

## Internet Society Announces New Board Members for Public Interest Registry

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**Reston, VA – November 9, 2004** - Public Interest Registry, ("PIR") announced today that the Internet Society, ("ISOC") has appointed Internet Pioneer Dr. Glenn Ricart to the PIR Board.

Dr. Ricart is the Managing Director of the PricewaterhouseCoopers Center for Advanced Research in San José, California. Previously, he had been Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for Novell, Co-founder and CTO of CenterBeam, Director of the Computer Science Center at the University of Maryland College Park, Program Manager at Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, ("DARPA") and the head of intramural research computer services at the National Institutes of Health. He has served on the board of public companies as well as non-profits including the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, EDUCOM, and BITNET.

His technology career spans 35 years. He is perhaps best known for founding the first Internet ISP to take commercial customers, implementing the first Internet peering point between different organizations, and developing the first TCP/IP code for the IBM PC. After using the nascent ARPAnet (predecessor of the Internet) in the late 1960s, he wrote code to network the IBM 2741 communicating typewriter in the early 1970s. Later, in the early 1980s, he implemented the first campus TCP/IP network and the original NSFnet backbone. Other networking firsts included first Internet connections to South America and getting 27,000 teachers in the state of Maryland onto the Internet. He also served as Program Manager at DARPA with programs in advanced networking, end-system security, operating systems, and middleware, and he was technology liaison to the Clinton White House and The Library of Congress.

"Glenn's expertise, in so many areas, make him an excellent addition to the PIR Board," according to Edward G. Viltz, President and CEO of PIR. In addition, his current role as an ISOC Trustee and member of the ISOC Executive Committee will be beneficial to PIR". Glenn is a welcomed addition to the PIR Board"

"Having spent 24 years of my career in the non-corporate world, helping an organization which serves the public interest feels exactly right," said Dr. Ricart. "I am honored to be selected as a PIR Board Member and I look forward to working with PIR in expanding its role as an exemplary registry and in taking a leadership role in the name space."

Dr. Ricart received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland College Park in Computer Science in 1980; his M.S. Degree is in Computing and Information Sciences from Case Western Reserve University. He graduated with his B.S. Degree from Case Institute of Technology in Engineering. He has served on the boards of several public companies as well as founded or co-founded the Common Solutions Group, the Bay Area CTO Forum, Edupage, the San Diego Supercomputer Center, and the Federation of American Research Networks.

### **About .ORG**

The .ORG domain, which has come to be associated with non-commercial activities, is the Internet's third largest "generic" or non-country specific top-level domain with over 3 million

domain names registered worldwide. In 2002, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board of Directors selected ISOC's proposal from among 11 organizations bidding to operate the .ORG top-level domain. PIR assumed control of the registry on January 1, 2003.

### **About PIR**

Public Interest Registry (<http://www.pir.org>) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation created by the Internet Society (ISOC) to manage the .ORG domain. .ORG is the Internet's third largest "generic" or non-country specific top-level domain with over 3 million domain names registered worldwide. It is viewed as the home of non-commercial organizations on the Internet. PIR's mission is to manage the .ORG domain in an exemplary manner while educating and empowering the global non-commercial community to more effectively utilize the Internet. PIR is based in Reston, Virginia, USA.

### **About ISOC**

The Internet Society (<http://www.isoc.org>) is a not-for-profit membership organization founded in 1991 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy. With offices in Washington, DC, and Geneva, Switzerland, it is dedicated to ensuring the open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of people throughout the world. ISOC is the organizational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Architecture Board (IAB), the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) and other Internet-related bodies who together play a critical role in ensuring that the Internet develops in a stable and open manner.