computer program code; the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with at least one processor, cause the remote conference session pricer at least to: receive a request for a cost of an attended remotely hosted conference session; obtain data providing an evaluation of the attended remotely hosted conference session, the data comprising feedback provided by participants and/or conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session; analyse the evaluation data using an algorithm configured to process the evaluation data to determine a conference session score; calculate the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session using the conference session score; and respond to the request with the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

[0007] In an example, the attended remotely hosted conference session may be provided with an initial price before commencement and the remote conference session pricer may be further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session: determine whether the initial price needs to be adjusted based on the conference session score; and adjust the initial price of the attended remotely hosted conference session to its calculated cost in response to an affirmative determination.

[0008] In an example, the evaluation data may include any one or more of: duration of the attended remotely hosted conference session; video and/or audio quality of the attended remotely hosted conference session; number of participants and/or conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session; and punctuality of the participants and/or the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session remote conference session.

[0009] In an example, the evaluation data may be obtained from each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session and the remote conference session pricer may be further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session: calculate the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the participants.

[0010] In an example, the remote conference session pricer may be further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session: calculate an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the participants.

[0011] In an example, the evaluation data may be obtained from each of the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session and the remote

conference session pricer may be further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session: calculate the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the conductors.

[0012] In an example, the remote conference session pricer may be further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session: calculate an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the conductors.

[0013] In an example, the remote conference session pricer may be further configured to: receive details of a payment source funding the attended remotely hosted conference session; and transmit, to the payment source, a request for payment of the calculated cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

[0014] In an example, the remote conference session pricer may be further configured to receive an indication of completion of the remotely hosted conference session.

[0015] In an example, a remote conference session host may include a plurality of ports for hosting the remotely hosted conference session, wherein the remote conference session host comprises the remote conference session pricer of any one of the preceding claims.

[0016] According to a second aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a method for pricing attended remotely hosted conference sessions, the method may include: receiving a request for a cost of an attended remotely hosted conference session; obtaining data providing an evaluation of the attended remotely hosted conference session, the data comprising feedback provided by participants and/or conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session; analysing the evaluation data using an algorithm configured to process the evaluation data to determine a conference session score; calculating the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session using the conference session score; and responding to the request with the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

[0017] In an example, the method may include: providing an initial price before commencement of the remotely hosted conference session; determining whether the initial price needs to be adjusted based on the conference session score; and adjusting the initial price of the attended remotely hosted conference session to its calculated cost in response to an affirmative determination.

[0018] In an example, the evaluation data may be obtained from each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session and the method may

further include calculating the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the participants.

[0019] In an example, the method may include calculating an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the participants.

[0020] In an example, the method may include calculating the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the conductors.

[0021] In an example, the method may include calculating an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the conductors.

[0022] In an example, the method may include receiving details of a payment source funding the attended remotely hosted conference session; and transmitting, to the payment source, a request for payment of the calculated cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

[0023] In an example, the method may include receiving an indication of completion of the remotely hosted conference session.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0024] The accompanying Figures, where like reference numerals refer to identical or functionally similar elements throughout the separate views and which together with the detailed description below are incorporated in and form part of the specification, serve to illustrate various embodiments and to explain various principles and advantages in accordance with a present embodiment, by way of non-limiting example only.

CLAIMS

1. A remote conference session pricer for pricing attended remotely hosted conference sessions comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code;

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with at least one processor, cause the remote conference session pricer at least to:

receive a request for a cost of an attended remotely hosted conference session;

obtain data providing an evaluation of the attended remotely hosted conference session, the data comprising feedback provided by participants and/or conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session;

analyse the evaluation data using an algorithm configured to process the evaluation data to determine a conference session score;

calculate the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session using the conference session score; and

respond to the request with the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

2. The remote conference session pricer of claim 1, wherein the attended remotely hosted conference session is provided with an initial price before commencement and wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session:

determine whether the initial price needs to be adjusted based on the conference session score; and

adjust the initial price of the attended remotely hosted conference session to its calculated cost in response to an affirmative determination.

3. The remote conference session pricer of claim 1 or 2, wherein the evaluation data further comprises any one or more of:

duration of the attended remotely hosted conference session;

video and/or audio quality of the attended remotely hosted conference session;

number of the participants and/or the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session; and

punctuality of the participants and/or the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session remote conference session.

4. The remote conference session pricer of claim 3, wherein the evaluation data is obtained from each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session and wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session:
calculate the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the participants.

5. The remote conference session pricer of claim 3 or 4, wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session:

calculate an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the participants.

6. The remote conference session pricer of any one of the claims 3 to 5, wherein the evaluation data is obtained from each of the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session and wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session:

calculate the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the conductors.

7. The remote conference session pricer of any one of the claims 3 to 6, wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to, during calculation of the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session:

calculate an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the conductors.

8. The remote conference session pricer of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to:

receive details of a payment source funding the attended remotely hosted conference session; and

transmit, to the payment source, a request for payment of the calculated cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

9. The remote conference session pricer of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the remote conference session pricer is further configured to receive an indication of completion of the remotely hosted conference session.

10. A remote conference session host comprising a plurality of ports for hosting the remotely hosted conference session, wherein the remote conference session host comprises the remote conference session pricer of any one of the preceding claims.

11. A method for pricing attended remotely hosted conference sessions, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a cost of an attended remotely hosted conference session;

obtaining data providing an evaluation of the attended remotely hosted conference session, the data comprising feedback provided by participants and/or conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session;

analysing the evaluation data using an algorithm configured to process the evaluation data to determine a conference session score;

calculating the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session using the conference session score; and

responding to the request with the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

12. The method of claim 11, the method further comprising:

providing an initial price before commencement of the remotely hosted conference session;

determining whether the initial price needs to be adjusted based on the conference session score; and

adjusting the initial price of the attended remotely hosted conference session to its calculated cost in response to an affirmative determination.

13. The method of claim 11 or 12, wherein the evaluation data further comprises any one or more of:

duration of the attended remotely hosted conference session;

video and/or audio quality of the attended remotely hosted conference session;

number of the participants and/or the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session; and

punctuality of the participants and/or the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session remote conference session.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the evaluation data is obtained from each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session and wherein the method further comprises calculating the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the participants.

15. The method of claim 13 or 14, the method further comprising:

calculating an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the participants of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the participants.

16. The method of any one of the claims 13 to 15, the method further comprising:

calculating the cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session to each of the conductors.

17. The method of any one of the claims 13 to 16, the method further comprising:

calculating an individual cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session for each of the conductors of the attended remotely hosted conference session based on the evaluation data obtained from each of the conductors.

18. The method of any one of the claims 11 to 17, the method further comprising:

receiving details of a payment source funding the attended remotely hosted conference session; and

transmitting, to the payment source, a request for payment of the calculated cost of the attended remotely hosted conference session.

19. The method of any one of the claims 11 to 18, the method further comprising:

receiving an indication of completion of the remotely hosted conference session.