



Internet Society Announces Fellows to Attend Internet Engineering Task Force Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

Fellowships presented to 14 highly-skilled technologists to foster technical leadership and build experiences working with the IETF community

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland, 02 November 2012] -- The [Internet Society](#) today announced that it has awarded new and returning fellowships to 14 talented engineers to attend the Internet Engineering Task Force ([IETF](#)) meeting being held 4-9 November in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Internet Society awards fellowships to enable technologists from developing and emerging economies to participate in the IETF meetings. First-time fellows are paired with an experienced mentor and are given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to IETF work. 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.

"The Internet Society Fellowship to the IETF is an opportunity for engineers from emerging regions to contribute to the standards development process and make valuable connections that can inform their work back in their communities," said Toral Cowieson, Senior Director of Internet Leadership at the Internet Society. "We received nearly 250 applications from individuals in 60 countries in this highly competitive programme and look forward to seeing this impressive group of fellows advance the open Internet standards process."

The first-time Internet Society Fellows for IETF 85 are:

Tesfa Asfaw (Ethiopia) is currently a researcher and lecturer at Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia and Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands. He worked as a network system administrator for the Bahir Dar University Network, and he has also been working as a project coordinator of DECODE, which is funded by the NUFFIC (Netherlands government). He is interested in Working Groups on Internet standards for developing countries in low bandwidth connections, particularly mobile based internet access.

Gregorio Manzano (Venezuela) works at National Center for Technological Innovation (CENIT) as Telecommunications Chief, focusing on operation and planning of Venezuela NREN REACCIUN and its connectivity to Internet. He has a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, with a Telecommunication Technical Specialization Post Degree. His areas of interest are focused on BGP, peering, network design and operation, and IPv6 transition.

Shahneela Naz (Pakistan) is a PhD student in M.A. Jinnah University, Islamabad, Pakistan. She has worked on adaptive multirate multicast video streaming techniques and is part of the ICT R&D project, "Design and Development of Hybrid IPv4 & IPv6 Network for QoS Enabled Video Streaming Multicast Application."

Chowdhury Qamrul Huda (Bangladesh) works for Afghan Wireless Communication in Core IP networking. He is interested in the IPv6 migration for Mobile Operator's network discussions at the IETF.

Julianne Sansa-Otim (Uganda) started her Internet industry career as a Cisco Academy instructor at Makerere University, Uganda in 2002. She did her MSc. research on the topic of QoS in campus networks in 2003 and PhD research in high-speed data transport protocols. She currently lectures in and leads the department of Networks in the School of Computing & Informatics at Makerere University, Uganda, with research interests in IPv6 and network security.

Tiago Setti (Brazil) works for Algar Telecom in Brazil and is involved in all aspects of the national IP/MPLS backbone. Tiago's main interests at IETF will be MPLS-TP and IPv6 groups.

The Returning Fellows for the 85th IETF meeting are:

Alejandro Acosta (Venezuela) works at BT LatAm Venezuela as Internetworking Coordinator. He is responsible for routing and switching functions in the network + Unix servers. In addition, Alejandro is TCP/IP Professor at Nueva Esparta University (www.une.edu.ve) and serves as Chair of the LACNIC IPv6 forum. He is interested in routing protocols, IPv6, switching, DNS and IP metrics.

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 is also working on distributed mobility management and following IETF's DMM, mif and TSVWG Working Groups.

Suhaidi Hassan (Malaysia) is an associate professor in Computer Systems and Communication Networks at the School of Computing, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). He also serves as a visiting professor in telecommunication management at the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) in the Republic of Sudan. He is an IPv6 auditor of the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission, the Malaysian ICT regulator, auditing IPv6 implementation among Malaysian leading ISPs.

Caciano Machado (Brazil) is a network operator of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul where he pursued a BS and MS in Computer Science. Current interests are on Network Access Control and IP Address Management systems.

Dessalegn Mequanint (Ethiopia) is a PhD student in IP Networking and Mobile Internet at Addis Ababa University, Department of Computer Science and research interests are data, DNS, and web prefetching.

Nestor Tiglaio (Phillipines) is a PhD student in Lisbon, Portugal, working on transport layer optimization for wireless sensor networks. He is working towards a contribution in the 6lowpan Working Group.

Chinthaka Wasantha (Sri Lanka) is a senior lecturer at University (www.saitm.edu.lk) in Sri Lanka and worked with the country's main ISP earlier in his career. Primary interests include IPv6 and other Internet routing protocols.

Hassan Zaheer (Pakistan) has 12 years of experience in the Internet industry and has worked with ISP and Telecoms, and is currently looking after the nationwide Broadband Internet planning and deployments in Worldcall Telecom. He is interested in IPv6 transitioning in Broadband networks and the CPE side of the network, plus the related networks services it supports.

The Internet Society Fellowships to the IETF in 2012 are made possible by donations from Internet Society Organization members [Afilias](#), [Google](#), [Microsoft](#), [SIDN](#), and [Verisign](#). Since its inception in 2006, this programme has made 125 awards to technologists from more than 40 developing countries to participate in IETF meetings.

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