

## **UPDATE ON EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**

### **BoT Meeting 10/11 February 2006**

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In 2006 and beyond we are planning to continue most of the traditional education programs ISOC is known for. In addition to that we propose to expand some of the activities (see ccTLD workshops). One big step will be to work much closer with the local and regional communities with and through chapters wherever possible (see Regional Bureaus). This will also help us to increase our education for policy makers by working with chapters and local experts. In addition to that we will continue to provide publications targeted towards policy makers.

#### 1. Regional Operators Fora and ISOC Regional Meetings

We have arranged speaker slots at various regional community meetings. Topics, speakers and exact format will depend on the type of the meeting and the audience. The main goal for most of them will be 'policy education' and 'technology education'. At all these events we are reaching out to members and chapters and will organise chapter and member participation in them as well as chapter and member meetings where appropriate. In addition, many of these venues are excellent for building support for chapters (existing and new).

The first one took place at the SANOG 7 meeting in Mumbai, India in January 2006. It was organised as an evening BoF with the focus on the IETF and the Internet Standards Development Process. Daniel Karrenberg as ISOC BoT member and Kurtis Lindqvist as IAB member were co-chairing the BoF.

<http://www.sanog.org/sanog7/program.htm>

In general, the SANOG 7 meeting was a big success again and the ISOC fellowship grant allowed 20 students from countries like Bhutan, Nepal and India to attend the network training workshops held before the SANOG meeting.

<http://www.sanog.org/sanog7/fellowship.htm>

Another session similar to the BoF held at SANOG is organised for the AIOF meeting (organised by APIA and the ISOC AU chapter) that will take place in conjunction with the APRICOT meeting in Perth, Australia in February 2006.

<http://www.isoc-au.org.au/aiof/>

The AfNOG meeting will take place in May in Nairobi, Kenya. With the help of ISOC's and Afilias' fellowship program more than 50 students from 18 different African countries were able to participate in one of the 4 tracks organised at AfNOG 2005. Students applications for the workshops in Nairobi are currently being evaluated. There are 118 candidates and it is expected to accept about 60 of them for one of the workshop tracks.

A two-hour slot is reserved for ISOC at the AfNOG 2005 conference held right after the workshops. The topic will likely focus on policy and the Internet Governance debate.

<http://www.afnog.org/afnog2006/>

In addition to that we will be organising a Regional INET conference on 18 May in conjunction with the AfriNIC4 meeting in Nairobi. Topics will likely be a mixture of technology and policy. The aim is to attract both operators and policy makers to that meeting. We are working closely with the AfriNIC and AfNOG leadership to make sure this is most useful for the regional community. The program will be published shortly.

A similar event is considered in conjunction with WALC in Ecuador in the summer. ISOC is one of the main sponsors who together supported the attendance of more than 250 students in 7 concurrent tracks at WALC 2005. A comparable number is expected this year and ISOC - together with additional funding from Afiliats - will support the fellowship program again.

We are further working on a series of roundtable meetings that will primarily focus on specific policy issues.

## 2. Workshop Resource Portal

There is regular exchange between NSRC and ISOC. We have set up a wiki to better keep track of progress and open action items. The layout and functionality is constantly improving and a lot of new content has been added. Statistics show that the site is visited frequently by many people around the globe, not only to look at workshop materials, but also to use the tools provided to organise local workshops.  
<http://ws.edu.isoc.org/>

## 3. ccTLD Workshops

A mailing list has been set up with all participants and instructors of previous ccTLD workshops as main subscribers. This initiative was welcomed enthusiastically and first substantial discussions are taking place. This will hopefully become a forum for technical collaboration and exchange among ccTLD operators, primarily in developing countries. See the archive of the mailing list here:  
<http://ccnog.org/archive/operations/>

In consultation with ICANN and NSRC it has been decided to organise the next ccTLD workshops in the Pacific region (together with PacNOG that offered to host it) and the Caribbean (where currently many re-delegations are taking place). These workshops are only possible, because of the extensive support by volunteering individuals and organisations. See a list of all sponsors here:  
<http://ws.edu.isoc.org/workshops/ccTLD/sponsors.html>

## 4. IETF Journal

After thorough review by IETF and the IAB chair and the IETF WG chairs, Volume 1, Issue 2 of the IETF Journal has been published with a focus on the IETF64 in Vancouver, Canada. ISOC has worked with the IETF and the IAB chair to establish a formal charter for the coming issues of this publication.  
<http://ietfjournal.isoc.org/>