FOREWORD BY DANIEL KARRENBERG, CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In countless ways, 2006 was a turning point, both for ISOC and for the Internet community at large. Two notable events bracketed the year: In January, the world's premier Internet standards-making body celebrated its 20th anniversary and, in December, *Time* magazine—with its global audience of 27 million—named the Internet users of the world its 2006 Person of the Year.

The significance of the IETF anniversary is impossible to overstate. The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) continues to make a significant contribution to the success of the Internet as we know it today. In 20 years, the IETF has not strayed from its belief in the power of building consensus or from its fierce commitment to an open process for standards development. Since its inception, those values have informed the vision of the Internet Society. As the organisational home of the IETF, ISOC made considerable strides in 2006 to consolidate the administrative support for the IETF. In 2007, we will continue our efforts to make the IETF even more accessible to engineers worldwide and to make the work of the IETF more transparent to those not directly involved in its work.

By naming Internet users Person of the Year, *Time* magazine expressed what the Internet Society has known since it began: Those who are committed to keeping the Internet free of constraint, open, and accessible are shaping the future. ISOC is doing its share by supporting a growing number of local Chapters and Individual Members to do useful work in the development of the Internet. In 2007 we will improve our support for Chapters and we will work toward a renewed basis for our common efforts. We will also continue our close relationship with ISOC's Organisation Members through the Advisory Council.

Throughout 2006, the Internet Society played an important role in the direction of Internet policy and governance through participation in international bodies, such as the Internet Governance Forum. In addition, the organization, its staff, and its partners worked diligently to increase Internet education and training in all regions of the world. Last, but not least, I am pleased to report that the Internet Society is in good financial health. Our challenge for the coming years will be to make the best use of our resources to meet diverse and sometimes competing needs.

There are many more accomplishments, some of which you will read about in the pages of this annual report. Ultimately, however, it is the effort and work of all of us that made 2006 our most successful year yet. We look forward to even greater success in 2007 and beyond. To all who helped to make the Internet Society stronger and more influential than ever before, thank you!

Daniel Karrenberg

Throughout 2006, the Internet Society and its partners increased Internet education and training internationally while fostering Internet growth locally.

Lynn St. Amour

We look forward to establishing new priorities to meet the needs of an ever-growing and changing Internet community.

FOREWORD BY LYNN ST. AMOUR, PRESIDENT AND CEO

It is my pleasure to report that in all programme areas, 2006 was a year of considerable progress and achievement for the Internet Society. With the addition of several new staff members, ISOC was able to significantly increase our education and training activities, Member and Chapter support, and public policy efforts, while also increasing our level of support to the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).

Measuring the progress we've made in 2006 isn't difficult. Most notably, ISOC has made considerable strides in advancing our worldwide network of Chapters. ISOC Chapters work on the local level to energize the Internet community and to promote the proliferation and integration of Internet technologies in all areas of society. Chapters influence local and regional policy and they help ensure that a new generation of technologists and end users has access to the tools and information they need to succeed. With that in mind, I am especially pleased to announce that in 2006, ISOC successfully launched its first Regional Bureau—in

Africa—as part of its efforts to support, amplify, and enhance all of our activities at the local level. A second bureau was launched in early 2007 in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, a number of INET workshops, Network Operating Group (NOG) events, and ccTLD workshops were held in developing countries with the support and participation of many of our Chapters.

ISOC continued to assert its leadership on the international stage in 2006, lending its voice to a wide range of discussions on Internet policy and governance issues. In particular, ISOC participated in the Internet Governance Forum, which follows the World Summit on the Information Society, and staff members were actively engaged in a number of related activities, consultations, and international conferences. I am proud to report that ISOC's role in these various forums earned us considerable recognition and respect. The organisation's leadership was further reinforced through its contributions to discussions on the future of the

Domain Name System transition and the U.S. Department of Commerce–Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) memorandum of understanding.

Finally, ISOC was able to provide additional assistance to the IETF through greater support of its administrative activities and other contributions. As part of its efforts to make the benefits of IETF participation available to a wider audience, and to increase participation in the open development of standards, ISOC launched its Fellowship to the IETF programme, which places and mentors Internet technologists from developing nations at IETF meetings they would otherwise be unable to attend. In 2006, individuals from countries including Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Somoa, and Togo participated in the programme.

As ISOC's successes, resources, and leadership continue to grow, we look forward to meeting the new priorities of an ever-growing and changing Internet community. Our influence and our potential have

gained considerable momentum and the future promises to be even more exciting. We look forward to working with our Individual and Organisation Members, Chapters, and partners to meet these challenges, to grow ISOC, and to help ensure the Internet is for everyone. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I look forward to working with all of you to make the Internet Society even stronger in the years to come.

Lynn St. Amour