

23 November 2019

Accessibility SIG (A11ySIG) Presentation to Board of Trustees



Gunela Astbrink
Vice-President
- on behalf of Executive Committee

Vision and Mission

Vision

Equal access to the Internet and its features regardless of disability

Mission

To support activities to improve accessibility to the Internet for people with disability



Facts and figures

- Founded in April 2019
- Membership growing strongly across all regions
 - 57 members
 - Over 300 pending members
 - Membership registration form
- Fiscal sponsorship arrangement with NY Chapter
 - This type of arrangement is considered the first for a SIG
- Bank account set up
- Executive Committee
 - Muhammad Shabbir Awan – President
 - Gunela Astbrink – Vice-President
 - Judith Hellerstein – Secretary
 - Greg Shatan – Treasurer
 - Joly MacPhie – AMS Admin
- Lived experience of disability
- Legal, technical, policy and advocacy expertise



Activities in 2019

Webinars, blogs and speakers

Webcasting



Webinars, blogs and speakers in 2019

Webinar on Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 16th May, organized by A11ySIG.

M-Enabling Summit July, Greg Shatan.

NFB convention 7-12 July Las Vegas, attended by Muhammad Shabbir Awan.

Organized and spoke remotely in an accessibility plenary session at APriGF, Vladivostok, 18th July, Gunela Astbrink (Organizer/Speaker), Muhammad Shabbir Awan (Speaker).

Blogs for ISOC website, April, May & November

PKIG2019 21-23 August, Quetta, Pakistan, Muhammad Shabbir Awan (Steering Committee Member/Speaker).

Web Accessibility Training 21-23 October, Islamabad Pakistan, Muhammad Shabbir Awan (Organizing Committee Member).

NetThing (Australian Internet Governance Forum), Sydney 28th October, Gunela Astbrink (Speaker).

NASIG 2019 Oct 31-Nov.1, Judith Hellerstein.

ICANN 66, 3-7 Nov. Montreal, Canada, Greg Shatan, Judith Hellerstein, Gunela Astbrink.



A11ySIG has partnered with A11yNYC to webcast the following events in 2019 (Joly MacPhie)

May 16 2019 - Making Museums More Accessible -
Aurélia Fleury, Tactile Studio
https://youtu.be/PA-xp-_o-KM

June 4 2019 - Lower Literacy: It's Not the User, It's
the Product! - Damien Senger
<https://youtu.be/vsGyF27SJUU>

June 13 2019 - Data Visualization with Doug
Schepers
<https://youtu.be/hmCC9XlaB9E>

Aug 6 2019 - Interactive 3D-Printed Models for
Students with Visual Impairments
<https://youtu.be/3XUky-UcYbw>

Sep 12 2019 - PUXL, the Accessibility-First
Framework: - Iñigo Garcia
<https://youtu.be/ldw3eagstXw>

Oct 1 2019 - Designing With Accessibility in Mind -
Regine Gilbert
<https://youtu.be/HwxJe-LnuhU>

Nov 12 2019 - The Latest XR Accessibility Findings--
Thomas Logan
<https://youtu.be/5GT-NCx-8js>



Other webcasts

Partnership for Progress on the Digital Divide
Conference in Washington DC in May.

<https://livestream.com/internetsociety/ppdd2019>

where a11y was much discussed.

Dec 2 2019 - Tactile Design For Accessibility--An
Interactive Workshop

tbd



The Internet is for Everyone

A11ySIG plans

Suggestions for ISOC



A11ySIG plans

Resolve account related challenges and streamline funding issues.

Participate in IGF2019 24-29 Nov. Berlin, Germany, Judith Hellerstein, Gunela Astbrink, Muhammad Shabbir Awan.

Propose workshop on digital accessibility in APriIGF 2020.

Possible participation in World Blind Union's Congress 2020.

Encourage ccTLDs and gTLDs to raise awareness on web accessibility

Organize a webinar on digital accessibility challenges for persons with disabilities.

Organize a webinar on best practice accessibility guidelines.

Support ISOC staff in the use of best practice accessibility guidelines

Propose a workshop on Internet and people with disabilities for IGF 2020.

Liaise with IGF's Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability

Liaise with W3C's Web Accessibility Initiative



Suggestions for ISOC

Develop and conduct survey of current accessibility awareness across key areas of ISOC staff

ISOC 'walking the talk' on accessibility for people with disability

- Accessible web site
- Accessible online courses
- Incorporating accessibility in policy, programs and communications
- Designate and define a senior level Accessibility Champion for persons with disabilities

ISOC to set up SIG listserv

Further support for SIGs to enable enhanced liaison. Possible SIG leadership meeting.

Status of SIGs and funding issue



Thank you!

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