Internet Society

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

International Networking Conference'94: Why go?

The Internet Society is the international organization for global cooperation and coordination for the Internet and its internetworking technologies and applications.

Every year, the Society convenes the ***International Networking Conference (INET)*** to bring together an extensive cross-section of the Internet community to focus on developments in different regions, countries, user communities, and technologies, to consider the associated issues, and to coordinate plans for the coming year. It is the only global international forum dealing with the entire breadth of Internet developments and constituencies.

▶ WHO ATTENDS AND SUPPORTS INETs?

Attendees - nearly a thousand of them - mirror the worldwide Internet environment: individuals and organizations, private sector and public, providers and users, academics and commercial entrepreneurs. A number of major vendors of services, hardware and software in the computer and telecommunication industries also provide significant grants, equipment, and Internet connectivity to support INET. It is the single most valuable way to be visible and to become familiar with the global Internet community.

▶ WHERE AND WHEN IS INET'94?

Prague, Czech Republic, 15-17 June 1994. The conference rotates each year by region. INET'95 is in Singapore.

▶ WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

In addition to keynote addresses by prominent individuals, the agenda consists of the following concurrent session tracks:

- USER SUPPORT AND TRAINING : Building and Supporting Electronic Communities, Training for the Network Citizen, Enabling users to help themselves, Electronic Documents, Networked Information Tools and Access, Issues in building the Virtual Library
- DISTRIBUTED APPLICATIONS : MultiMedia, Dial-up Applications, How the Automotive Industry uses the Internet, Networked Simulation and Virtual Reality, Directory Services
- POLICY ISSUES : Privacy, European CERT Activities, National and regional policies, The Economics of Networks and Network Growth, International Coordination of Internet Standards, Internet and the Press
- REGIONAL ISSUES : Networking assists Societal Stability/Networking, Internationalization of Network Applications, Eastern Europe and CIS, Pacific Rim and Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, National Research and Education Networks, Telephone Companies and PTT's.
- NETWORK ENGINEERING : Routing and Addressing, Performance Analysis, Heterogeneous Networks, Network management, Quality Assurance
- NETWORK TECHNOLOGY : Mobile IP, Future Generations of Internet Technology, Broadband Technology, Broadband deployment and experiments

▶ WHAT ARE THE INET WORKSHOPS?

The INETs are made even more valuable because of the Technologically Emerging Country Workshops held a week prior to the conference. About 100 enthusiastic attendees are brought from countries with minimal internetwork infrastructure to receive one week of intensive instruction in how to build and grow internets back home. Attendees actually setup and operate a network, learn how to do the same thing in their native environment, and frequently provide hardware and software to bring back.

This work is supported through the generosity and cooperation of several companies, foundations, public organizations and UN agencies.

▶ HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information and registration information is available from:

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A complete set of information, forms, and templates are available in several different formats by FTP or Gopher at:

URLs:

ftp://ftp.isoc.org/isoc/INET94/

gopher://gopher.isoc.org:70/11/isoc.and.ietf/INET94/