



India School on Internet Governance (inSIG)

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The History

- The first India School of Internet Governance was envisioned in 2015 as a National-Regional SIG
- The first message in the APSIG list on an India SIG was around October 2015
- In 2016, the ICANN meeting proposed for Puerto Rico was abruptly moved to Hyderabad, India, on account of the Zika virus
- The organizers of inSIG used the opportunity to propose to the National Internet eXchange of India (NIXI) the need for organizing inSIG2016

The History (2)

- The organizers of inSIG2016 were ISOC Trivandrum and ISOC Delhi, two ISOC Chapters who were also ICANN APRALO ALSes
- The organizers also approached ICANN, Internet Society and APNIC apart from APSIG
- There was support from all these agencies for inSIG2016
- The speakers of inSIG2016 were mostly from ICANN57, but there were also several local speakers

History(3)

- inSIG2016 took place at IIIT-Hyderabad during 31 Oct-2 Nov 2016
- 44 participants from 9 countries participated, and 22 speakers from 12 countries addressed the participants
- The feedback on the programme was excellent
- The entire event was documented through session videos, tweets, over 900 photographs and WhatsApp groups



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- As in the case of 2016, the 2017 edition is also designed to be a National-Regional event
- A major challenge is that, unlike 2016, the ICANN meeting in the AP region is in Abu Dhabi
- It was therefore decided to convene the event just prior to ICANN60, in the southern Indian city of Trivandrum, Kerala, during 24-26 Oct 2017

inSIG2017 (2)

- Invites have been sent to 2016 speaker, with funding for Abu Dhabi-TRV airfare support
- Depending on the response, additional speakers will be identified
- We expect 25 Fellows (Travel + Hotel + Fees) plus another 15 international Fellows + 10 local participants without hotel
- The format will otherwise remain the same

Issues to be resolved

- The two pending issues are:
 - Funding for 15 international Fellows
 - There is no funding source for the 15 international fellows, and each selected Fellow will be required to find funding for himself/herself
 - Routing funding through APASA
 - For inSIG2017, APASA has said that it would pass on ICANN's contribution (which was negotiated separately within APRALO) as APASA's contribution.
 - Since the inSIG organizers are both ISOC Chapters and APRALO member ALSes, there is a concern that routing funding through APASA will block the “organic” funding that is due between member organizations and their parent organization.



Thank you!