Internet Society (ISOC) Update

APOPS, SANOG10/APNIC24

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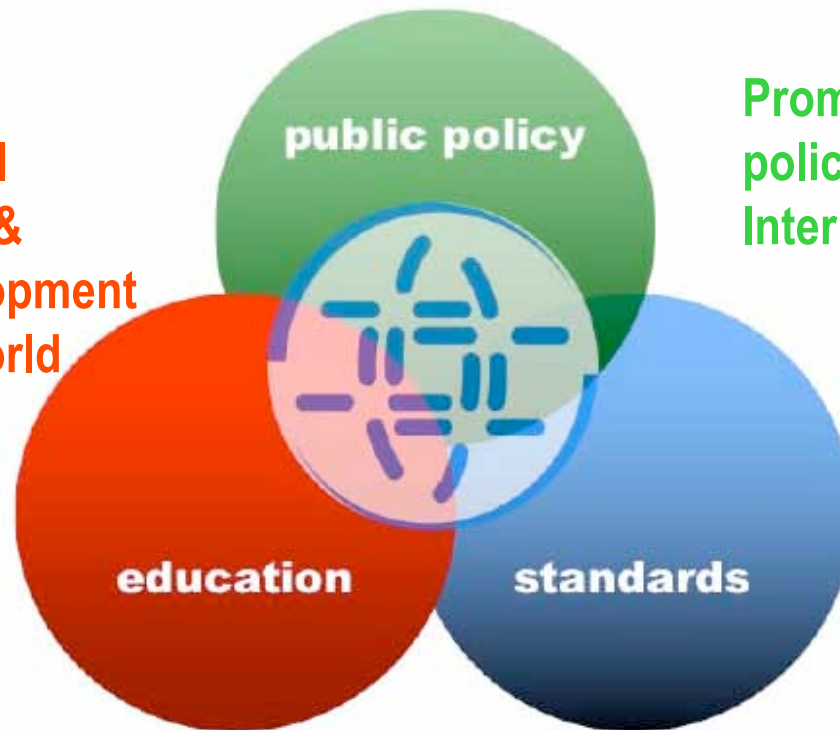Anne Lord

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What is ISOC?

- Mission and purpose
  - "To assure the open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world."

- Not-for-profit charitable organisation
  - Global, but with a local perspective
    - 80+ ISOC Chapters worldwide, including ISOC Chennai, Delhi
    - 26,000+ Individual members, 150+ Organisational members

- Sole focus is the Internet
  - Education, Policy and Standards

What does ISOC do?

Enabling technical capacity building & community development throughout the world

Promoting governmental policies that support Internet growth

public policy

education

standards

Organisational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

ISOC Policy Activities

- **Promoting policy principles and core values**
  - Support evolution of the Internet as an open, decentralized platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity

- **Active in policy making bodies ITU, OECD..**

- **Leading the Internet Governance debate (IGF)**
  - "Multi-stakeholder" forum where all meet on equal footing
  - Defend & promote the "Internet model"
    - Regionalise & localise Internet Governance discussions
    - Seminar with ISOC, APNIC, DIT, Civil Society, ISPAI & Legal
    - Fostering participation through ISOC Ambassadors program

- **Next IGF Rio Nov 12-15, 2008 hosted by DIT, India**

ISOC Education Activities

- Support for regional *NOGs (eg SANOG)
  - Fund fellowships for individuals to attend regional operators' Internet meetings & technical training sessions

- INET regional conferences
  - Internet technology & policy issues of regional interest and importance are the focus

- ccTLD workshops and tutorials
  - Hands-on technical training & tutorials for ccTLD operators

- Research/development small grants
  - PanAsia program grants available for R&D & ICT projects
    - http://www.isoc.org/educpillar/grants/

- Miscellaneous workshop support

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Priorities for Education

- Expanding training programs support

  - IPv6 transition education campaign

  - Wireless and security trainings currently in planning stages

- Increasing policymaker education efforts

- Deepening engagement with international/regional organisations & ICT development agencies

- Enhancing awareness and visibility of IETF

ISOC Fellowship Program to IETF

- IETF where standards for "Internet" are developed

- Aims of fellowship programme

  - Raise global awareness of the IETF

  - Allow for better understanding and participation by technical experts from developing countries

  - Provide opportunity for engineers around the world to meet people working in the same field

  - Foster cooperation and collaboration

- First pilot in May 2006

Application and Selection

- Application process open NOW for IETF 70 & 71
    - http://www.isoc.org/educpillar/fellowship
    - Applications due no later than 14th September

- Competitive application process
    - Over 80 applications received for IETF 68 & 69
    - Many from academic community, inc. professors, researchers and graduate students

- Past fellows from region
    - IETF 68 Sri Lanka and Pakistan
    - IETF 69 Nepal, Mongolia

Mentorship Program & Follow Up

- Every fellow paired with a mentor
  - Experienced IETF participant
  - Working in the same area of interest
  - Preparing the fellow before the meeting
  - Helping the fellow during the meeting (chose WG mtgs. to attend, introduce to people etc.)
- Fellows mailing list
  - Follow-up from time to time (Alumni network)
- Evaluation forms for fellows & mentors
- Must engage in "experience sharing" project on returning to home country
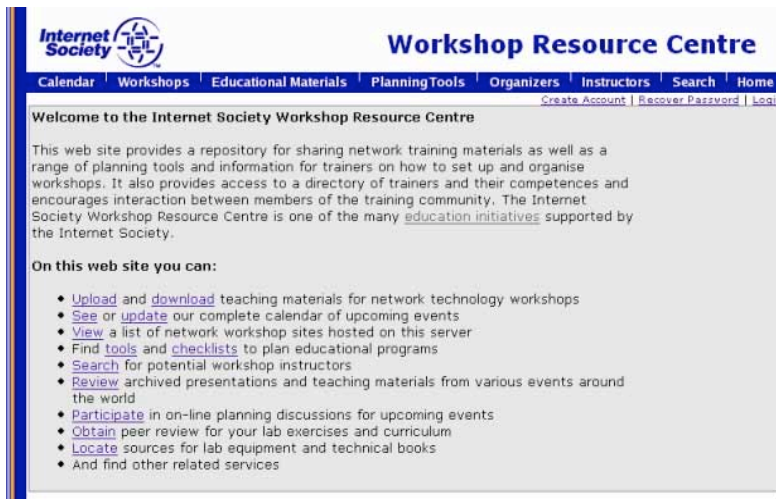
Publications & Resources

- **IETF Journal**
  - A review of what's happening in the world of Internet standards with a focus on the activities of IETF Working Groups
  - Highlights hot issues being discussed in IETF meetings and IETF mailing lists
  - Published 3 times per year
  - http://www.isoc.org/ietfjournal

- **Workshop Resource Centre**
  - On-line repository of presentations and materials from Internet conferences worldwide
  - Managed by NSRC
  - Improvements planned for 2007
  - http://ws.edu.isoc.org

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Project Funding Grants

- Purpose
  - To assist ISOC members & chapters in advancing the mission and goals of ISOC

- Scope
  - Not limited, but capacity building, enhancing access….

- What?
  - Up to $10,000 USD is available

- How to apply?
  - Competitive application process, held twice a year
  - 2nd round for 2007 opened 1st Sep, closes 28 Sep
  - All details at: http://www.isoc.org/isoc/chapters/projects

More on ISOC Chapters..

- ISOC Chapters bring a local perspective whilst working within ISOC's mission
  - ISOC chapters inform ISOC about local issues

- ISOC Chennai formed Aug 07
  - Interested to join contact
    - Sivasubramanian Muthusamy <isolatedn@gmail.com>

- ISOC Delhi "rejuvenation"
  - BoF session held at 6.30pm today in Regal 1
  - If interested to volunteer, please join us!

Thank you for listening.

Questions?