Invitation from the Board of the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC)

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THEME: ACCESS FOR ALL

It is with great pleasure that the Board of the Pacific Chapter of the Internet Society invites you to their 11th PacINET conference in Suva, Fiji. This conference celebrates 10 years of training and information support for the members of the 22 countries that the Chapter represents within the Pacific region. There are 85 chapters around the world that promote the vision of the Internet Society that “The Internet is for Everyone”.

Each year PICISOC holds its conference in a different member country. Our very first conference was in Nadi, Fiji, in 2002 and it is appropriate that we hold this special conference also in Fiji – this time in Suva. Because our mission is to promote the development of the internet in the Pacific, we are very happy to be able to celebrate this milestone at the ICT and conference facilities of the University of the South Pacific.

This year’s conference will promote the society’s vision through showcasing developments in the Pacific that relate to the application of the internet across all sectors of our community and shaping our lives in general. PacINET gives users of the internet in the Pacific an opportunity to share ideas, to share learning and to engage in specialist technical training. We are pleased to have the support of regional organisations – the ISOC Asia Pacific Bureau, APNIC, APCICT and SOPAC as well as local and overseas presenters. The programme will cover regulatory as well as cybersecurity concerns. We will look at the challenges of e-learning, e-Agriculture, telecentres, disaster management among other relevant Pacific-based issues. Catering for people with disabilities is a regular and important feature in our conference programme as is our Annual General Meeting and a PacINET Internet Governance Day to discuss issues of concern to PICISOC members.

We have encouraged our members to let us know what they want out of our conference. We hope that this year everyone will leave with something that is practical and can add value to the development of the internet and its various applications, back on their home islands.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Maureen Hilyard - Board Chair