WHAT IS THE INTERNET SOCIETY?

The Internet Society was founded in 1992 to promote the evolution and growth of the Internet as a global communications infrastructure, to provide support for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), and to encourage the responsible and effective use of the Internet through education, discussion, and advice to public policy makers. ISOC's activities—particularly in developing countries—have helped expand the reach of the Internet, bringing benefits to people around the world. ISOC enjoys a well-deserved reputation for integrity and service to the public interest and is recognised as a strong advocate for the core values of an open and accessible Internet.

MISSION AND ROLE

The mission of the Internet Society is to promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world.

Together with our Organisation Members, Individual Members, Chapters, the IETF, and the Public Interest Registry, ISOC stands at the forefront of Internet standards development, education, and public policy. We collaborate with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the root server operators, the Network Startup Resource Center, and the Regional Internet Registries, as well as with national and international governments and civil society groups.

Operating both on a local level and in the global arena, ISOC works to promote the formulation and adoption of policies that make the Internet accessible to everyone; to safeguard the integrity and continuity of Internet developments and operations; to support and contribute to the continuing evolution of the Internet as an open, decentralised platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity; and to bring authoritative, unbiased information about the Internet to individuals and organisations in every part of the world.

CORE VALUES

ISOC's core values are the fundamental principles that guide all of the organisation's activities. They are the beliefs and commitments on which ISOC's mission is based.

- The quality of life for people in all parts of the world is enhanced by

ISOC added experienced staff to its policy and education programmes to increase capacity, both globally and on a local level.

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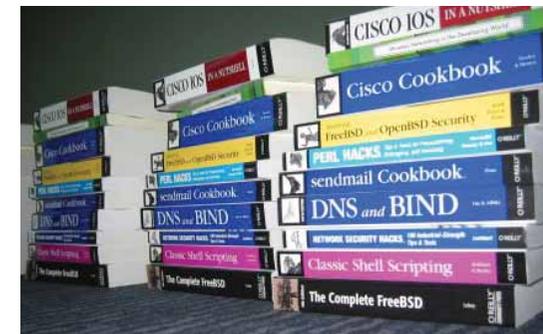**Karen Rose,** *Director, Education and Programmes, Sydney, Australia*

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their ability to enjoy the benefits of an open and global Internet.

- Well-informed individuals and public and private policy makers make up the foundation of an open and global Internet society.

- If the Internet is to continue to be a platform for innovation and creativity, its open, decentralised nature must be preserved.

- Enduring and sustainable progress toward ISOC's vision is best achieved by a combination of global initiatives and activities at a local level that engage people in their home regions.

- Technical standards and Internet operating procedures should be developed and asserted through open and transparent processes, with minimal barriers to participation or to access to information.

- The social, political, and economic benefits of the Internet are substantially diminished by excessively restrictive government or private controls on computer hardware or software, telecommunications infrastructure, or Internet content.

- Rewarding and productive use of the Internet depends on the ability to trust critical services.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

ISOC pursues its mission and upholds its core values through programmes and projects that are designed to achieve specific goals and objectives in the three specific areas that define its scope: standards, education, and public policy.

Computers await hook-up at one of ISOC's many educational programmes around the globe

ISOC's **standards activities** uphold the model of Internet standards development that maximises participation and delivers the greatest benefits, while making the fruits of that process freely available to everyone. Through its **education programmes,** ISOC is able to deliver accurate and reliable information about the Internet—as well as assistance with Internet deployment and use. ISOC's **public policy activities**

promote, uphold, and defend ISOC's core values in local, national, and international public policy forums, where decisions are made that affect the ability of people throughout the world to enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

While many of the programmes and projects in those areas function independently, ISOC's efforts to advance standards, education, and public policy regularly converge to reflect the needs of our constituents and the realities of the marketplace.

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