



Internet Society and its New York Chapter to Host Open Forum Discussion on the New Copyright Alert System

INET New York will initiate a discussion on the new Copyright Alert System (CAS) aimed at warning Internet users about illegally downloaded content

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – 09 November 2012] — The Internet Society, in collaboration with its New York Chapter, will host a half-day discussion forum on November 15, which will address the Center for Copyright Information's (CCI) new Copyright Alert System (CAS). The INET New York, held at the New York Law School, will feature two panel discussions and will conclude with a wrap-up multi-stakeholder session. The event will seek to provide information and exchange ideas regarding the operation of CAS, its strengths, weaknesses, and the challenges that lie ahead.

The CAS, designed to provide warnings to Internet users who illegally download copyrighted content over peer-to-peer file sharing networks, was formed as a collaborative effort between U.S. content creators and five leading Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Internet users will receive a graduated set of six warnings from their ISP, if the downloading persists.

The CCI mechanism, based on self-regulation paradigms, has an underlying rationale similar to other initiatives and copyright policy responses around the world. The Internet Society, bringing together for the first time several representatives and members of the CCI along with a broad range of industry organizations and public interest advocates, hopes to initiate a robust dialogue regarding the effectiveness of this new mechanism.

Panel Discussion #1: Overview of the CCI and the CAS

Moderator: Declan McCullagh, Chief Political Correspondent, CNET

Link Hoewing, Vice President, Internet and Technology Policy, Verizon

Fernando Laguarda, Vice President, External Affairs and Policy Counselor, Time Warner Cable

Jill Lesser, Executive Director, Center for Copyright Information

Victoria Sheckler, SVP and Deputy General Counsel, Recording Industry Association of America

Ben Sheffner, Vice President of Legal Affairs, Motion Picture Association of America

Ronald Wheeler, SVP Content Protection, Fox Entertainment Group

Panel Discussion #2: The Public Interest and Academic Viewpoint on the CCI and CAS

Moderator: Jeff Jarvis, Associate Professor and Director of the Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism at the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism

Konstantinos Komaitis, Policy Advisor, Internet Society

Molly Land, Associate Professor of Law at New York Law School

Aram Sinnreich, Assistant Professor, Rutgers University's School of Communication and Information

Gigi Sohn, President and CEO, Public Knowledge

David Sohn, General Counsel, Center for Democracy and Technology

Wrap-up Multi-stakeholder Panel:

Moderated by Konstantinos Komaitis, Policy Advisor, Internet Society

Participation by speakers from previous panels

"The Internet Society supports the development of a robust digital content environment that will foster the continued growth and development of an open, global Internet," said Paul Brigner, Internet Society Regional Bureau Director, North America. "The launch of the new Copyright Alert System has generated a great deal of discussion, and the Internet Society and its New York Chapter felt it was important to convene these panels to discuss this important topic. This event will give participants the opportunity to join in the dialogue and to reflect on the effectiveness of CAS."

For more information on the INET New York, visit <http://www.internetsociety.org/events/inet-new-york>.

About the Internet Society

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