

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET SOCIETY SWITZERLAND CHAPTER

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GLOBAL: THE INTERNET SOCIETY ORGANISATION & MISSION

The Internet Society (ISOC) is a nonprofit organisation made up today of 112 chapters around the world. Founded in 1992, our mission is to provide leadership in the areas of Internet-related standards, education, and policy.

Our vision: **“The Internet is for Everyone.”**

Our mission is to promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world. We pursue our mission by:

- Serving as facilitator & coordinator of Internet-related initiatives around the world.
- Offering leadership positions on Internet development & public policy issues.
- Providing an organisational home for groups responsible for the technical Internet standards-making processes.



SWITZERLAND CHAPTER INFORMATION

The ISOC-CH Chapter in its current form had its inaugural General Assembly 22 April 2012, with 21 founding members. Currently we have 158 members throughout Switzerland and we are engaged in:

- **Policy, Technology, Governance:**

IPv6 implementation, Surveillance; Privacy; Copyrights: AGUR 12; OFCOM Net Neutrality Working Group; 2 members of ISOC Switzerland are on the Internet Architecture Board; IETF participation.

- **Events, publications:**

“Society, Internet, & Privacy”, ISOC Ambassador - IGF, “Global Governance of the Internet”, IPv6 Council, “New International Telecommunication Regulations and the Internet”, ComputerWorld.ch news: Issue of Copyrights.



MEMBER SURVEY

Q1: Rank Priorities for work items for ISOC-CH in 2014-15: 27 replies total

- Priority 1: 14/27 people: **Presence** at technology events like Lift Conference
- Priority 2: 12/27 people: More **local informal events** to discuss ISOC ideas.
- Priority 3: 11/27 people: Hosting a **national event on Swiss policy, governance, internet legislation.**
- Priority 4: 10/27 people: Hosting a **national privacy-focused event.**
- Priority 5: 8 people each wanted two selections:
More **tool kits and papers** on website about Internet Society issues.
Collaborating with other chapters to share ideas

MEMBER SURVEY

Q2: On Internet Issues, what are 5 most important issues to you, personally, in the list of ISOC issues. (number replies varied)

Very high or high priority **13/19** respondents indicated that **Net Neutrality** was highest prio for them personally.

Very high or high **14/17** indicated **privacy and identity**.

Very high or high **11/14** indicated **Internet Governance**.

Very high or high **10/17** indicated **Open Internet standards**.

MEMBER SURVEY

Q3: 18 replies: do you work in Internet Tech firm, or in a role directly involved with Internet technology, policy, implementation, or security?

Geneva-Lausanne region 39% or 7 people

Basel region 6% or 1 person

Bern region 17% or 3 people

Zurich region 39% or 7 people

MEMBER SURVEY

Q4: 6 people indicated they would be interested in a role on the Board:

Vice Chair Internal: 33% or 2 people

Vice Chair External: 66% or 4

people

MEMBER SURVEY COMMENTS

Support local initiatives, at least in logistics.

As internet Policy-making is approaching a turning point at the end of this year and has been making the headlines around privacy and surveillance, it is important for the ISOC-CH chapter to be part of negotiations and discussions about securing the internet, protecting online communication from unwarranted interference, as well as adding internet to the post-2015 development agenda. In the upcoming discussions of the principles to be agreed on for global internet governance, the chapter can play a role, complementing its work at the national level.

We need to restore the free Internet. It has been a means of freeing the world, of enabling global communication and sharing. Now it has become a main means to control and manipulation.

ISOC-CH is on a good way and focusing on the right direction -- happy to be part of it!

More events in Romandie



ISOC-CH PRESENCE

Website: www.isoc.ch for news.

LinkedIn for networking

Social Media:

115 followers



30+ members



THANK YOU

If you wish to help us offset the costs of running ISOC-CH, please consider talking with our Treasurer Roque at the coffee break about membership support or a donation.

We appreciate your support and are hoping 2014 is a great year for the Open Internet.