Afilias Partners With Internet Society to
Sponsor Deploy360 ION Conference Series Through 2016

Series Helps Promote Global IPv6 and DNSSEC Deployment

[Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland – 07 October 2014] – The Internet Society announced today that Internet infrastructure expert Afilias will be a sponsor of the entire ION Conference Series through 2016. IONs are part of the Internet Society's Deploy360 Programme, which aims to foster the global adoption of key Internet technology standards such as IPv6, Domain Name System Security (DNSSEC), and secure routing protocols.

"ION Conferences bring together network operators, enterprises, application developers, content providers, and other participants to share information and insights into regional deployment of emerging Internet technologies. Early adopters share their own deployment experiences, and operators take home valuable information about how to deploy those standards on their own networks," said Chris Grundemann, the Internet Society's Director, Deployment and Operationalization. "Afilias' generous support of such an important educational initiative will have a direct impact on the healthy development and growth of the global Internet."

ION Conferences take place several times per year in locations across the globe, and promote and foster learning about IPv6, DNSSEC, and secure routing protocol technologies. Attendees learn about best practices, how to make a business case for deployment, and how to implement these standards on their own networks.

"As the next generation Internet Protocol (IP) address standard, IPv6 is critical to the Internet's continued growth as a platform for innovation and economic development. At the same time, DNSSEC and secure routing are critical to the Internet's operations," said Afilias EVP and CTO, Ram Mohan. "As two of the leading proponents of DNSSEC and IPv6 adoption worldwide, Afilias and the Internet Society are committed to promoting these standards, which are key to the continued growth and evolution of the Internet."

Afilias (http://www.afilias.info/) is a leading global provider of Internet infrastructure solutions that make Internet addresses more accessible and useful through a wide range of applications. The company has partnered with the Internet Society on a wide range of initiatives, including providing highly reliable, cost-effective registry and DNS services in support of .ORG on behalf of Public Interest Registry, which the Internet Society founded.

Additional corporate sponsorship opportunities are available to support ION Conferences. Read the ION Sponsorship Flyer or contact the Internet Society at deploy360@isoc.org to learn more. You can follow Deploy360 and the ION Conference Series on Twitter at @Deploy360 (#IONConf) or visit the ION website at http://www.internetsociety.org/deploy360/ion/.

The next ION Conference will take place in Santiago, Chile, on 28 October 2014. ION Santiago will be co-located with LACNIC 22 and LACNOG 2014.

About the Internet Society
The Internet Society (http://www.internetsociety.org) is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership around the world. It is also the organizational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). With its principled vision, substantial technological foundation and its global presence, 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.

About Afilias
Afilias is the world's second largest domain registry, with more than 20 million names under management. Afilias powers a wide variety of top level domains, and will soon support hundreds of new TLDs now preparing for launch, including TLDs for cities, brands, communities and generic terms. Afilias' specialized technology makes Internet addresses more accessible and useful through a wide range of applications, including Internet domain registry services, Managed DNS and mobile Web services like goMobi® and DeviceAtlas®.

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