Fellowships Presented to 14 Technologists to Attend
Internet Engineering Task Force Meeting in Vancouver, Canada

Internet Society Fellowships to the IETF foster technical leadership
in developing and emerging economies

[Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada – 4 November 2013] -- The Internet Society has awarded new and returning fellowships to 14 talented engineers to attend the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) meeting being held 3-8 November in Vancouver, Canada.

The Internet Society Fellowships enable technologists from developing and emerging economies to participate in and contribute to the IETF meetings. The IETF, the Internet's premier standards-making body, represents an international community of network designers, operators, vendors, and researchers involved in the technical operation of the Internet and the continuing evolution of Internet architecture.

This round of the highly competitive Internet Society Fellowships to the IETF garnered more than 120 applications from 44 countries. The Fellows selected have a demonstrated interest in Internet standards and the work of the IETF. First-time Fellows are paired with an experienced mentor and are given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to IETF work.

Toral Cowieson, Senior Director of Internet Leadership at the Internet Society, commented, "The Internet Society Fellowships help to increase the global awareness of and diversity of participants to the IETF's vital work. The Fellows have the opportunity to participate in the development of open Internet standards and best practices, while making valuable connections with peers sharing similar interests. Through this experience, the Fellows gain important new insights to inform their work and research."

The Internet Society Fellowships to the IETF in 2013 are made possible by donations from Internet Society Organization members Afilias, Google, Microsoft, NBCUniversal, SIDN, and Verisign. Since its inception in 2006, this programme has made more than 200 awards to technologists from more than 40 developing countries to participate in IETF meetings.

The first-time Internet Society Fellows for IETF 88 are:

Dr. Michael Adeyeye (Nigeria) is an executive partner at Asmic Computers NG & SA and a senior research fellow at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa. He lives in Cape Town, South Africa. He is interested in the RTCWeb and the P2PSIP Working Groups (WG), and looks forward to contributing more to its (RTCWeb) on-going standardization.

Anton Baskov (Russian Federation) is an independent solution architect and a programme committee member of Eurasian Network Operators Group. He led courses on key Internet technologies and software architecture at Saint Petersburg State University, faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics. His

interests include Domain Name System related technologies, as well as application level data formats.

José Del Moral (Venezuela) is from Falcón, Venezuela and graduated from the Universidad de Los Andes, in Merida, Venezuela with a degree in Systems Engineering. He has been working most recently as a Technical Support Engineer for Innovantis Techonologies. His main interest is to participate in the Energy Management Working Group.

Adama Dembele (Mali) is an IT network engineer and a major actor in the free software movement in Mali and Africa. He is working in a government service called CTRCA. He is involved in the IPv6 Maintenance Working Group.

Jorge Escalante (Venezuela) is from Merida, Venezuela, and a Systems Engineer from the Universidad de Los Andes. He is currently working as a Software Development Engineer for Katanoia and also supporting a family-owned technology company. His main interest is in the application area, especially on web services such as security, protocols, XML, and HTML.

Md Abdul Awal (Bangladesh) works as a network engineer in Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN), the National REN in Bangladesh. He is an active volunteer of the Internet Society Bangladesh Dhaka Chapter. He also started a non-profit voluntary learning organization named Network Development Learning Center (NDLC). NDLC is founded with the aim to practice and share basic networking and Internet based primary knowledge to university students and young network professionals. His interests are routing, switching, and security areas especially on mpls, l2vpn, l3vpn, IPsec, pim, v6ops, DNSOP working groups.

Talgat Nurlybayev (Kazakhstan) has been working for many years in ICT at various ISPs and is now teaching networking at the Information Technology University in Almaty. His interests are IPv6 and SDN. He hopes that while attending the IETF meeting, he will have a chance to take part in discussing new trends in Internet technology.

Edwin Opare (Ghana) is a Russian-trained Computer Engineer. He is a Technical Manager at the National Information Technology Agency (www.nita.gov.gh), the IT regulator in Ghana. He is actively involved in the re-delegation of the .gh ccTLD from the current custodian to the Government of Ghana (NITA) where he will be performing several roles related to DNS security and development on behalf of the Government of Ghana. He is also Secretary for the Internet Society Ghana Chapter and actively involved in providing Internet related capacity building and training to Internet Society members, the Government of Ghana, and private sector network engineers.

Julio C. Ortega (Venezuela) is a Systems Engineer and has been involved in Platform / Infrastructure / DevOps work since 2002. He has also been deeply involved with the advancement of the Free / Open Source communities and movements in his country, as a founding member of LUGs, and voluntarily participating in others. He is interested in the qresync, websec, and scim Working Groups.

Ed Pascoe (South Africa) is from Johannesburg, South Africa and works for Domain Name Services. They provide technical support to the ZA Central Registry. He is currently responsible for most of the existing whois servers for .co.za and is very interested in the WEIRDS project to find a better replacement for whois. In his spare time, he works on a WEIRDS server for .co.za, which will hopefully be used in several of the newer gtlds.

The Returning Fellows for the 88th IETF meeting are:

Xiaohong Deng (China) was a former researcher and project leader with Orange Labs Beijing for five years. She has attended IETF since 2010, participating primarily in the PCP, Softwire and V6ops Working Groups, which concerned with client/server Port Control Protocol (PCP), IPv4 in IPv6 or IPv6 in IPv4 tunnels and operational guidance in the context of IPv6 transition, respectively. She is co-author of several Working Group drafts and has made significant and acknowledged contributions to RFC6346, RFC6887, and RFC6970. Her areas of interests are IPv6 and its transition.

Paul Muchene (Kenya) is both a web startup entrepreneur and network geek working for a Kenyan innovation space known as the iHub. His areas of interest are in the security and cryptographic areas with respect to DNS and DNSSEC. This has led him to join and contribute to the DANE Working Group.

Amir Quayyum (Pakistan) is an Electrical Engineer, and a PhD in wireless networks from France. He is currently a professor at M. A. Jinnah University, Islamabad, and teaches computer network related subjects since 2001. He is also part of the group CoReNeT (Center of Research in Networks and Telecom, www.corenet.org.pk) and is associated with the local Internet Society chapter. His main interests are in the Working Groups MANET and MTCP, besides IRTF DTNRG group.

Peer Azmat Shah (Pakistan) is involved in research activity for his PhD at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia. He is also a lecturer in the Computer Science Department at COMSATS, Pakistan, and teaches Routing and Switching, Networks Security, and Advance Computer Networks. He works on distributed mobility management and following IETF's DMM, mif and TSVWG Working Groups. He has authored/co-authored 17 ISI-indexed Journal publications, Scopus-indexed Conference publications and book chapters that are published by IEEE, ACM, SpringerLink, and Elsevier.

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