



Internet Society Announces Appointments to Public Interest Registry Board of Directors

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – 29 April 2015] – The Internet Society today announced that Maarten Botterman, Ingrid Srinath and Eric Burger have been appointed to the Public Interest Registry Board of Directors. Maarten Botterman was reappointed for a one-year term, Ingrid Srinath was reappointed for a three-year term and Eric Burger was appointed for a two-year term. These appointments will begin at the mid-year 2015 Public Interest Registry Board meeting.

Mr. Botterman, who is currently Chair of the Public Interest Registry Board and has served on the Board since 2008, is Director of GNKS Consult BV. He is an expert in Information Society policy issues, with an emphasis on the impact of technology on society and governance issues, and global information security and privacy. He is also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the NLnet Foundation, which is a Dutch charity with a mission to promote an open information society.

Ingrid Srinath joined the Public Interest Registry Board in 2013. She is CEO at Hivos India Advisory Services, an international development organization that works with local civil society organizations in developing countries to build a free, fair and sustainable world. She has served as Secretary General of CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation and on the advisory boards of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum (UN DCF), and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

New to the Public Interest Registry Board, Eric Burger is Research Professor of Computer Science and Director of the Security and Software Engineering Research Center at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Dr. Burger served on the Internet Society Board of Trustees as an Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) appointee from 2009-2015. He has 18 published RFCs (Request for Comments), the official documents of Internet specifications, communications protocols, and procedures. Dr. Burger also holds 17 published patents in the United States with several pending, holds additional patents in other countries, and has been widely published in technical and standards publications.

Outgoing director Erik Huizer has served three multiple-year terms on the Public Interest Registry Board since 2006. Mr. Huizer is CTO at SURFnet, the National Education and Research Network provider in the Netherlands, and he is also part-time professor Internet Applications at University of Utrecht. In 2014, he was inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame for his contributions to the Internet standards process. Mr. Huizer continues as chairman of the board of Enset, which was created in 2015 by the Public Interest Registry. Enset's mission as the only non-profit domain registrar is to support other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and nonprofits around the world by acting as a trusted provider of online services.

Chair of the Internet Society Board of Trustees Bob Hinden noted, "This is an especially important time for Public Interest Registry with the recent launch of .ngo and .ong domains and the new OnGood online community. Each Board member brings a unique perspective and commitment to the organization's strategic direction and growth. We are pleased to welcome Eric Burger and delighted that Maarten and Ingrid will continue to share their expertise on the Board. The Internet Society also extends its appreciation to Erik Huizer for his many contributions and years of service to Public Interest Registry."

Effective at its mid-year meeting, the Public Interest Registry Board members will be:

- Maarten Botterman (Chair), Director of GNKS Consult BV

- Eric Burger, Research Professor of Computer Science and Director of Security and Software Engineering Research Center at Georgetown University
- Roberto Gaetano, Retired from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Hartmut Glaser, Executive Secretary of the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee
- Art Reilly, Retired from Cisco Systems
- Amitabh Singhal, Director of Telxess Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd. and Vcon Services Ltd.
- Ingrid Srinath, CEO at Hivos India Advisory Services
- Kathy Brown serves as liaison to the Public Interest Registry Board in her capacity as President and CEO of the Internet Society

For more information on the Public Interest Registry, please visit www.pir.org.

About Public Interest Registry

Public Interest Registry is a nonprofit corporation that operates the .org top-level domain -- the world's third largest "generic" top-level domain with more than 10.3 million domain names registered worldwide. As an advocate for collaboration, safety and security on the Internet, Public Interest Registry's mission is to empower the global noncommercial community to use the Internet more effectively, and to take a leadership position among Internet stakeholders on policy and other issues relating to the domain naming system. Public Interest Registry was founded by the Internet Society (<http://www.internetsociety.org>) in 2002 and is based in Reston, Virginia, USA.

About the Internet Society

The Internet Society is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership around the world. It is also the organizational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). With its principled vision, substantial technological foundation and its global presence, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone. For more information, visit www.internetsociety.org

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