ISOC IN 2006 A YEAR OF GROWTH, INFLUENCE, AND LEADERSHIP

From staff resources to global recognition, 2006 was a year of growth, influence, and leadership. Drawing on our roots as a leading force in Internet policy and education, ISOC has become a respected and mobilising presence among technologists, educators, and policy makers worldwide.

ISOC ACHIEVEMENTS

ISOC's achievements in 2006 add up to more than just the sum of its parts. They speak to our desire to make a difference, both locally and globally. In 2006, ISOC began implementation of its strategic and multiyear **Chapter development programme,** which serves the interests of a critical segment of the global Internet community. The first **Regional Bureau**—a strategic activity that extends ISOC's reach in emerging markets—opened in Africa. **Additional staff resources** were secured to expand ISOC's ability to grow Membership, Chapters, education and policy initiatives worldwide.

In recognition of ISOC's deepening influence in the area of Internet policy, ISOC president and CEO Lynn St. Amour was named to the **Strategy Council of the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT Policy and Development.** The position will enable her to play a central role in shaping the policy and development focus of that initiative. In addition, ISOC's director of public policy, Matthew Shears, joined the Advisory Group of the newly formed **Internet Governance Forum** (IGF), which represents major stakeholders within the Internet community. The Advisory Group was instrumental in determining the agenda, focus areas, and content of the first meeting of the IGF in Greece in October. These appointments, plus our contributions to the discussion on the future of the DNS transition and the USDoC–ICANN MoU, **reinforced ISOC's role** in both Internet governance matters and **broader policy issues** related to the Internet.

ISOC participated in the International Telecommunication Union's 2006 Plenipotentiary Conference, where the Union's general policies and strategic and financial plans are set and the organisation's leadership, including Secretary General, elected. We also made substantive submissions into the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Notice of Inquiry and Public Hearing, as well as various OECD activities.

2006 was an important year for ISOC's educational initiatives, including the expansion of the regional INET meetings. In May, **INET Africa** was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in conjunction with the AfNOG and AfriNIC meetings. The second INET Africa, held in Mauritius in November, brought together 40 people from throughout Africa to work on Internet security issues. ISOC's financial support of the fellowship programme of AfriNIC–5 made it possible for many more individuals to attend than would otherwise be possible. In fact, during 2006, ISOC provided support to numerous network operator meetings, including AfNOG, SANOG, WALC, and PacNOG, all of which brought together network engineers for tutorials and workshops on contemporary technical, operational, and policy issues.

With those accomplishments in mind, we believe ISOC's greatest achievement was the growth and maintenance of a team of experienced and influential staff members.

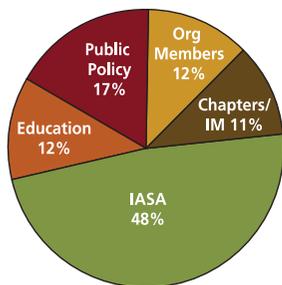In 2006, the Internet Society made a difference.

(above) Preparations for AfNOG 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya

In 2006, ISOC supported the IPv6 Summit in Senegal and provided resources for the African top-level domain organization (AfTLD) to bolster their efforts at meeting regional needs.

(left) PacNOG participants, June 2006, Apia, Samoa

Public Policy: USD 1,294,000
AfriNIC • Internet Governance/IGF
ISOC Annual Report
ITU Telecom • ITU Plenipot
Policy and Member Briefings
Regional Bureaus • Regional INETs

Organisation Members: USD 889,000
ISOC IETF Support • IETF Journal
Organisation Member Support
and Fund Raising

**Chapters and Individual
Members: USD 805,000**
Chapter Newsletters
Project Funding
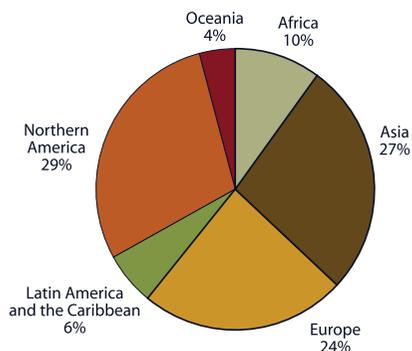World Summit Youth Award
Sociétés de l'Information

**IETF Administrative Support
Activity (IASA): USD 3,578,000**
IASA Support
IETF/IAB Discretionary Expenses
IETF Secretariat and Meetings
IETF Trust • RFC Editor

Education: USD 901,000
African Network Operators Group
ccTLD Workshops
ISOC Workshop Portal
Latin American Workshop
NDSS • PacNOG • SANOG

*Internet Society Programme Expenditures
in 2006 (includes allocated G&A)*

*The Internet Society's 24,000 Individual
Members by Region in 2006*

**Of the more than 24,000 ISOC
individual members, approxi-
mately 50 percent are affiliated
with an ISOC chapter.**

Steve Crocker presents the Jonathan B. Postel Service Award to Bob Braden and Joyce K. Reynolds

Jonathan B. Postel Service Award

In November 2006, the Internet Society announced that Bob Braden and Joyce K. Reynolds were this year's recipients of the prestigious Jonathan B. Postel Service Award. The award was presented for their stewardship of the RFC (Request for Comments) series that enabled countless others to contribute to the development of the Internet.

Reynolds worked closely with Postel and, together with Bob Braden, she has been coleader of the RFC Editor function at the University of Southern California's Information Sciences Institute (ISI) since 1998. In this role she performed the final quality control function on most RFC publications. Braden, who has more than 50 years of experience in the computing field, joined the networking research group at ISI in 1986. He was active in the ARPAnet Network Working Group, contributing to the design of the FTP protocol in particular. He also edited the Host Requirements RFCs and cochaired the RSVP working group.

The Jonathan B. Postel Service Award was established by the Internet Society to honour those who have made outstanding contributions in service to the data communications community. The award focuses on sustained and substantial technical contributions, service to the community, and leadership. The award is named after Dr. Jonathan B. Postel, who embodied all of those qualities during his extraordinary stewardship over the course of a 30-year career in networking.

ISOC Funding Helps Chapters Shine

In 2006, ISOC's Project Funding Initiative programme provided USD 105,900 in project support. Of the 12 applications funded, nine went to Chapter projects. More information about the programme can be found at www.isoc.org/chapters/projects.

CHAPTER	PROJECT	AMOUNT FUNDED
ISOC Pacific Islands	Competition to localize Firefox to the native language of the user	USD 3,000
ISOC Argentina and Disability & Special Needs	Promote Web Accessibility in Argentina	USD 6,450
ISOC Belgium	Run a project called Internet Ombudsman. Defining success factors in e-business and e-security for the user	USD 7,500
ISOC Hong Kong	Conduct and publish a study of the emerging Digital Sphere examining its impact and influence in Greater China	USD 9,000
ISOC Pacific Islands	Conduct a study of the Internet in the Pacific Islands	USD 9,950
Jim Forster	Development of the Airjaldi Summit, a three-day summit designed to explore the best means of integrating existing technologies into replicable and affordable wireless solutions for rural communities in developing countries and laying groundwork for establishing a wireless technologies training center in Dharamsala for students from developing countries	USD 10,000
ISOC Georgia	Organise workshop on developing methods for distance education	USD 10,000
ISOC Israel	Develop tools for online social networking between Arabic and Israeli high school students	USD 10,000
ISOC Morocco	Create a portal for the visually impaired in Morocco	USD 10,000
ISOC Quebec	Develop a showcase for achieving 95 percent Internet connectivity in Quebec by 2017	USD 10,000
Christian Sandvig (University of Illinois)	Produce an educational video, The Tribal Digital Village: The Value of Open Standards for Development	USD 10,000
Siaosi Sovaleni (SOPAC Fiji)	Produce an Internet educational booklet for Pacific Islands Kids	USD 10,000

ISOC Regional Bureaus

In 2006, ISOC chose Dawit Bekele to open and lead its Regional Bureau in Africa, the first pilot site of a Regional Bureau for ISOC. The bureau will serve as a focal point for ISOC activities in the region related to education, capacity building, and public policy.

Dr. Bekele, an Ethiopian citizen living in Addis Ababa, has been involved in numerous activities related to the Internet in Africa.

The Regional Bureaus play an important role in all ISOC chapter development initiatives. They:

- support and amplify existing chapter initiatives;

- encourage new regional initiatives among chapters;

- act as a resource for chapters and encourage, but not direct, chapter activities;

- serve as an extension of the ISOC team in the region, including functioning as an integral part of the ISOC team working with chapters and members.

"I'm very happy to be taking on this role and lending my efforts to making the Regional Bureau concept effective and meaningful for both Africa and ISOC," said Dr. Bekele.

Dr. Dawit Bekele

Internet Society–European Chapters Coordinating Council

In 2006, the Internet Society–European Chapters Coordinating Council (ISOC–ECC), a coalition of ISOC's European chapters, was formalised as a legal entity. Headquartered in Barcelona, the ISOC–ECC promotes discussion among European chapters on topics of mutual interest in order to share information and experiences. The group also fosters European cooperation in Internet projects while promoting dialogue among European parties involved in Internet-related issues. In addition, it serves as a forum for collaboration on projects and activities supporting the Internet Society's global mission. For more information about the ISOC-ECC, see www.isoc-ecc.org.

ISOC Fellowship to the IETF

In 2006 ISOC announced the launch of the ISOC Fellowship to the IETF. With ISOC's support, the programme enables technologists from developing countries to be more involved in the IETF by attending meetings in person. The programme was piloted in July at IETF 66 in Montreal and in November at IETF 67 in San Diego. Five fellows participated in the progamme, one each from Kenya, Togo, Mexico, Fiji, and Samoa. Based on the success of the pilot, the Fellowship will be expanded as a core initiative in 2007.

"Meeting those involved in the IETF, knowing the authors of drafts and RFCs, and seeing firsthand the relations among the working groups and other organisations is very useful," said fellow Azael Alcantara. "It reinforces what I do at work, increases my participation in mailing lists, and motivates me to write an RFC with others."

For more information about the ISOC Fellowship Programme, see www.isoc.org/educpillar/fellowship/.

Panel session at INET in Nairobi, Kenya

Participants at SANOG 8 in Karachi, Pakistan

Azael Alcantara of Mexico (left), Alfred Prasad of Fiji (center) and Laupue Raymond Hughes of Samoa (right) are among the ISOC Fellowship Programme recipients named in 2006

ISOC Total Revenues, Expenses, and Net Assets from 1996 to 2006

Millions of USD

Revenues · Expenses · Net Assets