



## FOREWORD

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The year 2007 was one of ongoing growth and continued strengthening of ISOC. Building on sound financial health and a long-term plan, we succeeded in attracting substantial talent from all over the world, proceeded with our well-known activities and programmes, and prepared a number of long-term strategic initiatives.

I'm particularly glad we made significant progress in fulfilling the potential of ISOC as a truly global organization: we have started to establish regional bureaus and to build strong support for Chapters. This way we can better support local work that furthers the goals of ISOC.

We have continued to support the work of the Internet Engineering Task Force, to play a pivotal role in what has come to be known as Internet Governance, to support regional meetings of networkers, and to promote ISOC's goals wherever they would be most effective. You can read about all of our activities and achievements in the pages of this report.

The year 2008 will bring new challenges. One of them will be to promote the adoption of IPv6 in order to maintain the growth needed to advance and extend the Internet. ISOC is ready to do its part in meeting that challenge as well as other challenges before us.

I sincerely thank everyone who has helped us be successful: ISOC staff; Organization and Individual Members; Chapters; and all of the countless volunteers and friends of ISOC who have contributed to bringing us closer to achieving the sentiment of our motto: The Internet is for everyone.

Thank you.

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Today we are on the brink of a new Internet era—one in which technology and public policy are indisputably intertwined and in which Internet training and education are, for many, social and economic imperatives. While the Internet has grown and changed in significant ways since the Internet Society was established in 1992, the challenge that we face as an organization and as a community remains the same; that is, how should ISOC promote, preserve, and protect the Internet's unique development environment and ensure an Internet that is, and will always be, available to everyone, everywhere?

In 2007, ISOC took its most significant steps yet toward meeting that challenge: We formed two new departments, developed three new long-term strategic initiatives, and added several senior staff members. We also significantly increased the number of Members and Chapters and increased our engagement with Members, Chapters, and other stakeholders.

Over the past few years, ISOC has successfully transformed itself from a small, highly concentrated staff to a truly global organization. More than 25 staff members can now be found in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America, thereby creating an organizational presence on nearly every continent. More important, ISOC's influence is growing as a result of the collective knowledge and expertise of its staff members, all of whom are well-known internationally in both technology and public policy circles. Leslie Daigle, ISOC's new chief Internet technology officer, was, until recently, longtime chair of the Internet Architecture Board. Frédéric Donck, ISOC's new director of public policy, most recently spent 10 years working closely with the European Commission in international policy areas. Bill Graham, who leads ISOC's strategic global engagement activities and oversees its new Global Strategic Engagement department, served as director of international telecommunications policy and coordination in the Canadian government's Department of Industry and Resources. Each new senior staff member brings to the organization high levels of experience and expertise that will enable ISOC to achieve

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even greater influence and recognition as it tackles the more complex policy, education, and technology issues to come.

I am especially excited to announce that in late 2007, the ISOC Board of Trustees approved three new high-level initiatives—all of them intended to help advance the Internet's development. You'll read more about them in the pages that follow.

Over the past year, ISOC worked hard to put into place outreach programmes, support mechanisms, and other activities that aid in its collective efforts as it works toward the common goal of an Internet that is for everyone. In 2008, ISOC will focus on building bridges that connect research, standardization, and development and that ultimately result in the deployment of new Internet technologies.

Finally, I am pleased to report that today ISOC finds itself in a position of financial health and stability. The organization and its Membership and Chapters are growing, as are its reach and its credibility. In 2008 and beyond, ISOC will continue to build on the ambitious platform it has put into place over the past several years. The organization will strive to make itself a place where Members, Chapters, employees, and stakeholders feel valued and where contributions from all are maximized, recognized, and rewarded.

I look forward to working with all of you in the support of our mission.




*Lynn St. Amour*