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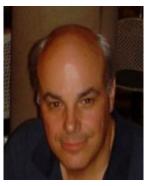
IPv6 Forum Honors Four IPv6 Evangelists with its Internet Pioneer Award

Luxembourg - Washington, D.C., November 13, 2012 - The IPv6 Forum announced the recipients of the *IPv6 Forum Internet Pioneer Award* and presented the awards to selected IPv6 Evangelists:









Peter Tseronis

Carol Bales

Jane Coffin

Ron Broersma

"Pete, Carol, Jane and Ron symbolize the original spirit of the core team of the IPv6 Forum that made IPv6 happen today. They have driven the mission with dedication and tenacity becoming the prime pillars of the successful deployment of IPv6 at the US Government and a model for around the world" states Latif Ladid, IPv6 Forum President.

"The IPv6 Forum Pioneer Award is recognition of significant achievement and hard work from individuals who excel in their efforts to support our mission of IPv6 deployment across the world geographies for a cause greater than their own self interests. Pete, Jane, Carol and Ron have all met that requirement par excellence". states Yanick Pouffary, Chair IPv6 Forum Logo Programs and IPv6 Forum Fellow

"The secure and effective adoption of IPv6 is critical to the success of nextgeneration Internet platforms and seamless, reliable virtual communications. As part of the Federal Task Force on IPv6, I am proud of the strong collaboration between our public and private partners and look forward to building on this important work" states Peter Tseronis, Chief Technology Officer, U.S. Department of Energy



"I am honored and humbled to be recognized for this award. It takes committed and dedicated government officials and experts to catalyze efforts across a broad range of agencies, perspectives, and stakeholders. Working with the Federal IPv6 Task Force was one of the most rewarding projects that I was privileged to collaborate on while at NTIA. I applaud colleagues across the federal government for their continued efforts, and simply encourage senior officials to continue to stress the importance of IPv6 deployment. A "thank you" to the IPv6 Forum for their energy and focus on the critical issue of IPv6 uptake and deployment." states Jane Coffin, Director of Development Strategy at the Internet Society

"The ability to access the Internet from any place, on any device and from any network protocol is essential in ensuring Government services can reach everyone, thus the Federal Government is committed to the deployment and use of IPv6. The Federal IPv6 Task Force appreciates the hard work put in by the global community over the past several years to help make our transition to IPv6 successful. As we continue our journey to the next generation of the Internet, we look forward to continuing our productive partnerships with leading IPv6 organizations across the public and private sectors." states Carol Bales, Policy Analyst with the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President

"I am truly honored to be recognized for this award. Deploying IPv6 across many networks over the past 12 years has been one of the most challenging but enjoyable projects during my career. Being a pioneer can be lonely at times, when in the early days you are discovering and solving problems that nobody else has seen. But I am very pleased to see how the early efforts have paid off, to make it easier for those that follow and are pioneering the next phases of IPv6 deployment." states Ron Broersma, Chief Engineer of the Defense Research and Engineering Network (DREN)

About the IPv6 Forum Internet Pioneers:

Peter Tseronis

Pete is the Department of Energy's (DOE) first Chief Technology Officer (CTO), is responsible for providing strategic direction and vision and is charged with establishing a formal, sustainable federal technology deployment program for bringing innovative solutions to tough challenges. Federally, Pete is engaged with numerous policy initiatives to represent the interests of the Department and incorporate these strategies into DOE's IT management practices. As a result of his dedication, Pete has been asked to lead numerous federal initiatives, such as Federal Cloud First Task Force, the deployment and



enhancements to energy.data.gov, as well other activities to mature Federal IT Infrastructure, including chairing the Federal IPv6 Task Force.

Jane Coffin

Jane is a Director of Development Strategy at the Internet Society. Her work focuses on coordination of collaborative strategies for expanding Internet infrastructure, access, and related capacities in emerging economies. Prior to joining ISOC, Jane worked on Internet and telecommunications policy issues for the Office of International Affairs at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration – U.S. Department of Commerce. She was an active participant in Internet discussions in the ITU, OAS-CITEL, and OECD, working closely with the five regional Internet registries (RIRs) and other Internet technical community stakeholders. While at NTIA, she was Vice-Chair of the Federal IPv6 Task Force, and worked closely with colleagues on federal network IPv6 transition activities.

Carol Bales

Carol is a Policy Analyst with the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President. Carol works within the Office of E-Government and Information Technology and her responsibilities include serving as the lead policy analyst for the federal government's transition to Internet Protocol Version 6. Carol has been involved with federal IPv6 transition activities since 2006.

Ron Broersma

Ron is the Chief Engineer of the Defense Research and Engineering Network (DREN), in support of DoD's High Performance Computing Modernization Program, where he has served since its beginning in 1992. Since 1976, Mr. Broersma has been employed as a scientist at the U.S. Navy's Research and Development laboratory in San Diego, California, leading a wide variety of networking initiatives, beginning with operating one of the first nodes on the ARPAnet, and most recently the operational deployment of IPv6 protocols in production networks. He also has over 25 years of experience in computer and network security and serves as SPAWAR's Enterprise Network Security Manager.

About the IPv6 Forum

The IPv6 Forum is a world-wide consortium of leading Internet service vendors, National Research & Education Networks (NRENs) and international ISPs, with a clear mission to promote IPv6 by improving market and user awareness, creating a quality and secure Next Generation Internet and allowing world-wide equitable access to knowledge and



technology. The key focus of the IPv6 Forum today is to provide technical guidance for the deployment of IPv6. IPv6 Summits are organized by the IPv6 Forum and staged in various locations around the world to provide industry and market with the best available information on this rapidly advancing technology. http://www.ipv6forum.com

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