



## Internet Society Announces Appointment of Roberto Gaetano, Amitabh Singhal, and Erik Huizer to Public Interest Registry Board of Directors

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – August 28, 2013] – The Internet Society today announced that Roberto Gaetano, Amitabh Singhal, and Erik Huizer have been appointed to the Public Interest Registry Board of Directors. New to the Board, Roberto Gaetano was appointed to a three-year term. Amitabh Singhal was re-appointed to a three-year term and Erik Huizer was re-appointed to a two-year term.

Roberto Gaetano, now retired from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) where he served 13 years as international civil servant, brings to the Public Interest Registry Board extensive experience in Internet governance from his work with a broad range of organizations. As Internet Policy Advisor at ETSI, he actively participated in Internet policymaking, including the process that created ICANN and its supporting organizations. He also served six years on the ICANN Board, with three as Liaison of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC).

Amitabh Singhal has served on the Public Interest Registry Board since 2010 and is the Director of Telxess Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd. and on the Governing Board of Digital Empowerment Foundation, in Delhi, India. Erik Huizer, CTO at SURFnet, the National Education and Research Network provider in the Netherlands, and part-time professor for Internet applications at University Utrecht, joined the Public Interest Registry Board in 2007.

“The Internet Society Board is pleased to appoint Roberto to serve on the Public Interest Registry Board and we value the unique perspectives he brings,” said Lynn St. Amour, President and CEO of the Internet Society. “We are equally fortunate to re-appoint Amitabh and Erik to join with the other Directors in guiding the organization’s growth and future direction.”

Roberto Gaetano, Amitabh Singhal, and Erik Huizer join the following Directors on the Board:

Mr. Maarten Botterman (Chair), GNKS Consult BV

Mr. Raimundo Beca, partner at Imaginación

Mr. Art Reilly, (retired) Cisco Systems

Ms. Lynn St. Amour serves as liaison to the Public Interest Registry Board in her capacity as President and CEO of the Internet Society

For more information on .ORG, The Public Interest Registry, please visit [www.pir.org](http://www.pir.org).

### **About Public Interest Registry**

Public Interest Registry is a nonprofit corporation that operates the .ORG top-level domain -- the world's third largest "generic" top-level domain with more than 10 million domain names registered worldwide. As an advocate for collaboration, safety and security on the Internet, Public Interest Registry's mission is to empower the global noncommercial community to use the Internet more effectively, and to take a leadership position among Internet stakeholders on policy and other issues relating to the domain naming system. Public Interest Registry was founded by the Internet Society (<http://www.internetsociety.org>) in 2002 and is based in Reston, Virginia, USA.

### **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, visit [www.internetsociety.org](http://www.internetsociety.org).

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