

NEWSLETTER

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A recent study on the future of the Internet focuses on two central themes: On the one hand, the fact that we all think the Internet will continue to change societies, economies, culture and connections with each other, and on the other hand, that it's necessary to empower the human factor in the development of the Internet, that is putting people above technological change itself.

The internet is a great tool that allowed and allows us to change our lives. But we are all reinventing it all the time. From the open, collaborative and global development the Internet was created and developed. So the user has the power to build and transform the network.

It's a good time to ask ourselves what kind of Internet we want for the years to come. Do we understand that we must defend our freedom of expression, our right to privacy?

As users, are we aware of our responsibility of building the Internet with human values?

We have to come together - users, governments, Internet providers, content providers, regulators, among others - to define the future of the Internet. After all, the digital world is built between users who, above all, are people. *#ShapeTomorrow*

Sebastián Bellagamba - Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean Bureau

TOPICS OF INTEREST

25 years of ISOC

We turned 25 and celebrated it big time! Departing from Los Angeles with the #25under25 ceremony, we circled around the world with regional node events and Chapter celebrations. Here, a summary of that long day:

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Paths to our digital future

The Global Internet Report 2017 identifies the factors that will impact the future of the Internet in the coming years. The report takes into account the numerous forces shaping the Internet, from artificial intelligence (AI) and cyber threats to Internet economy and increasing government involvement. It explores how these forces will impact in key areas such as digital divides, freedoms and personal rights and media and society.

One of the main findings of this report is that there is still optimism: younger users and those in developing countries are especially optimistic about the future of the Internet and the possibility of using technology to improve their lives and create their future. More key findings and the full report here: goo.gl/AZzhsT



Four visionaries from Latin America and the Caribbean joined the Internet Hall of Fame!

They are Alan Emtage (Barbados), Ermanno Pietroseoli (Venezuela), Tadao Takahashi (Brazil) and Florencio Utreras (Chile). They, like the other 11 new members of the Internet Hall of Fame, contributed significantly to the development of the Internet. The full statement: goo.gl/wDifHA

Young Latin American People among the selected 25 under 25 Program!

They are young and use the Internet to make a difference in their societies: we invite you to meet the # 25under25, especially the seven representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean: goo.gl/EP5YRv



The LAC region leads the global Chapterthon!

Of the 32 applications to the program, 15 belong to Chapters of our region: Puerto Rico, Peru, Brazil, Honduras, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Dominica, Mexico, Saint Vincent, Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina. All the chapters will be united in a unique marathon to develop projects related to Internet in local schools. Initiatives will be based on digital literacy, online conferences, community trainings and connectivity for schools. Soon we will share more information!



Responsible use of the Internet

Facing the natural catastrophes that have occurred in Mexico and various Caribbean countries, we present together with the ISOC Mexico Chapter some tips to use the Internet in a caring and responsible way: goo.gl/1g4jbv Help us to spread it!



LAST MONTH EVENTS

#ICOMM17: Celebrations in Latin America and the Caribbean

Node Montevideo: the debate around the digital divide
In the debate that took place during #ICOMM17 in Montevideo, everyone agreed that providing connectivity is not enough to close the digital divide. The opinion of the panelists: goo.gl/Z78yzB



The reflections of Lito Ibarra on the digital divides

The availability of connectivity and the use made of the Internet have developed in a very heterogeneous way in the world, creating different digital divides. Can we close them? goo.gl/G1p55T

Experience and youth: ICOMM17 in the node Guadalajara

The Youth SIG joined the ISOC Mexico Chapter to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Internet Society. The union of different generations and representativeness of gender and countries marked the meeting: goo.gl/fkUCKm



The opportunity to learn from the visionaries who carved the way

This is how ISOC Panama Chapter interprets the 25 years of our organization. The reflection of Raisa Urribarrí: goo.gl/KgFWuT



The future of the Internet and the digital divide in Peru

These were the topics discussed during the celebration of ICOMM17 organized by the Peruvian chapter: goo.gl/j6moym



The celebration in Nicaragua

How to take advantage of technology was one of the central topics of the meeting organized by ISOC Nicaragua Chapter: goo.gl/kAp8Dk



Large attendance of high school and university students

With a lot of youth present, ISOC Paraguay joined the festivities of these 25 years: goo.gl/6e5z96



El Salvador was present at ICOMM17

The Internet House in El Salvador hosted celebrations for the 25 years of the Internet Society, joining the ICOMM17 world tour: goo.gl/DDa28s



A seminar and a celebration dinner in Bolivia

In order to strengthen the emerging Internet Society community in the country, the Bolivian Chapter organized two activities within the framework of ICOMM17: goo.gl/KsNJAi



The digital empowerment of women: IGFem in Mexico

With the aim of reducing the digital gender gap in the country, the Youth SIG and the ISOC Mexico Chapter organized this meeting for reflection and exchange of experiences. The summary here: goo.gl/GhPm4C



IGF Uruguay

The Uruguayan Chapter with other stakeholders carried out successfully their National IGF, with the presence and remote participation of almost 350 people. Here is a summary of the meeting: goo.gl/Ur1WRB



THE TECHNICAL WORLD OF LAC

A month of celebrations: LACNIC turned 15 years old!

The Latin America and Caribbean Network Information Centre turned 15 years old and its members celebrated with anecdotes and experiences during their years of service in the organization: goo.gl/rfYsRB



LATIN HEROES

#LocalHeroes: the project of Paola Pérez in Venezuela

Paola Pérez is an engineer in computer systems and a member of the Internet Society. In this interview she tells details of the wireless architecture project to provide Internet services to a small Venezuelan town: Los Nevados. "The main recommendation is to be patient and persevere," she says. Read the full story! goo.gl/4nV5nt



EVENTS CALENDAR

World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) - October 9 to 20

The forthcoming World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) will be convened in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017. The objective is to consider topics, projects and programmes relevant to telecommunication development:

goo.gl/Agiyag

IGF Guyana - 9 al 13 de octubre

Internet experts from around the world will visit Georgetown for Guyana Internet Week. Within this framework, the IGF will be held, a high-level technological conference focusing on national and regional development issues.

Would you like to join your local Chapter? Contact the leaders of the chapter: goo.gl/q1UOuI

Would you like to start a Chapter in your country? Read this guide: goo.gl/yocJhr

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