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INET Kuala Lumpur	INET Kuala Lumpur was held on July 20 th , 2009 at the Berjaya Times Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This was the first INET in Asia, and is part of the Internet Society's INET series of regional conferences.
	The conference was themed around "IPv6: the next step" and featured local, regional and international speakers sharing the perspectives on the current state of IPv6 and what needs to be done to move forward with wider deployment.
	Based on a survey of conference delegates, attendees found the range of speakers and their perspectives highly valuable. One of the key points highlighted was the importance of IPv6-specific training and the general lack of a skilled pool of engineers. Organisations seem to face at least two challenges: one is formulating an IPv6 strategy that is not last minute and panic driven, and second, having sufficiently qualified people who can plan, engineer and deploy IPv6.
	Further details on INET Kuala Lumpur as well as presentation slides are available at: <u>http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/inet/09/kualalumpur.shtml</u>
eIndia	ISOC will hold a workshop during eIndia in Hyderabad, India on July 25 th , 2009. eIndia is billed as India's largest ICT event, and ISOC's workshop is centred around Public Policy issues. The half-day workshop will include several presentations on key public policy issues such as multilingualism and Internet Governance and will culminate in a panel discussion on key public policy related issues relevant to India.
	Further details on ISOC's workshop at elndia is available at: <u>http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/other/eindia-</u> 2009.shtml

INET Delhi	 INET Delhi is scheduled for the InterContinental Hotel, Delhi on September 17th, 2009. An ISOC regional chapters workshop is also scheduled for September 16th at the same venue. The theme for INET Delhi is "Towards an Enabling Internet Access Environment", and will feature issues such as: Internet for Development Decentralisation of the Internet & Citizen Advantage Building National Internet Infrastructure An Enabling Technology Framework Managing the Internet as a Development Resource Internet Governance
Community Grants Programme	The next round of the ISOC Community Grants Programme will begin accepting applications from September 1 st , 2009. This round features revised criteria designed to make applications easier in terms of grantee contributions as well as an increase of the funding available per project. Further details available at: <u>http://www.isoc.org/isoc/chapters/projects/</u>
ISOC IGF Ambassadors Programme	The 2009 ISOC IGF Ambassadors have been announced. This year ISOC introduced a new category of "Returning Ambassadors". This is designed to leverage the experiences of past Ambassadors and allows them to follow up on the work they did during at earlier IGFs. Four returning Ambassadors make up this years awardees together with eighteen first time Ambassadors. Further information is available at: http://isoc.org/wp/newsletter/?p=1183
Board of Trustees	Four new members of the ISOC Board of Trustees have been announced with terms beginning this year. These are: * Eric Burger, Chief Technology Officer at Neustar * Khaled Koubaa, Founder of the Arab World Internet Institute * Philip Smith of the Internet Architectures Group of Cisco Systems * Jonathan Zittrain, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he co-founded its Berkman Center for Internet & Society. Raúl Echeberría, the Executive Director of LACNIC, continued as a board member and was selected as Chair of the Board. Further details at: http://isoc.org/wp/newsletter/?p=1170