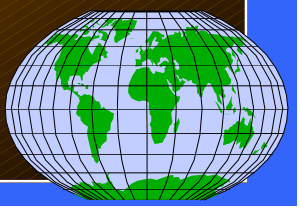
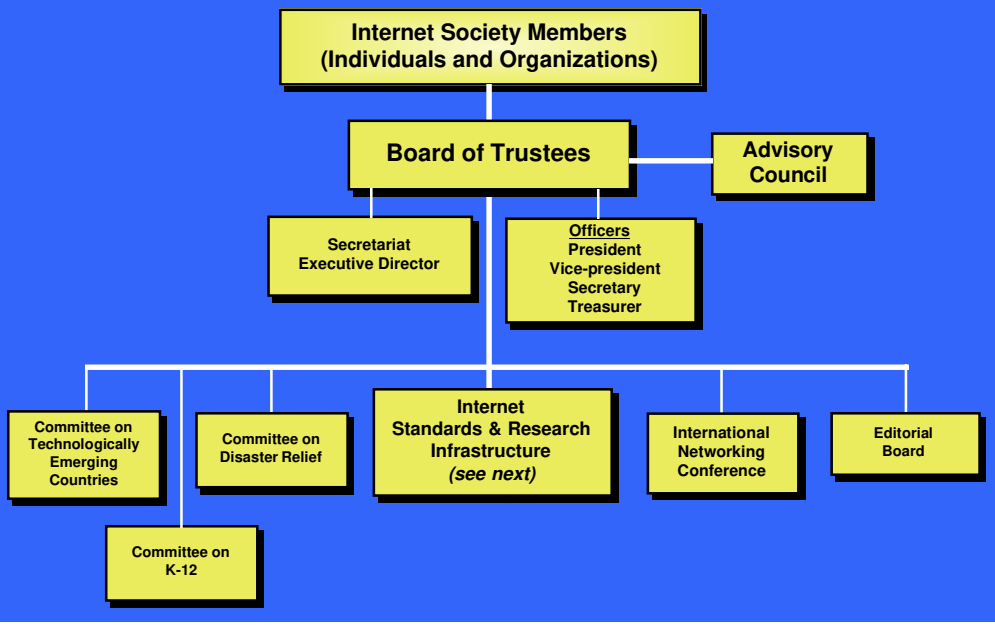
What is the Internet Society ?

- The global international organization for open systems internetworking and the *Internet*
- A common mechanism for:
  - standards making
  - operational administration and coordination
  - research coordination and education
  - global cooperation among national, regional, and other international bodies
- An international means for sharing information and encouraging development of internet-related infrastructure and use around the world
- Members consists of individuals organizations - commercial, and governmental



Internet Society - *Structure*



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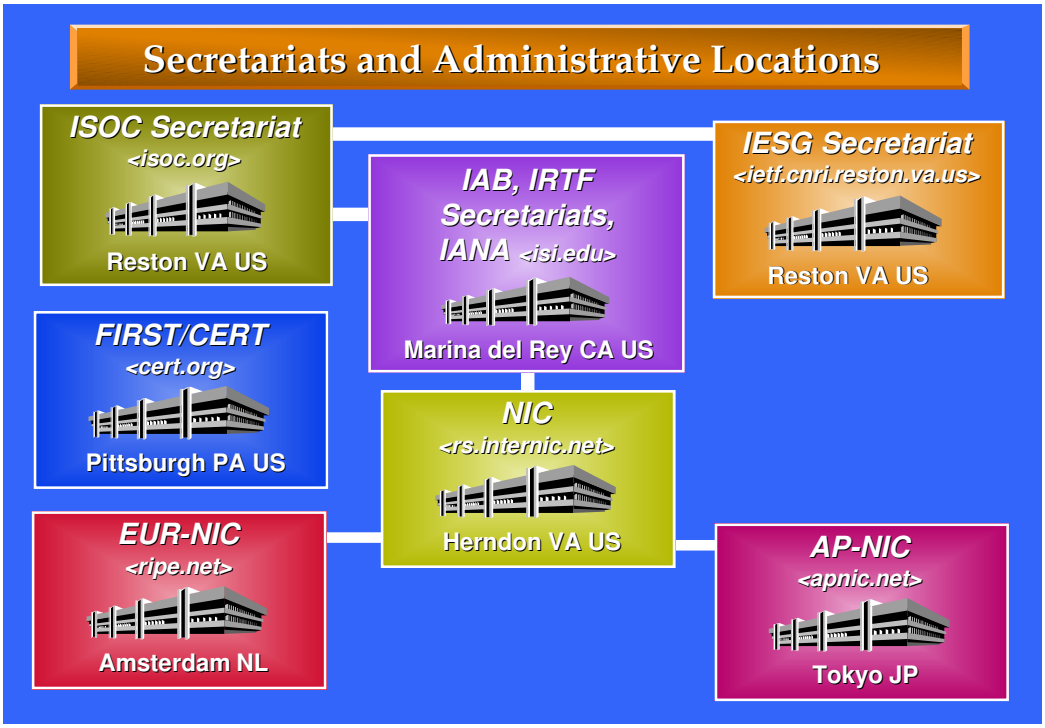
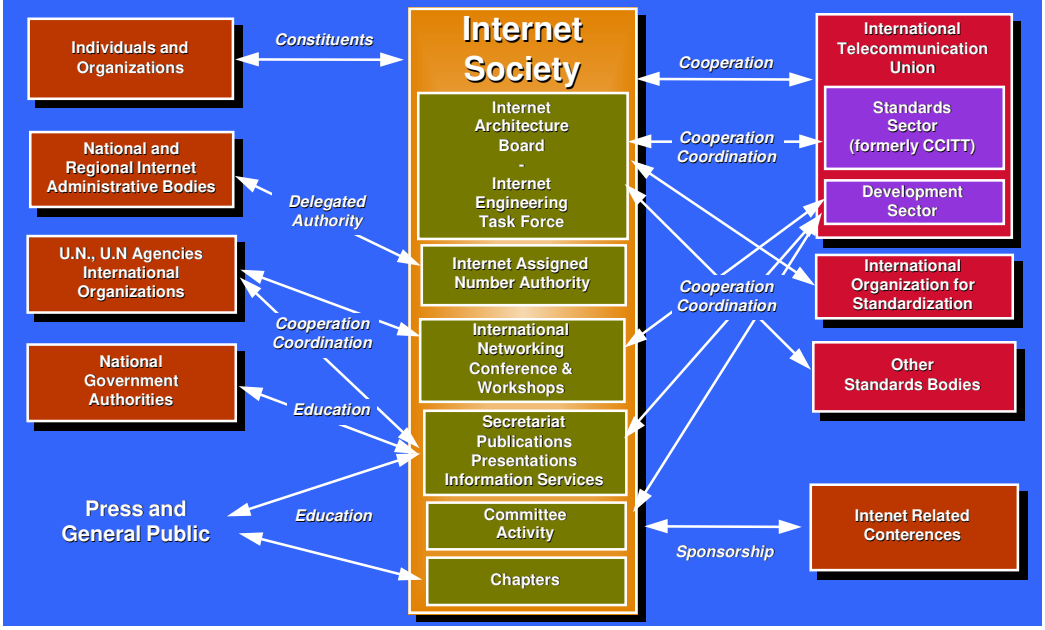


International Networking Conferences

- Annual general membership conference
- Emphasis on diverse international participation
- Rotates to different global regions
- Publishes proceedings of valuable diverse research papers in internetworking field
- Held in conjunction with the Developing Country Workshops supported by private sector, foundations, government and U.N. agencies

Internet Society - *External Relations*



Why Was the Internet Society Created?

- A critical component necessary:
  - to evolve and globalize the Internet and its technologies and applications
  - to assure and enhance their availability and use on the widest possible scale
- Announced in June 1991 at the Copenhagen International Networking Conference; brought into existence in January 1992
- Created by a worldwide cross-section of eminent individuals and organizations who developed the Internet technology and networks

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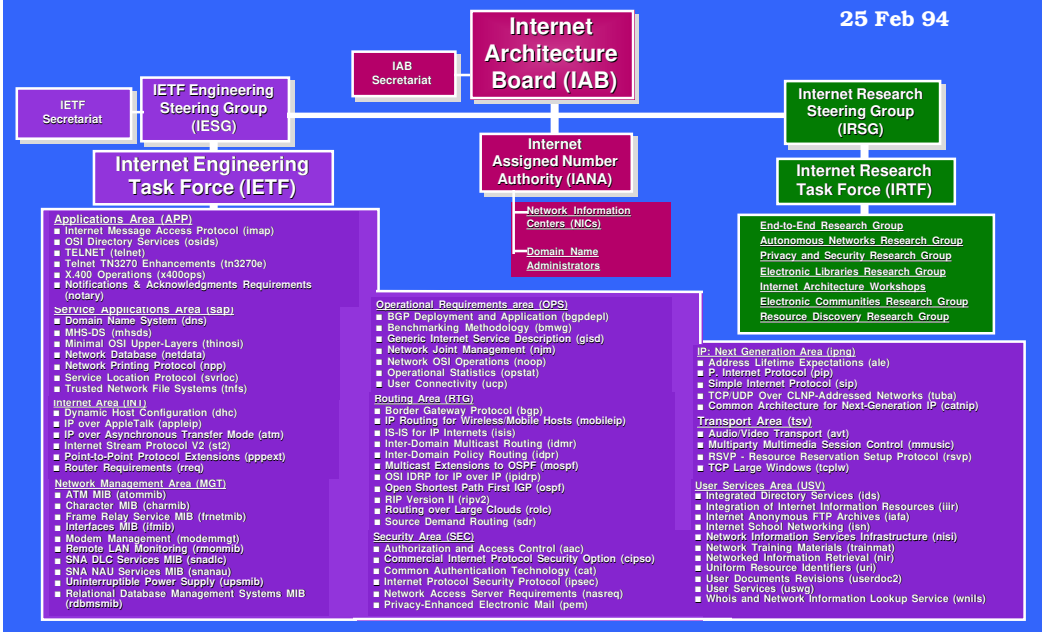
Internet Standards and Research Infrastructure

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