

# ISOC Fellowship to the IETF 2008 Year in Review

The year 2008 marked the second full year of the Internet Society's Fellowship to the IETF Programme, a part of ISOC's Internet Leaders programme. Building on the momentum and experience generated already, the programme enjoyed continued success, sending a total of 16 first-time Fellows from 13 countries to IETF meetings in 2008. We also expanded the programme in 2008 by implementing a Returning Fellows Programme. This helps highly motivated Fellowship alumni to return for a second IETF meeting.

Our objective remains the same for both programmes: to foster greater understanding of and participation in the Internet standards-setting process by talented individuals from developing countries.

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*The network of friends I created during the IETF meeting will be a vital resource in my work both now and in the future.*

—Vincent Ngundi

*ISOC Fellow at IETF 71 in Philadelphia, U.S.A.*

*ISOC Fellows to IETF 71, from left to right:  
Mudivedu Shroff Rajesh, Mohibul Hasib  
Mahmud, Vincent Ngundi, Max Larson  
Henry, Dessalegn Mequanint Yehuala,  
and Asim Zaheer*

*I can only think: Amazing! I had a great week at the IETF. I'm very happy; the experience was more than I expected.*

—Alejandro Acosta

ISOC Fellow at IETF 72 in Dublin, Ireland

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## Programme Overview

### The Fellowship Award

Recipients of the ISOC Fellowship to the IETF receive the following assistance:

- An economy-class airline ticket to the meeting
- Hotel accommodation
- IETF meeting registration fees
- The fee for the IETF social event
- A stipend to offset incidental expenses
- A certificate of participation after successfully participating in the ISOC Fellowship to the IETF

Fellows are paired with Mentors in their areas of interest to help them prepare for the meeting and to assist them throughout the week of the IETF.

During the meeting, the Mentors and ISOC staff assist Fellows with introductions to experts in Fellow's areas of interest.

### Expectations for the Fellows

ISOC Fellows are expected to:

- Prepare in advance of the IETF meeting by reading relevant IETF documents and working-group discussions in their areas of interest
- Attend the IETF newcomers tutorial, plenary sessions, and working-group sessions throughout the week
- Share the experience and knowledge gained at the IETF with their local communities when they return home (including writing a report on the activities)
- Participate in the Fellowship Alumni Network
- Assist with administrative aspects of the programme, including completion of a follow-up survey

## Mentors: Guiding the Way

Each Fellow is paired with an experienced IETF participant, who acts as a Mentor. The Mentor helps the Fellow understand how the IETF works and how the Fellow can participate and contribute.

Prior to the IETF meeting, the Mentor directs the Fellow to relevant documents and drafts being discussed in Working Groups, so the Fellow is prepared for the meeting.

Social networking is an important benefit of attending an IETF meeting in person. During the week, the Mentor helps the Fellow identify which Working-Group meetings to attend and introduces the Fellow to people who work in the same field. These introductions help Fellows feel more relaxed and make it easier for them to participate remotely after the meeting.

### Mentors for the 2008 Fellowship

Alain Aina, Technologies Réseaux et Solutions

Fred Baker, Cisco

Carsten Bormann, Technologie-Zentrum Informatik

Stéphane Bortzmeyer, Association Française pour le Nommage Internet en Coopération

Elwyn Davies, Folly Consulting Ltd.

Patrik Fältström, Cisco

David Farmer, University of Minnesota

Roque Gagliano, Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry

Hadriel Kaplan, Acme Packet

Shane Kerr, Afilias

Dave Knight, Afilias

Dave Meyer, Cisco

George Michaelson, Asia Pacific Network Information Centre

Erik Nordmark, Sun Microsystems

Hesham Soliman, Elevate Mobile Technologies

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*My Mentor was a tremendous help—both for understanding how the IETF meeting works and for helping solve Internet problems in my country, Tuvalu.*

—Tenanoia Veronica Simona

ISOC Fellow at IETF 73 in Minneapolis, U.S.A.





*It was remarkably easy for me to approach IETF attendees and exchange ideas with them.*

—Kumar Saurabh

ISOC Fellow at IETF 72 in Dublin, Ireland

## 2008 Programme Enhancements: The Returning Fellows Programme

With so many benefits provided in a first-time fellowship to the IETF, ISOC believes that a chance to attend another meeting, as a Returning Fellow, will over time (1) help build communities in developing countries by providing easier access to the IETF standards development process and (2) increase the visibility of the IETF in developing countries.

ISOC created the Returning Fellows Programme to:

- Provide an opportunity for highly committed Fellowship alumni to return to the IETF to advance specific standards work
- More fully integrate technologists from the developing world into the IETF
- Advance the technical leadership potential of individuals from the developing world

The Returning Fellows Programme provides select alumni with the opportunity to attend another IETF meeting. ISOC invites applications from alumni who wish to actively participate in and contribute to the work of the IETF and who feel that attending another meeting in person is essential to their professional development and local communities.



IETF 71, Philadelphia, U.S.A., March 2008

## 2008 Returning Fellowship Awardees

### IETF 72 (27 July–1 August 2008) Dublin, Ireland

#### *Alberto Castro (Uruguay)*

Faculty Member, Computer Science Department,  
Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay  
Interests: Path Computation Element, Locator/ID  
Separation Protocol

#### *Martín Germán (Uruguay)*

Faculty Member, Computer Science Department,  
Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay  
Interests: Path Computation Element, Locator/ID  
Separation Protocol

#### *Subramanian Moonesamy (Mauritius)*

Consultant, Eland Systems  
Interests: SMTP, Domain Keys Identified Mail,  
E-mail Address Internationalization

### IETF 73 (16–21 November 2008) Minneapolis, U.S.A.

#### *Burmaa Baasansuren (Mongolia)*

Director of .MN Registry, Datacom LTD  
Interests: Email Address Internationalization,  
Internationalized Domain Names in Applications

#### *Mohibul Hasib Mahmud (Bangladesh)*

Manager, Network Routing, BRAC BDMail Network Ltd.  
Interests: DNS Operations

#### *Veaceslav Sidorenco (Moldova)*

Associate Professor, Technical University, Chisinau,  
Moldova  
Interests: Operations and Management Area

*If you are in it to learn and share, and you are prepared to put in the time and effort, it is an enlightening experience.*

—Subramanian Moonesamy

Returning ISOC Fellow at IETF 72 in Dublin, Ireland





