

ISOC-CH General Activity Report 2016-17

This is a list of all activities undertaken by the ISOC-CH Board and membership. The first section is "Board and Member Activities," followed by "Committee Activities," "Partnerships," and "Outreach."

ISOC-CH Board and Member Activities:

The ISOC-CH Board met in person and via google hangout on a regular basis: 11 May, 20 June, 6 September, 11 October, 24 January, and 2 March.

8 April 2016: Annual General Assembly held in Bern, election resulted in a new Board.

Chair: Roxana Radu

Vice-Chair for Internal: Markus Kummer Vice-Chair for External: Richard Hill

Secretary: Lynn Sorrentino Treasurer: Michael Hausding

19 May: Promoted on social media and with attendance of Treasurer Michael Hausding: Ransomware Information Day. ISOC-CH supported the Internet Security Awareness Campaign and endorsed the 19 May activities to raise awareness about the risk of ransomware. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2323

24 May: Swiss-IGF participation / Bernie Hoenesien moderating and ISOC-CH Chair Roxana Radu and Treasurer Michael Hausding attended.

20 June: Business-led Net Neutrality campaign promoted.

29 July: With a lot of support from member Bernie Hoeneisen, and despite intensive efforts, including strong support from many individuals within ISOC-CH, the committee collecting signatures for the referendum against the LSCPT (lawful intercept act) narrowly missed collecting the requisite number of validated signatures. Over 50'000 signatures were collected, but it was not possible to validate all of them before the deadline. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2346

1 September: Attended by Treasurer Michael Hausding, The Bern Symposium on Global Cybersecurity Awareness Messaging addressed the development of cybersecurity awareness programs at the national and transnational levels. See STOP.THINK.CONNECT campaign. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2349

16 October: ISOC-CH made a submission to the February-September 2016 Open Consultation of the ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet). The topic of was "Building an enabling environment for access to the Internet". Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2363

25 October: Vice-Chair Internal Markus Kummer presented "The IANA transition: a watershed moment for the Internet" to a small group of 6 members at the ISOC EMEA HQ. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/events/the-iana-transition-a-watershed-moment-for-the-internet

23 November: Elections held for Steering Committee of the Chapters Advisory Council. Richard Hill, our Vice-Chair External, was re-elected to this position for another year.

8 December: Sample letters, French & German: on Federal surveillance law (LRens/NDG). Swiss voters accepted, by a large majority, the new Federal surveillance law (LRens/NDG). ISOC-CH supported the process of collecting signatures to hold a referendum and opposed the law, on the grounds that it could open the door to mass surveillance and have other undesirable side effects. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2424

14 December: Statement posted on Internet blocking. ISOC-CH expressed its concern at recent increase in blocking of websites, limiting political free speech. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2430

7 January 2017: Planning started for the IGF. After 10 years of meetings all over the world, the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2017 will take place in Geneva, the home of the IGF Secretariat. The announcement of Switzerland's offer to host the 2017 meeting was made in Guadalajara, Mexico, at the closing session of the 11th IGF meeting on 9 December 2016. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2439

13 January: On 13 January, the Legal Affairs Committee of the National Council (Rechts-Kommisssion Nationalrat) removed the provisions on blocking of Internet sites offering online money games not licensed by Swiss authorities. Strong collaboration between ISOC-CH and DigiGes significantly contributed to this success. The proposal accepted by the Committee of Legal Affairs was worked out in a broader coalition of ISOC-CH, DigiGes, Economiesuisse, Swico, Asut and others. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2466

22-23 February: Vice-Chair External Richard Hill represented ISOC-CH at the 2017 meeting of the European Chapters, see: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2605

1 March: The National Council debated on 1 March 2017 the law on gambling ("Geldspielgesetz," "LJAr," "LGD") within Switzerland. The debate was fundamentally about more than just gambling, it was about public access to websites of foreign online gambling sites. The outcome of the debates amounted to restricting a free and open Internet. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2653

20 March: "Switzerland needs a wider DNSSEC Deployment!" To navigate the Internet, users typically use domain names in their browser's address bar. Domain names will be translated to machine-readable IP addresses by the Domain Name System (DNS) and those IP addresses are used to connect to the requested website. ISOC-CH and partners are promoting this. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2689

ISOC-CH Committee Activities:

- 1. The Public Policy Aspects Committee (PPAC) is a committee of ISOC-CH according to the statutes (§30) and aims to discuss and propose actions to the Board on matters related to public policy. We had a very active PPAC in 2016-17. Link: https://www.isoc.ch/archives/2615 To sign up for the PPAC list please see: https://www.isoc.ch/committees-bodies/ppac
- 2. The Technical Aspects Committee (TAC) is a committee of ISOC-CH (in formation) according to the statutes (§30) and aims to discuss and propose actions to the Board on matters related to technology. Not very active in 2016.
- 3. The Social Aspects Committee hosted events in Geneva (11 October and 15 December) to meet with members and discuss topics of interest. ISOC-CH sponsored both events for a total of
- 4. Oversight Committee: The OC Report and the 2016 Financial Reporting are posted on the website.

Partnerships:

- 1. Digitale Gesellschaft: https://www.digitale-gesellschaft.ch/
- 2. Stop Think Connect: https://www.stopthinkconnect.org/
- 3. Swiss IPv6 Council: http://www.swissipv6council.ch/
- 4. Hernâni Marques and the PEP Foundation https://pep.foundation/
- 5. WSIS 2017: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2017/
- 6. Internet Governance Forum: http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/
- 7. Additionally, sponsors are listed here: https://www.isoc.ch/about/stakeholders-partners

Outreach:

- 1. Membership: ISOC-CH counts 165 active members in 2016/start of 2017. ISOC-CH currently has membership fees set to 40 CHF. See finance reporting for more details.
- 2. Web site: The site received several upgrades. Hosting, security (LetsEncrypt SSL is applied to the website), WordPress maintenance tasks completed, and it is partly available in French and German.
- 3. Facebook Group has 134 members now, 10 total new members since April 2016.
- 4. <u>Twitter</u>: 639 followers, up 30 total from April 2016. Reach varied from 1,000 impressions to nearly 17,000 impressions. The reach varied widely over the year based on numbers of tweets each month, tags to influencers, retweets, and by topic.
- 5. LinkedIn Group: 28 members, not terribly active, but a good place to do more in coming months.