

Public Interest Registry Welcomes New Worldwide Leaders to the .ORG Advisory Council

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RESTON, VA - April 18, 2005 - The Public Interest Registry (PIR) announced today the appointment of five new Worldwide Advisory Council members and the reappointment of three returning council members to fill expiring term open seats. The Advisory Council is one of PIR's key resources established to solicit input from and be responsive to the needs, concerns, and views of the global non-commercial Internet community in the management of the .ORG Internet domain registry.

Returning members include:

- + Nadia McLaren: Europe (Union of International Associations)
- + Pavan Duggal: Asia (Cyberlaws.net)
- + Klaus Stoll: Latin America (Chasquinet.org)

New members include:

- + Oscar Robles-Garay: Latin America (NIC Mexico ccTLD)
- + Bill Woodcock: North America (Packet Clearing House)
- + Erik Iriarte Ahon: Latin America (Alfa)
- + Alan Davidson: North America (Center for Democracy and Technology)
- + John Zoltner: North America (Community Technology Centers' Network)

"PIR will use the continued guidance from our Advisory Council to assist in the areas of policy, outreach and services," said Edward G. Viltz, President and CEO of PIR. "The Advisory Council has been instrumental in identifying issues impacting the .ORG international community and very effective in its advisory role for .ORG. As the Advisory Council enters its third successful year, we look forward to the contributions of new and returning members."

PIR is hosting its second Annual Worldwide Advisory Council Conference on July 8th and 9th, 2005 in Brussels, Belgium. The conference will serve as a forum to consolidate recommendations from three standing committees.

About the .ORG Worldwide Advisory Council

PIR created the .ORG Advisory Council in 2003 to focus solely on .ORG issues. It is made up of leaders from the broad spectrum of the non-commercial world. The Council serves as a key resource to the PIR Board and Staff to incorporate worldwide input on policies, strategies, programs, and services affecting the international non-commercial community.

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 non-commercial community to utilize 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, Virginia.