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### New Worldwide Internet Leaders appointed to the Public Interest Registry .ORG Advisory Council

**RESTON, VA – April 05, 2007** - The Public Interest Registry (PIR) announced today the appointment of three new Worldwide Advisory Council members and the reappointment of three current Advisory Council members to fill expiring term open seats. The Advisory Council, created in 2003, is one of PIR's key resources established to solicit input from and be responsive to the needs, concerns and views of the global noncommercial Internet community in the management of the .ORG generic top-level domain registry.

New members include:

- Frans Gerbosch: Europe (NWZ Projex)
- Ala'a Al-Din Kadhem Al-Radhi: Asia (CIPE)
- Khaled Koubaa: Africa (ICT Independent Consultant)

Returning members include:

- Dave Kissoondoyal: Africa (Teleforma Mauritius, Ltd.)
- Lori Schulman: North America (March of Dimes)
- John Zoltner: South America (ICT Consultant)

"PIR is delighted to be able to get such highly qualified people to serve on the Advisory Council," said Eva Frolich, interim president and CEO of PIR. "The work of the Advisory Council is highly appreciated and valued by the PIR Board."

Previous .ORG Advisory Councils have been instrumental in advising PIR on issues central to the .ORG community, including global outreach and data protection models. For more information on PIR, .ORG and the Advisory Council, visit [www.pir.org](http://www.pir.org).

### 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. PIR's mission is to manage the .ORG domain in an exemplary manner, while educating and empowering the global noncommercial community to use the Internet more effectively and, concurrently, to take a leadership position among Internet stakeholders on policy and related issues on behalf of the .ORG community. PIR is based in Reston, VA, USA.

### About .ORG

The .ORG domain, which has come to be associated with noncommercial activities, is the Internet's third largest "generic" or noncountry-specific top-level domain with more than 6 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 1 January 2003.

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