ISOC’s Individual Members, Chapters, and Organisation Members promote and pursue ISOC’s mission in all parts of the Internet community and all parts of the world. ISOC also partners collaboratively with other organisations that share its vision and core values.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
The Internet Society was founded in 1992 as an individual-membership organisation for people who believe in the potential of the Internet to improve the lives of everyone everywhere, and Individual Members in all parts of the world continue to play important operational and strategic roles in ISOC. ISOC differs from traditional membership organisations—which typically focus mainly on serving their members—in that ISOC’s primary mission is to support the development of the Internet. ISOC members are partners who participate in the pursuit of the ISOC mission.

Anyone who agrees to the ISOC Code of Conduct may join ISOC as an Individual Member. ISOC has two Individual Membership levels. Individuals may join ISOC as Global Members free of charge or choose to join ISOC as Sustaining Members and pay an annual membership fee. In addition to the benefits enjoyed by Global Members, Sustaining Members are eligible to participate in the election of several ISOC trustees. ISOC’s 21,000 Individual Members form a diverse worldwide community of people who believe in the ISOC vision, are committed to ISOC’s mission, and embrace the roles and responsibilities that is informs that mission. Like members, Chapters are partners that participate in the pursuit of our joint mission.

Chapters enable members to be personally involved in the future of the Internet. They bring a sharper and more personal focus to local and regional issues affecting the Internet, and they provide opportunities for those issues to be recognised. Chapters also offer opportunities for members to network with other Internet-oriented people and to participate in locally organised programmes and events that promote ISOC’s core values.

www.isoc.org/chapters/

In 1995 a group of Catalan entrepreneurs co-founded one of the first ISOC Chapters. Since then, the most significant benefit I’ve enjoyed by being an ISOC member is the ability to contact those who’ve faced the same problems I’m facing. Most people think of the Internet as a hardware network—a collection of routers and telecom links. I like to point out that one of the most valuable aspects of the Internet is the network of outstanding individuals who are ready to help each other. ISOC plays an important role in bringing these people together.

—Dr. Andreu Veà, co-founder and former President, ISOC Catalan chapter. Currently Vice President, ISOC Spain chapter.
The Internet Society was formed to reflect the society that the Internet creates. We now know that it creates many societies and communities. I consider myself to be a member of many of the societal groups that are found on the Internet.

—Vinton G. Cerf
Senior Vice President, Technology Strategy, MCI, and co-founder of the Internet Society

ISOC is the organisation that supports development of an Internet that actually works, built on a sound technical base, with an end-to-end structure that delivers substantial benefit to users all around the world.

—Tony Hill
President, ISOC Australia chapter

ISOC is a meeting of minds and trends that are shaping the Internet. It is an organisation whose role in the global debate about the Internet and its coordination makes it uniquely relevant to governments, civil society, the technical community, and the business world. There isn’t a sector of society that doesn’t in some way benefit from ISOC’s insights, publications, training workshops, stewardship of the IETF, or public policy activities.

—Dr. Alejandro Pisanty
President, ISOC Mexico chapter

ISOC CHAPTERS WORLDWIDE

Africa
1. Benin
2. Cameroon
3. Egypt
4. Gambia
5. Ghana
6. Mali
7. Mauritius
8. Morocco
9. Niger
10. Nigeria
11. Senegal
12. South Africa
13. Uganda

Asia
14. Bahrain
15. Bangladesh
16. Georgia
17. India-Delhi
18. Indonesia
19. Israel
20. Japan
21. Pakistan
22. Palestine
23. Philippines
24. Saudi Arabia
25. South Korea
26. Taiwan
27. Thailand
28. Turkey
29. Belgium
30. Belgium–Wallonia
31. Bulgaria
32. Catalan
33. Denmark
34. England
35. Finland
36. France
37. Germany
38. Greece
39. Hungary
40. Ireland
41. Italy
42. Luxembourg
43. Netherlands
44. Norway
45. Poland
46. Scotland
47. Slovenia
48. Spain
49. Spain–Aragon
50. Spain–Asturias
51. Spain–Galicia
52. Spain–Madrid
53. Sweden
54. Switzerland–Geneva

Latin America and the Caribbean
55. Argentina
56. Brazil
57. Colombia
58. Ecuador
59. Mexico
60. Peru
61. Puerto Rico
62. Venezuela

Northern America
63. Canada
64. Canada–Quebec
65. Canada–Toronto
66. U.S.A.–Chicago
67. U.S.A.–Hawaii
68. U.S.A.–Los Angeles
69. U.S.A.–New Jersey
70. U.S.A.–New York Metro
71. U.S.A.–South-Central Texas

Oceania
73. Australia
74. Pacific Islands

Non-geographic
Disability and Special Needs
ORGANISATION MEMBERS

Organisation Members attune ISOC to the broad range of Internet standards, public policy, and infrastructure interests of the private sector, of civil society, and of non-commercial, government, and non-government institutions. Their perspective is infused with the well-developed insight of organisations that in one way or another depend on the global Internet for their success. Representatives of each member organisation bring that perspective to ISOC through the Advisory Council.

ISOC’s Organisation Members include corporations; non-profit, trade, and professional organisations; foundations; educational institutions; government agencies; and other national and international organisations that share ISOC’s commitment to an open and accessible Internet. Financial and institutional support by those organisations is critical to the success of ISOC’s standards, education, and public policy activities.

ISOC welcomes Organisation Members at several different levels of annual financial support and receives general and directed grants that are offered in addition to membership fees. Organisation Members enhance ISOC’s credibility and authority by endorsing ISOC and its mission.

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ORGANISATION MEMBERS THAT SUPPORTED THE INTERNET SOCIETY DURING 2004

ACOnet
Afilias
Alcatel
APNIC
ARIN
Association for Computing Machinery
Assumption University of Thailand
Ausrregt
Avici
CERN
Cisco
CNRI
Coalition for Networked Information
Core
Denic
DN
Dubai Municipality
Dynamicsoft
Ecma
EDUCAUSE
Ericsson
ETRI
ETSI
Geneva Financial Centre
Gibtelecom
Google
Hewlett-Packard
Hitachi
Hungarnet
IAjapan
IBM
IEEE
INFN-CNAF
Informatics and Telematics Institute
Intel
Interisle Consulting Group
Internet Initiative Japan
Internet2
Japan Network Information Centre
Japan Registry Service Co.
Ken Stubbs Internet Presence Consultant
Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch
Lucent
Matsushita Electric
MCI
Mentat
Microsoft
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Nokia
Nominet
NordUnet
NTT
Nyseternet
OKI Electric
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Sida
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SITA
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Stockholm University
Sunet
Sun Microsystems
Surfnet
Swiss Federal Office of Communications
Swisscom
Switch
TERENA
Thales
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VanDyke Software
WIDE

As an industry we rely on the ongoing efforts of individuals in the IETF to discuss, debate, and provide solutions to the myriad problems we are faced with.

We owe it to the IETF and the Internet community at large to play our part in supporting these activities. As part of our overall commitment, we recently increased Alcatel’s membership status in the Internet Society to that of a Silver Member, and we encourage other organisations to do the same.

—Scott Nelson
CTO, Alcatel’s Fixed Communications Group
ISOC’S PLATINUM PROGRAMME
ISOC’s Platinum programme enables supporters to dedicate their contributions to specific areas of activity. Funds are placed in a restricted account as determined by the designation made by the Platinum member and will be used for the purposes designated. Platinum sponsorship annual fees begin at US$100,000 and are discounted by 50 percent for non-profit organisations.

Benefits for Platinum programme sponsors include opportunities to:

- Designate funds for sponsorship of specific Internet activities and projects
- Be recognised prominently on ISOC’s Web site and in ISOC publications
- Use the ISOC logo and a statement of Platinum sponsor status in the sponsor organisation’s marketing and promotional materials
- Participate on ISOC’s Advisory Council
- Participate in the governance of ISOC via the selection of up to six Board of Trustees members, with voting weighted by membership level
- Provide major financial and organisational support for the IETF
- Participate in and support ISOC’s worldwide education programmes
- Participate in the development of ISOC’s global public policy positions
- Support the publication of Member Briefings to educate the public and media on basic issues of the Internet industry
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PLATINUM PROGRAMME MEMBERS AND THEIR AREAS OF SUPPORT DURING 2004

INTERNET STANDARDS
APNIC (Asia Pacific Network Information Centre), ARIN (American Registry for Internet Numbers), and RIPE NCC (Réseaux IP Européens–Network Coordination Centre) are Regional Internet Registries providing services related to the technical coordination and management of Internet number resources in their respective service regions.

Afilias
Microsoft
RIPE NCC

PUBLIC POLICY
Afilias is a global leader in advanced back-end domain name registry services and provides a wide range of advanced capabilities essential to the smooth and efficient operation of any Internet domain name registry. Afilias services support the operation of the .ORG registry.

EDUCATION
Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) is a government agency that reports to Sweden’s Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The goal of Sida’s work is to improve the standard of living of poor people and, in the long term, to eradicate poverty.

RIPE NCC’s choice to become a Platinum Member of ISOC reflected our members’ view of the importance of the work of the IETF and the RFC editor. Over the years our cooperation has intensified, particularly through joint activities surrounding WSIS. In our view, ISOC plays a vital role not only as a focal point for coordination between the many parties that operate the Internet infrastructure but also through its significant outreach and educational efforts.

Axel Pawlik
General Manager, RIPE NCC