



ISOC IGF Rio Ambassadors Program – July 2007

Following on the successful ISOC Ambassador program to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in late 2005, we are pleased to announce a call for expressions of interest to participate in the ISOC Ambassador program to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) meeting in Rio de Janeiro in November 2007.

A number of individuals (c. 10 -12) will be selected to act as ISOC IGF Rio Ambassadors. Prerequisites for candidates include ISOC membership, and a demonstrated interest/expertise in issues on the IGF's agenda, including familiarity with the debate around Internet Governance at national and international levels. Candidates must be motivated to help further ISOC's mission through outreach efforts in their home countries upon the conclusion of the Rio meeting.

The Ambassador program is designed to involve members in ISOC's public policy activities while providing valuable expertise and know-how to the IGF meeting in Rio. The role of an ISOC IGF Rio Ambassador is to explain and promote ISOC's positions on public policy issues that are related to the themes of the IGF. He or she would be expected to add their significant local and regional experience and insight to discussions and interventions during the sessions and workshops. The Ambassadors are also expected to bring home first-hand experience of the IGF and to continue to drive local ISOC activities, particularly as they relate to Internet governance issues.

The IGF Rio meeting will take place Monday 12 through Thursday 15 November, 2007. Interested individuals should be available to arrive no later than Sunday 11 November and depart no sooner than Friday 16 November. Further details on the IGF Rio meeting can be found here: <http://www.intgovforum.org/index.htm>.

The Ambassadors will be selected by ISOC and will receive financial support for their travel and accommodation during the week. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with Internet stakeholders at all levels and gain first hand experience of a major international forum.

To apply please send a CV and cover letter to igf-ambassadors@isoc.org by 31 July 2007. The selection process will be completed by 21 August and the ISOC IGF Ambassadors will be announced shortly thereafter.

ISOC has participated at all stages of WSIS and the follow-on IGF. In this process we have succeeded in building up significant recognition for our positions which support an open and globally accessible Internet. Much of this has been achieved through cooperation with our chapters, members and partner organizations from around the world. We believe that the IGF provides a very useful platform for open dialogue on the challenges and opportunities that face the Internet, its governance and the role it will play in empowering individuals and contributing to social and economic development around the globe.