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Area: Education

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Status: Information

Sub Area: Regional Operators Fora

As reported in our September update, the Education Pillar has successfully met our 2006 commitments to Regional Operators Forums with a small budget surplus (\$5,000).

Sub Area: ISOC Regional Meetings

Also as reported in our September update, the Education pillar is on target for meeting its commitments to INET regional meetings for 2006. Our final scheduled INET event for 2006 will take place in December in Mauritius in conjunction with the AfriNIC meeting. It will be organised jointly with AfTLD and will cover technical as well as policy related topics relevant to the community at large. This expenditure is accounted for in the Policy Pillar budget.

Sub Area: ccTLD workshops

The Education Pillar will meet its scheduled commitments for 2006 and it is anticipated that they will be completed within budget. The ccTLD workshop for the Caribbean, which was to take place in December, 2006 has been rescheduled by the local organizers for early 2007. The ccTLD Management and Policy Tutorials in Sofia and Dubai will be covered with the remaining 2006 ccTLD workshop funds.

Sofia, Bulgaria ccTLD Management and Policy Tutorial, 25 – 26 October

ISOC jointly organized with ICANN a ccTLD management and policy tutorial in Sofia, Bulgaria for ccTLD operators from the Balkan region and Eastern Europe. The meeting took place on 25 - 27 October and was very successful.

Sofia, Dubai ccTLD Management and Policy Tutorial, 20 – 21 November

ISOC is jointly organizing with ICANN a ccTLD management and policy tutorial in Dubai, UAE aimed at North African and Middle Eastern ccTLD operators. The meeting will take place 20 -21 November.

Caribbean ccTLD Workshop, Rescheduled to Early 2007

A Caribbean ccTLD technical training workshop had been planned for December 2006. The local organisers, however, have moved this meeting to early 2007. As such, the anticipated expenditure for this meeting is accounted for under the 2007 budget.

Sub Area: IETF Journal

Volume 2, Issue 2 of the IETF Journal, which focuses on developments from IETF 66 in Montreal, was issued in September. Many excellent contributions on a broad range of topics were received. The Journal is quickly becoming a “must read” for IETF participants and ISOC has received very favourable feedback on it. We will continue this activity in 2007.

Sub Area: ISOC Fellowship to the IETF

ISOC has selected four individuals to attend the IETF meeting in San Diego as ISOC Fellows to the IETF. They are Alfred Pasada of Fiji, Azael Fernandez Alcantara of Mexico, Laupue Raymond Hughes of Samoa and Jimmy Kimanzi of Kenya. One Fellow, Jimmy Kimanzi, may not be able to secure a visa in time because of delays at the embassy for visa interviews. We will work to accommodate him at the Spring IETF 2007 should he not be able to attend in San Diego.

As discussed in the 2007 budget board papers, ISOC is working towards establishing the ISOC Fellowship to the IETF as a core program. The funding for the program in San Diego will be coming from the Education Pillar “Miscellaneous” line item. We anticipate that this will be accommodated very near budget (possibly \$2,500 over if actual expenses come in at the high end of estimates.)

Funding for the program in 2007 now has a separate line item in the Education Pillar budget.

Sub Area: Miscellaneous General Education Support

ISOC has completed its commitments falling under the “Miscellaneous” line item. Funding for the second pilot of the ISOC Fellowship to the IETF in San Diego will be accounted for under the “Miscellaneous” line item in the 2006 budget as noted above.