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Landmark Achievements of 2013 Internet Hall of Fame Inductees Will Be Honored 26 June at Ceremony in Istanbul, Turkey

Awards presented at the conclusion of Internet Society's INET Istanbul Conference featuring noted European and Turkish policymakers

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – May 2, 2013] – The 2013 Internet Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in Istanbul, Turkey in a ceremony at the conclusion of the Internet Society's INET Istanbul conference on 26 June. Global business, policy, and technology leaders will gather to examine key issues impacting the Internet and to recognize the landmark accomplishments of this year's Internet Hall of Fame inductees.

"With its booming Internet economy, Istanbul will provide the ideal backdrop for this impressive assembly of business and policy thought leaders with the Internet's pioneers and visionaries," noted Internet Society President and CEO Lynn St. Amour.

The 2013 Internet Hall of Fame inductees will once again reflect the broad and varied contributions to the Internet's development and expansion. Inductees will be awarded across three categories: Pioneers, Global Connectors, and Innovators.

The one-day INET Istanbul event will explore Internet access and digital content at the regional and global level. Opening statements will be made by Neelie Kroes, European Commissioner for Digital Agenda. The conference will include keynote speaker Tayfun Acarer, President, Communication and Information Technologies Authority of Turkey, and panelists Jānis Kārklīņš, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information; Erika Mann, Director EU Policy, Facebook; and Wally Badarou, Board Member of SACEM. The panels, which will be moderated by some of the region's most influential journalists, will explore Internet access and capacity building, and the challenges of digital content and copyrights.

"The Internet Society is a worldwide network of individuals and organizations who all share in the vision of an open, global Internet for everyone. INET Istanbul and the Internet Hall of Fame will bring together global leaders and luminaries who have helped to define the Internet and those who are shaping its evolution for generations to come," St. Amour added.

Frederic Donck, Internet Society Regional Bureau Director for Europe, commented on the INET Istanbul, "The Internet Society holds multiple INETs every year, each with a unique regional focus and topics most

relevant to the communities involved. This is the first time we've hosted an INET in Istanbul and we have an outstanding agenda planned to address critical issues impacting the future of the Internet." To register to attend the INET Istanbul, visit: <http://www.internetsociety.org/events/inet-istanbul>.

For more information and to register to attend the Internet Hall of Fame awards ceremony, visit: <http://www.internetsociety.org/events/inet-istanbul/hall-of-fame>. The Internet Hall of Fame induction ceremony will also be live streamed at <https://new.livestream.com/internetsociety/2013internethalloffame>. To follow the awards ceremony, find the Internet Hall of Fame on Twitter (@Internet_hof #ihofistanbul) and on Facebook.

About the Internet Hall of Fame

The Internet Hall of Fame is an annual awards program that has been established by the Internet Society to publicly recognize a distinguished and select group of leaders and luminaries who have made significant contributions to the development and advancement of the global open Internet. More information on the program can be found at www.internethalloffame.org.

About the Internet Society

The Internet Society is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership from around the world. With its principled vision and substantial technological foundation, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone. For more information, see: <http://www.internetsociety.org>

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