

Eva Frölich elected Board Chair of the Public Interest Registry

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RESTON, VA - February 15, 2005 - The Public Interest Registry (PIR) Board of Directors recently announced the election of Eva Frölich as Chair of the Board. Ms. Frölich was originally selected to the PIR Board for a 1 year term in October of 2003 by the Internet Society and reappointed to a three year term in November of 2004.

"Since being appointed to the PIR Board, Eva has been instrumental in many of our international initiatives." said Edward G. Viltz, President and CEO of PIR. "Her commitment to .ORG has assisted us in successfully meeting initial expansion objectives in the European community. Eva has been very active and supportive as a Board Member. I am excited about her selection as Board Chair and look forward to Eva's continued support."

"I am honored to serve as PIR Chair and look forward to my new role." said Eva Frölich. "PIR continues to establish itself as a truly global registry. In addition .ORG is committed to meeting the domain space needs of the international community. We will expand the availability of IDNs this year to include additional languages in support of the global .ORG community."

"I also want to also offer my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Marc Rotenberg for his time, commitment and dedication to PIR." stated Edward G. Viltz. "As a founding Board Member, Marc was a key supporter and a driving force behind the establishment of PIR. His role as Chairman also enabled PIR to establish itself as an exemplary registry."

Eva has more than 20 years of experience in the Telecommunications and Internet industries. She has a broad depth of experience in international forums including the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), and the Council of European National Top-Level Domain Registries (CENTR). In addition, Eva sits on the ICANN ccNSO Council.

PIR also announced the re-election of Geoff Huston as Treasurer and the election of Barbara Fraser as Board Secretary.

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 .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 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.