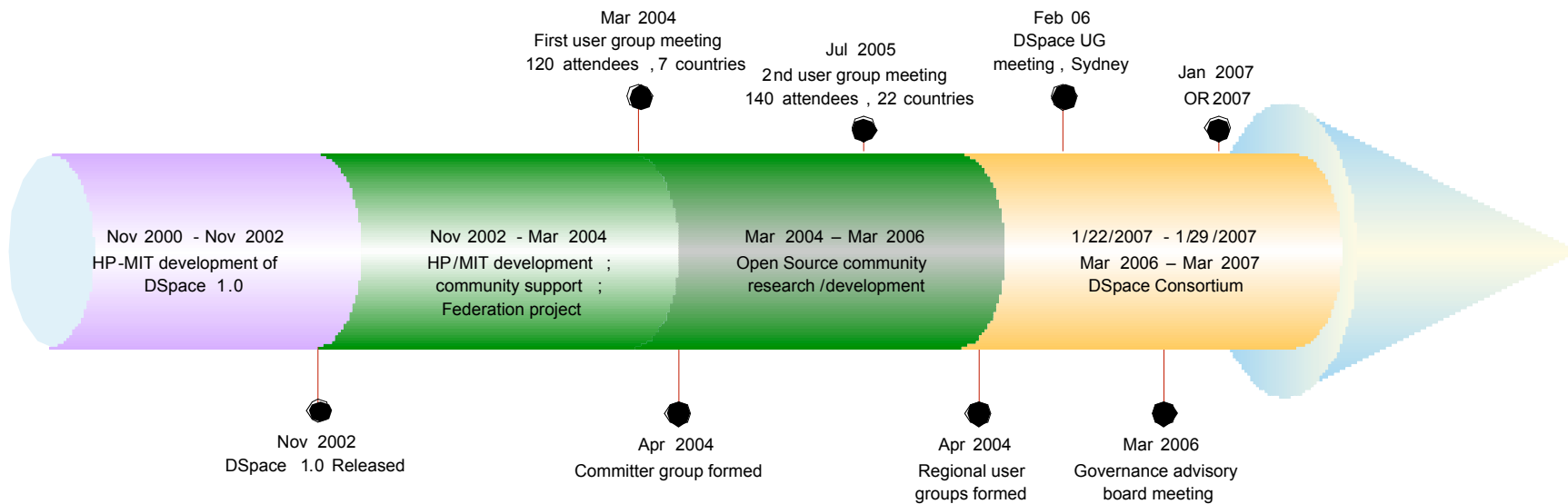


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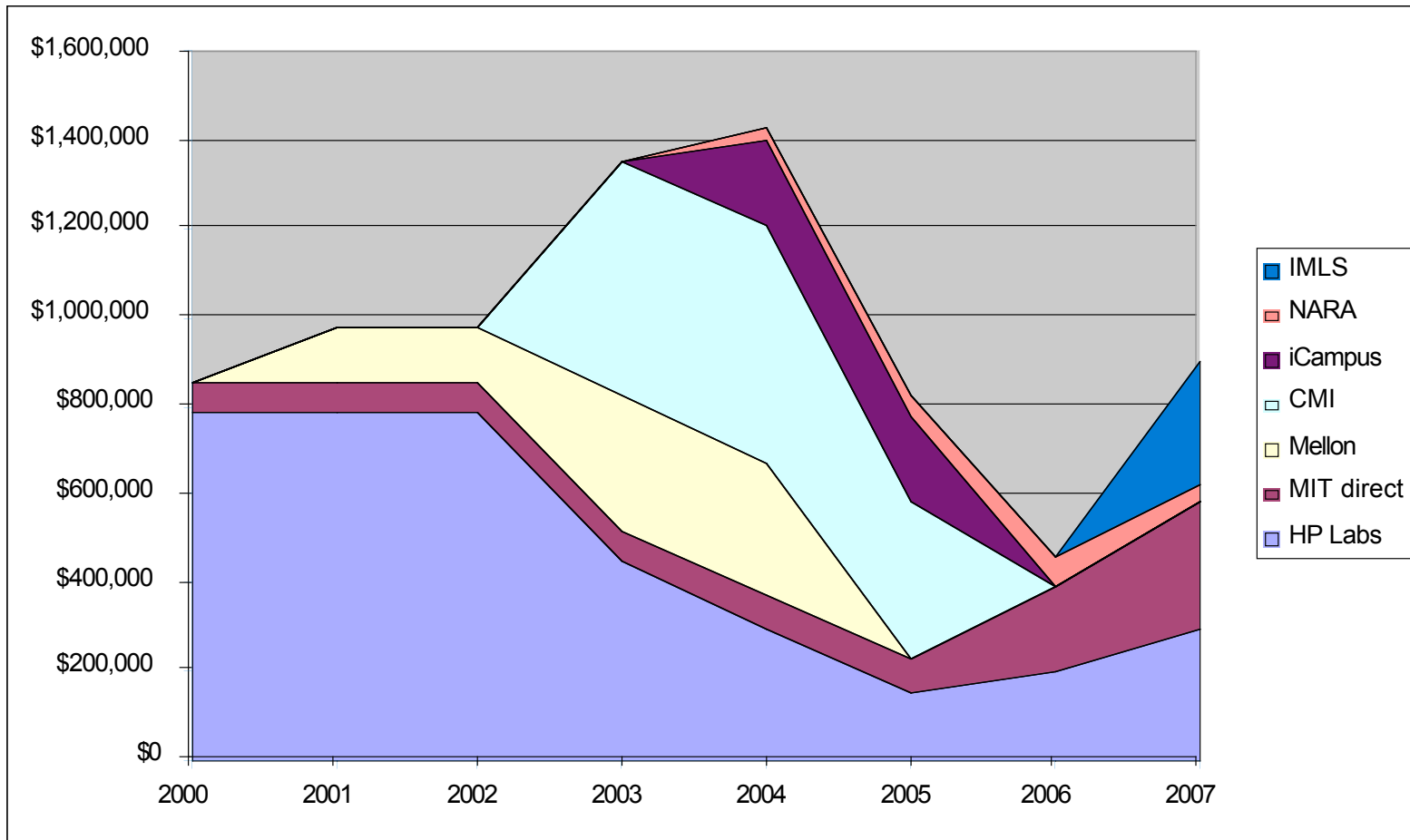
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# Milestones



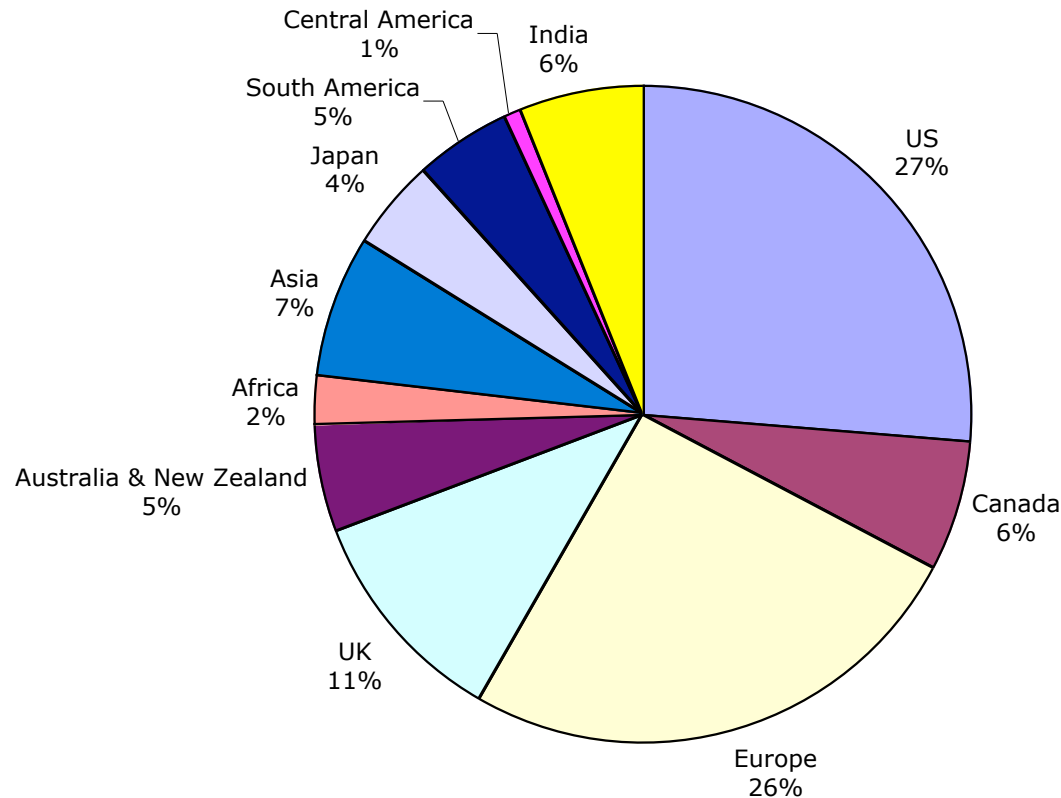
## ***Formation of Foundation summer 2007***

# DSpace Funding 2000-2007



## DSpace instances by region

270 registered instances of DSpace



One hundred active developers, 14 lead developers  
Decentralized and distributed

# Issues faced

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- ❑ Diverse sets of needs-lack of coordination
- ❑ Burden on the developer team to provide infrastructure
- ❑ Inability to move strategically vs. incrementally
- ❑ Opportunities missed as no single person/org to represent the community objectively

# Why the Foundation?

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- Set up independent organization for governance-
  - Legal entity that owns the copyright
  - Can enter into agreements/contracts
  - Raise funding
  - Can be nimble- outside of University infrastucture
  - Reports to the Board
  
- 501c3 charitable organization so would have the broadest range of options for funding and outreach to the community

# Role of the Board

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- Lightweight initial board- 6 members split from the commercial and non commercial sector
- Help in the fund raising
- Sounding board for strategic roadmap
- Build awareness of the organization
- Facilitate connections of importance for the Foundation

# Strategic objectives

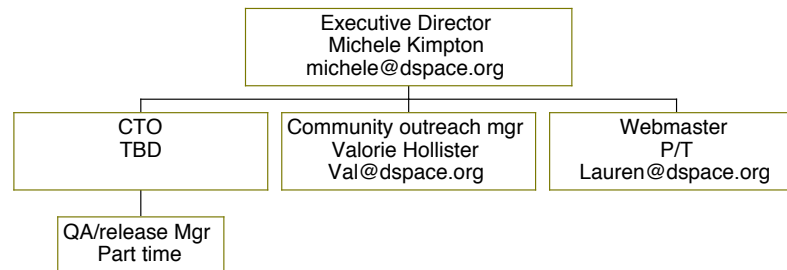
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- Promote and develop the DSpace Platform and community
- Make it easy to contribute and participate
- Launch DSpace 2.0
- Develop strategic partnerships that bring value
- Develop long term funding model



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***Facilitate and provide guidance, but not to write code***

# Funding

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- Currently HP and MIT
- Longterm
  - Community
  - Corporate sponsorships
  - Services
  - Grants

# Challenges

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- Continue to foster community ownership
- Move strategically vs. incrementally
- Long term model for open source software in this sector