

INTERNET UNLIMITED: THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN IPV6 SUMMIT

Australia's inaugural IPv6 Summit, in Canberra on 31 October and 1 November 2005, will headline the message that the IPv6 next-generation networking protocol is fundamental to the continued expansion of the Internet.

Tony Hill, President of the Internet Society of Australia (ISOC-AU), said, The need to start planning for IPv6 is so close! The US Department of Defense aims to move all of its networks to IPv6 as soon as 2008. Its more manageable and more secure. With built in functions like mobility and quality of service, IPv6 offers fantastic opportunities for Australian developers and business.

Paul Davis, CEO of GrangeNet, Australia's first native IPv6 network, said, This is something we just can't afford to not do, he said. World-wide there is now significant IPv6 deployment, and it's absolutely relevant to all enterprise IT. The Australian Defence Forces are migrating to IPv6 by 2013, and government departments are already discussing policy frameworks. Understanding of IPv6 is essential, so we are also running a hands-on IPv6 Deployment Workshop just after the Summit.

Dr Kate Lance, Executive Director of ISOC-AU, said, IPv6 is the Internet Protocol Version 6, a replacement for the current IPv4. It provides 340 billion billion billion unique IP addresses. A speaker at the Summit, Tony Hain, has just released a landmark paper showing that the remaining IPv4 address pool is now on course for rapid exhaustion. Only IPv6 addresses can enable the many computers, phones, PDAs, cars, TVs, games and other devices we hope to connect to the Internet in the future.

The Summit will keynote international and local speakers, including IPv6 Forum chairman Latif Ladid; Dr Sir Jae-Chul of the Korean National Internet Development Agency; Tony Hain, IPv6 Technologies Cisco Systems; Professor Hiroshi Esaki of WIDE and JPNIC; and Director General Paul Wilson and Senior Internet Research Scientist Geoff Huston of the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre.

The First Australian IPv6 Summit is being organised by the Internet Society of Australia, GrangeNet, TeleConnections and the Smart Internet Technology CRC. It will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, October 31 to November 1, followed by a Deployment Workshop on 2 November.

All details are on the website - <http://www.isoc-au.org.au/ipv6summit/>

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