

Report of the PPAC

March 2016

In January 2015, the Board proposed that ISOC-CH join the Swiss Digital Society. The following message was posted to the PPAC list:

The Board proposes that ISOC-CH join the Swiss Digital Society, which is described at the links below:

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digitale_Gesellschaft_%28Schweiz%29

<https://www.digitale-gesellschaft.ch/>

As you will see, this group is active in the key areas of concern to ISOC-CH, namely copyright, data privacy, data retention, surveillance, and network neutrality. Their positions on these issues are similar or the same as those of ISOC-CH.

The Board is of the view that we could more effectively promote our positions by being part of this group.

We are interested in the opinions of our members on this step. Unless there are objections, ISOC-CH will apply to become a member of this group.

After some discussion on the list, the Board decided that ISOC-CH would join that society.

There was discussion throughout the year of the proposed changes to Swiss copyright law and we are now engaging in a campaign to raise public awareness regarding proposed changes that we consider to be inappropriate (in particular blocking), see:

<http://www.isoc.ch/archives/2202>

and our press release:

http://www.isoc.ch/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Press_release_ISOC-CH_URG_FMG.pdf

This is consistent with our previously published comments, see:

<http://www.isoc.ch/archives/1682>

By a majority vote, the Board decided to support the call for signatures to organize a referendum against the newly adopted Swiss surveillance law. Reflecting the split in the Board, some members expressed opposition to this decision, but the majority of comments supported it.

A sufficient number of signatures were collected, so there will indeed be a referendum regarding this law, see:

<http://www.isoc.ch/archives/2154>